

**FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
Rev. Dawn Garrett-Larsen, Pastor**

First Sunday in Lent
Lin Case, Lay Reader

Rev John Cedarleaf, Supply Minister

February 26, 2023

Worship 10:30 AM

PRELUDE *Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley* arr. Dale Wood

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God invites us to turn to God with all our hearts and minds.

People: God is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness.

Leader: God has showed us what is good and what God requires of us:

People: to do justice and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with God.

Leader: Let us worship God as we begin our Lenten journey.

*HYMN # 260 *The Old Rugged Cross*

*INVOCATION

Gracious and loving God, as we begin this Lenten season, let us look to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was waiting endured the cross. Might we use these forty days to focus on our inner lives and to hear your still small voice speaking in our hearts. Give us the strength to follow in the way of the cross, speaking your word of love, and justice where they need to be spoken. Walk with us as we walk with Jesus on the pilgrim way; this we pray in the name of Jesus our Savior and Lord. Amen.

*LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory forever. Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI # 734

ANTHEM *All to Jesus I Surrender* Judson W. VanDeventer

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN AND YOUTH

HEBREW BIBLE LESSON *Isaiah 58:1-12* Pg # 649

*HYMN # 255 *Beneath the Cross of Jesus*

CALL TO PRAYER

**Come bring your burdens to God, Come bring your burdens to God
Come bring your burdens to God for Jesus will never say no. (3X)**

MORNING PRAYER

GOSPEL LESSON *Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21* Pg # 5

SERMON *Give Up!* Rev. John Cedarleaf

OFFERTORY *The Only Son from Heaven* Michael Burkhardt

*DOXOLOGY # 34

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

We rejoice in your generosity, O God. We are amazed at the bounty of your earth. May we be trustworthy stewards who use these gifts where they are most needed in the service of your realm, where enemies join hearts and reach out with willing hands. Amen.

*HYMN # 250 *Throughout These Lenten Days and Nights*

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *O Jesus, King Most Wonderful* Dale Wood

*Please stand if you are able.

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*Call to Worship and Invocation supplied by Rev. Cedarleaf;
Prayer of Dedication reprinted from Fresh Winds of the Spirit, Book 2 by Lavon Bayler*

*Greeters This Morning: George Herren, Jean Landes
Ushers This Morning: Jim & Karen DeMay, Mike & Nancy Parsons, John Maguire
Live Stream This Morning: Mike Ryan
Coffee Hour Host: Carla DeMeco and Lorena Garmezy*



**If you are visiting with us, welcome!
Please fill out a green card and place it in the offering plate.
If you would like to use our hearing assistance system please see an usher.**

Happy Birthday

2/26	Jack Wheeler
2/27	Lin Case
2/28	Steve Brooks
3/1	Alison Bond
3/3	Brad Kruchten
3/4	Joan Ryan ~ Gloria McAlpin

Prayer List

Ancy & Family (Fred Henry's friend); **Carol Birx** (friend of the Casellas Family); **Marjorie Case**; **Cheryl** (Jennifer Maxfield's sister-in-law); **Judy Clark** (friend of the Casellas Family); **Abby Coons** (Carl & JoAnn Reed's friend); **Bob DeSantis** (Dorice & Don Raw, Sr.'s friend); **Marilyn DeSmith**; **Max Grossman** (George Herren's friend); **Carin Herren**; **Linda Hudick** (Karen's friend); **Barb Iglewski**; **John** (Lin's nephew); **Sue Kotalik**; **Lu Krahl**; **Dennis Maxfield**; **Paul** (Dennis Maxfield's brother); **Frank McAlpin** (Patrick McAlpin's father); **Norine** (Marilyn DeSmith's friend); **Kathleen Piper** (friend of George and Carin Herren); **Chris Pritchard** (Rick, Cindy Mullen & George Herren's friend); **Don Raw, Sr.**; **Adam Robb** (Barb & Milan Kutner's nephew); **Pat Smith**; **Dr. Steven Smith & Family** (Jessica & Dan Casellas' friends); **Robin Wisniewski** (Alicia Francis' mom); **Josh Yeo** (Barb Stahl's friend); **Jason Zeller** (Kathy Ward's son); **Jim Ziegler**

Calendar

Tue Feb 28	8:00	Men's Group
	10:00	Rug Hookers/Hayes Room
Wed Mar 1	10:00	TOPS/Downstairs Room
Thu Mar 2	10:00	Adult Ed/Social Room
Sun Mar 5	9:00	Choir
	10:30	Worship In-Person & Live Stream, Sunday School
	11:45	Social Action Committee
Mon Mar 6	3:00	Called to Care/Hayes Rm
	3:30	Drive Up Light Hill Bouquet Pickup til 5:30

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- ❖ We enjoy thoughtful dialogue about faith issues.

❖ **We encourage each other to work for justice and to care for people in need in our community and in our world.**