

**FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
Rev. Dawn Garrett-Larsen, Pastor
Third Sunday after Epiphany
Sue Geraci, Lay Reader**

January 22, 2022

Worship 10:30 AM

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We come to celebrate God's blessings to us.

People: and we proclaim: Surely God is in this place!

Leader: We come to open ourselves to God's guidance and love.

People: and we say: Surely God is in this place!

Leader: We come to see more clearly God's presence in our lives.

People: and we cry: Surely God is in this place!

Leader: We come to see God in community both far and near,

People: and we hold fast to the promise: Surely God is in this place!

Leader: We come to pray, praise, and offer ourselves to God.

People: and we exclaim: Surely God is in this place!

Leader: Come, let us worship! In our various places

People: we look to see God's blessings made real in this place.

*HYMN # 617

A Place at the Table

*INVOCATION

Triune God, you are just, you are kind, you are holy, and still you want to walk with us. How amazing it is that when we are lost, or questioning, or wondering; when we are unsure of the next step; when we cannot find our way, when voices are many and loud, you invite us to slow down, to seek the good, to center ourselves on your holy invitation: "Do justice," you tell us, "today." "Love kindness," you advise, "right now." "Walk humbly with me," you invite, "and I will show you the way. My will for your life is not hard to find: do justice, love kindness, walk with me." Holy One, turn our hearts toward justice. Blessed Jesus, show us how to love kindness. Holy Spirit, walk with us in humility, now and forever. 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

When We Worship God Through Music

Buck/Butler

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN AND YOUTH

HEBREW BIBLE LESSON

Micah 6: 1-8

Pg # 813

*HYMN # 56

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

MORNING PRAYER

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 5: 1-12

Pg # 4

SERMON

What a Blessing!

Rev. Dawn Garrett-Larsen

OFFERTORY

Faith of Our Fathers

Faber/Hemy

*DOXOLOGY # 34

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

We invest our lives as disciples of Jesus. We give our offerings with thanksgiving and rejoicing. May we, with these gifts, share the beauty of God with all who walk in darkness. Unite us in faith and mission, in caring and service. Amen.

*HYMN # 111

When Morning Gilds the Skies

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Mercy Reels

Thomas Keesecker

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

Call to Worship adapted from work by the Rev. Ruth Garwood; Invocation adapted from Mary Hulst; Prayer of Dedication reprinted from Fresh Winds of the Spirit, Book 2 by Lavon Bayler

*Greeters This Morning: Karen DeMay, Sue Hawkes
Ushers This Morning: Jim & Elaine Hilton, Deb Wilbur, Curt Bailey.
Live Stream This Morning: John Maguire
Coffee Hour Host: Nancy Parsons, Sheila Reynolds*



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

Happy Birthday

1/23 Phil Nevin
1/24 Karen Maxfield
1/26 Nancy Sauter
1/27 Phil Gerner ~ Betsey Stout
Ava Ieda ~ Aiden Ieda

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); **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

Mon Jan 23	9:00	SG Security System Inspection
Tue Jan 24	8:00	Men's Group
	10:00	Rug Hookers/Hayes Room
	10:30	Literacy Volunteers/Social Room
Wed Jan 25	10:00	TOPS/Downstairs Room
Thu Jan 26	10:00	Literacy Volunteers
	12:30	Ladies Luncheon/Ray's Restaurant
Sun Jan 29		<i>Return to the Sanctuary</i>
	9:00	Choir
	9:15	Deacon Training
	10:30	Worship In-Person & Live Stream, Sunday School
Mon Jan 30	4:00	Pastor/Parish Committee

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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.**