

**FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
Rev. Dawn Garrett-Larsen, Pastor  
Seventh Sunday after Pentecost  
Jean Landis, Lay Reader**

July 16, 2023

Worship 9:30 AM

PRELUDE *How Fair and Pleasant Thou Art* Marcel Dupre

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Children of God,

**People: this is what we are.**

Leader: People of God,

**People: this is who we are.**

Leader: Give thanks to God, for God is good,

**People: the Love of God is now and forever.**

Leader: Holy and Just,

**People: make us like Jesus.**

Leader: Ready to take risks,

**People: make us like Jesus.**

Leader: Willing to weep,

**People: make us like Jesus.**

Leader: Aware that we're loved,

**People: make us like Jesus.**

Leader: When people meet us,

**People: may they meet God in us. So be it, Holy Spirit. Amen.**

\*HYMN # 56 *Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above*

\*INVOCATION

**Lord, in this shared time we offer ourselves to each other. We offer our understandings and insights – not to dominate or overthrow one another but that we ourselves might be challenged and changed. We offer our emotions and experiences – not in self-indulgence but that through honesty and openness we may find and give encouragement and comfort. We offer our skills and talents – not because of pride in our abilities but in a joyful recognition and sharing of your overflowing bounty. And as we celebrate and offer our common humanity, the very flesh and fabric of our lives, may you, the Incarnate One, be once again embodied here in our individuality and our community. 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

SPECIAL MUSIC *Fairest Lord Jesus* Elaine Hilton, Piano

HEBREW BIBLE LESSON *Joshua 2: 1-24* Pg # 190

\*HYMN # 521 *Abide with Me*

MORNING PRAYER

EPISTLE *James 2: 23-26* Pg # 210

SERMON *Taking Risks* Rev. Dawn Garrett-Larsen

OFFERTORY *The King of Love My Shepherd Is* Healey Willan

\*DOXOLOGY # 34

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**For all who have made life more pleasant for us, we give you thanks, O God. For the abundance of your steadfast love, which rescues and enlivens us, we are most grateful. We present here practical expressions of thanksgiving to extend your purposes in the world. May this offering scatter seeds of love in life-changing ways. May we learn from all we help, that all of us may grow toward discipleship. Amen.**

\*HYMN # 48 *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Choral Song* S.S. Wesley

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

*Call to Worship & Invocation reprinted from Fire and Bread, Ruth Burgess;  
Prayer of Dedication reprinted from Fresh Winds of the Spirit, Book 2 by Lavon Bayler*

*Ushers This Morning: George Herren, Dave & Colleen Pierce, Jim & Elaine Hilton*

*Live Stream This Morning: Steve Brooks*

*Coffee Hour Host: Special Events/Hospitality Committee*

**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*

- 16 Karen DeHond ~ Kelly Leasure ~  
Emma Schroeter ~ Kailee Lupton
- 18 Jack Schuppenhauer ~ Lorena Garmezy ~  
Theresa Batsford
- 20 Tarry Shipley ~ Marianne Timms ~  
Carl Jackson
- 22 Joan Herbek ~ Linda Marsh ~  
Mark Munson ~ Mary Munson ~ Rich McGuire

## *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); **Nick, Carol & Kent** (Karen's friends); **Cathy Coots**; **Bob DeSantis** (Dorice & Don Raw, Sr.'s friend); **Jerry Diver**; **Max Grossman** (George Herren's friend); **Carin Herren**; **Barb Iglewski**; **Anne Jensen** (friend of Jim & Connie Fredericks-Malone); **John** (Lin's nephew); **Sue Kotalik**; **Ron & Lu Krahl**; **Michelle List** (friend of Joann Reed); **Dennis Maxfield**; **Paul** (Dennis Maxfield's brother); **Frank McAlpin** (Patrick McAlpin's father); **Okke Postma**; **Chris Pritchard** (Rick & Cindy Mullen and George Herren's friend); **Don Raw, Sr.**; **Pat Smith**; **Dr. Steven Smith & Family** (Jessica & Dan Casellas' friends); **Family of Shirley Stadler** (relative of Debbie and Betty Lyon); **Connie Sunshine** (cousin of Cheryl Bootes); **Josh Yeo** (Barb Stahl's friend); **Jason Zeller** (Kathy Ward's son); **Jim Ziegler**

## *Calendar*

Mon Jul 17	10:30	Safety Task Force/Assembly Room
Tue Jul 18	8:00	Men's Group
	10:00	Rug Hookers
	4:00	Congregational Life/Zoom
Wed Jul 19	10:00	TOPS/Assembly Room
Thu Jul 20	10:00	Literacy Volunteers
	6:00	Theater Camp Performance/Chapel
Fri Jul 21	2:00	Theater Camp Performance/Chapel
Sun Jul 23	9:30	Worship In-Person & Live Stream featuring special music in honor of Marlin Potter

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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.