

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

Fourth Sunday After Epiphany
Jean Landes, Lay Reader

January 29, 2023

Worship 10:30 AM

PRELUDE *Thanks Be To Thee* G. F. Handel

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: I was glad when they said to me, let us go to the house of the Living God.

People: This is the day when we rejoice in God's act of creation.

Leader: This is our Sabbath, when we rejoice in the resurrection of Jesus the Christ.

People: We give thanks that once more, God has brought us together, that we might refresh one another.

Leader: Peace to all who enter here.

People: Peace this day and every day, in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

*HYMN # 1 *God is Here*

*INVOCATION

We thank you, O God, for calling us into your church to be your people in the world. We are ready, God, to hear your word; speak to us, God, and give us courage to do your will. With all our doubts and fears and shortcomings, we have decided to follow Jesus in our time and place. Guide us by your loving Spirit. We pray in Jesus' name. 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 *Cantate Domino* Mark Hayes

HEBREW BIBLE LESSON *Psalms 27: 1, 4-8* Pg # 487

*HYMN # 571 *Christ, You Call Us All to Service*

MORNING PRAYER

GOSPEL LESSON *Matthew 4: 12-23* Pg # 3

COMMUNION MEDITATION *Immediacy* Rev. Dawn Garrett-Larsen

OFFERTORY *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* arr. Douglas E. Wagner

*DOXOLOGY

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Thank you, God, for hungers satisfied and dreams fulfilled. Thank you for the inheritance of faith, which blesses our life on earth. We trust you to accomplish good among us through the sharing of these gifts and the recommitment of our lives. Help us to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you. Amen.

*COMMUNION HYMN #699 *Let Us Break Bread Together*

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to the Table, Consecration, and Sharing of the Bread and Cup, Thanksgiving
(The communion bread is gluten and nut free so that all may partake together)

*HYMN # 430 *Be Not Afraid*

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Triumphal March* G. F. Handel

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

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***Greeters This Morning:** The Trustees, Barb Davis
Deacons: Dan Casellas, George Herren, Jim Hilton, Jean Landes, Tim Schneider
Ushers This Morning: Jean Ingalls, Carl Jackson, Kathy Ward
Live Stream This Morning: Matt Berry
Coffee Hour Host: Don Oakleaf, Betsy Gillim*



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

1/29	Jack Leasure
1/30	Elaine Hilton
1/31	Aidan Russell
2/1	Sally Mueller ~ Justin Maxfield
2/3	Doug Alling

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**; **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

Sun Jan 29	<i>Return to the Sanctuary</i>	
	9:15	Deacon Training
Tue Jan 31	8:00	Men's Group
	10:00	Rug Hookers/Hayes Room
	10:30	Literacy Volunteers/Social Room
Wed Feb 1	10:00	TOPS/Downstairs Room
Thu Feb 2	10:00	Literacy Volunteers/Hayes Room
	12:00	Bridge
	3:00	Restoration Celebration Invitation Mailing/Hayes Room
	4:00	Restoration Celebration Meeting/Hayes Room
Sat Feb 4	2:00	Galen Stout Memorial Service
Sun Feb 5	11:45	Annual Meeting

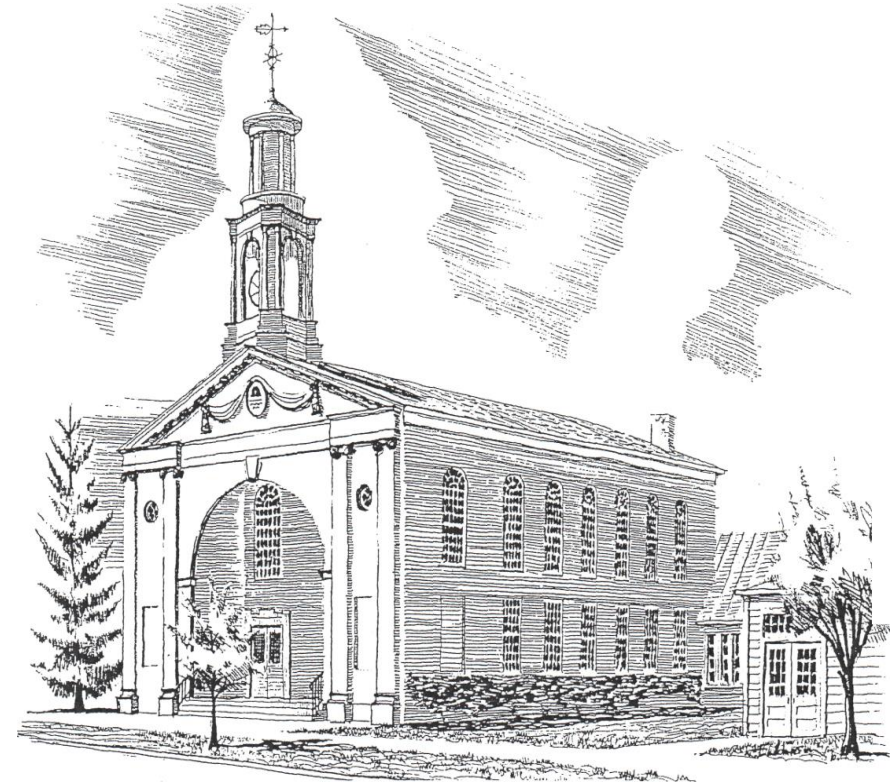
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We're a Different Kind of Church

- ❖ 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.