

**FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
Rev. Dawn Garrett-Larsen, Pastor
Second Sunday After Epiphany
Cathy Brooks, Lay Reader**

January 15 2023

Worship 10:30 AM

PRELUDE *Deep River* Terry Osman

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Sisters and brothers, rejoice. We live sustained by God's presence and love.

People: Thanks be to God.

Leader: As we mourn the wounds of God's children,

People: God weeps with us.

Leader: As we give thanks for brothers and sisters who have lived in faith,

People: God gives thanks with us.

Leader: As we struggle for justice,

People: God struggles with us.

Leader: As we work to build the beloved community,

People: God works with us.

Leader: As we offer our gifts to all,

People: God blesses us.

Leader: Sisters and brother, rejoice.

People: Sustained by God's presence and love we worship God.

*HYMN # 626

O God of Every Nation

*INVOCATION

Oh God, you created all the races and nations of the world and willed that we live together in peace and harmony. We were made to be family. There is strife in the human family; injustice abounds as racism, classism, sexism, cultural imperialism and other isms. We are a divided people. We have been called to let justice roll down like waters. Let us work passionately to bridge the gulf between us, overcome the injustices that oppress us, and restore community among us. We must be determined enough to change what we can. We must have the courage to accept what we cannot change. Above all, we must be wise enough to know the difference. 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 *Precious Lord, Take My Hand* arr. Jack Schrader

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN AND YOUTH

HEBREW BIBLE LESSON *Isaiah 40: 4-5 and Amos 5: 24* Pg # 631 & 806

MORNING PRAYER

GOSPEL LESSON *John 1: 29 - 42* Pg # 85

See Insert

COURAGE: Galatians 5:1

PEACE: John 14: 27

COMMUNITY: John 17:20-21

VISION: Galatians 3: 28

SPEAKING OUT: Acts 4: 20

DOING JUSTICE: Micah 6: 8

We Shall Overcome

Verse: We are not afraid... (today)

Verse: We shall live in peace...

Verse: We'll walk hand in hand...

Verse: God will see us through...

Verse: The truth will make us free...

Verse: We shall overcome...

OFFERTORY *Steal Away* arr. Philip Keveren

*DOXOLOGY # 34

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

We give you thanks, Faithful God, for the grace poured out on us in Jesus Christ. We are grateful for spiritual and material gifts that equip us to live abundantly. May we, through these offerings, share in your wondrous deeds and announce to the world your saving help. Amen.

*HYMN # 500 *Precious Lord Take My Hand*

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Blessed Assurance:* arr. Carol Tornquist

***Please stand if you are able.**

*Call to Worship & Invocation adapted and reprinted from Presbyterian Peacemaking Program;
Prayer of Dedication reprinted from Fresh Winds of the Spirit, Book 2 by Lavon Bayler*

Greeters This Morning: Betsy Dresser & Sue Hawkes

Ushers This Morning: Dave Sauter & Peggy Hollister, Fred Henry, George Herren

Live Stream This Morning: Mike Ryan

Coffee Hour Host: Rhonda Nyerges, Marty Daniels



**If you are visiting with us, welcome!
Please fill out a green card and place it in the offering plate.**

Happy Birthday

Jan 15	Anne Wehrheim ~ Jerry Diver ~ Jean Landes ~ Jesse Garrett-Larsen
Jan 16	Chase Morgan
Jan 17	Sandi Cooley ~ Keith Harter
Jan 19	Denise Morphy ~ Mike Ryan
Jan 20	Jim Ely Jr.
Jan 21	Richard Moyle

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**; **Kade Dolan** (Bonnie & John Maguire's son); **Steve & Diane Fuchs** (Karen's friends); **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); **The Family of Carl Mabie**; **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); **Ruth** (friend of Jim & Elaine Hilton); **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

Sun Jan 15	5:00	Confirmation Overnight
Mon Jan 16	<i>Martin Luther King Day ~ Office Closed</i>	
Tue Jan 17	8:00	Men's Group
	10:00	Rug Hookers/Hayes Room
	10:30	Literacy Volunteers/Social Room
	7:00	Trustees
Wed Jan 18	10:00	Tops/Downstairs Room
Thu Jan 19	10:00	Literacy Volunteers
	1:00	Annual Report Assembly/Hayes Room

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We're a Different Kind of Church

- ❖ We value and respect diversity in the ways we express our faith.
- ❖ 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.