

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

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
Jackie Lowe, Lay Reader

July 2, 2023

Worship 9:30 AM

PRELUDE *Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether* Charles Callahan

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Gather us in, Mysterious Maker God,

People: that being close to you we will understand your intention for creation.

Leader: Weave us into one, Sweet Savior of All,

People: that living your ways we will create communities of faith and peace.

Leader: Gather us in, Powerful Spirit of Renewal,

People: that treasuring the past we will boldly shape the future.

Leader: Weave us into one, Holy One in Three,

People: that women and men together may be the signs of your presence, the weavers of your communities and the witnesses to your coming. Gather us in this day so that we might gather strength from You. Amen.

*HYMN # 727 *America the Beautiful*

*INVOCATION

Ever present God, you called us to be in relationship with one another and promised to dwell wherever two or three are gathered. In our community, we are many different people; we come from many different places, have many different cultures. Open our hearts that we may be bold in finding the riches of inclusion and the treasures of diversity among us. We pray in faith. 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 *Requiem for a Soldier* Mark Darling,
Dennis Maxfield - Soloists

HEBREW BIBLE LESSON *Exodus 2: 2-20 and 15: 20-21*

Pg # 48 & 61

*HYMN # 728 *God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand*

MORNING PRAYER

EPISTLE *1 John 5: 13-14* Pg # 89

COMMUNION MEDITATION *Live Boldly* Rev. Dawn Garrett-Larsen

OFFERTORY *Meditation on "America"* Janet Linker

*DOXOLOGY

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

For your abounding grace, we give thanks, O God. For your steadfast love, we pour out our gratitude. May our gifts provide for those who seek refuge from doubt, from oppression, from ignorance, and from calamity. Through giving in Christ's name, we seek to grow in the Spirit of One who gave life itself for us. 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 *America* Janet Linker

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

Call to Worship reprinted from the ThirdMills.org website; Invocation from the words of Martin Luther King, Jr.; Prayer of Dedication reprinted from [Fresh Winds of the Spirit, Book 2](#) by Lavon Bayler

*Ushers This Morning: George Herren, Dave Sauter & Peggy Hollister,
Live Stream This Morning: John Maguire
Coffee Hour Host: Special Events/Hospitality*



**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

7/2	Zach Morse
7/3	Mackenzie Lupton
7/4	Adeline Rudolph ~ Addie Rudolph
7/5	Tom Harradine
7/6	Nancy Raley
7/8	Dawn Garrett-Larsen ~ Javery Hey

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 and 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); **Fred Moore**; **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

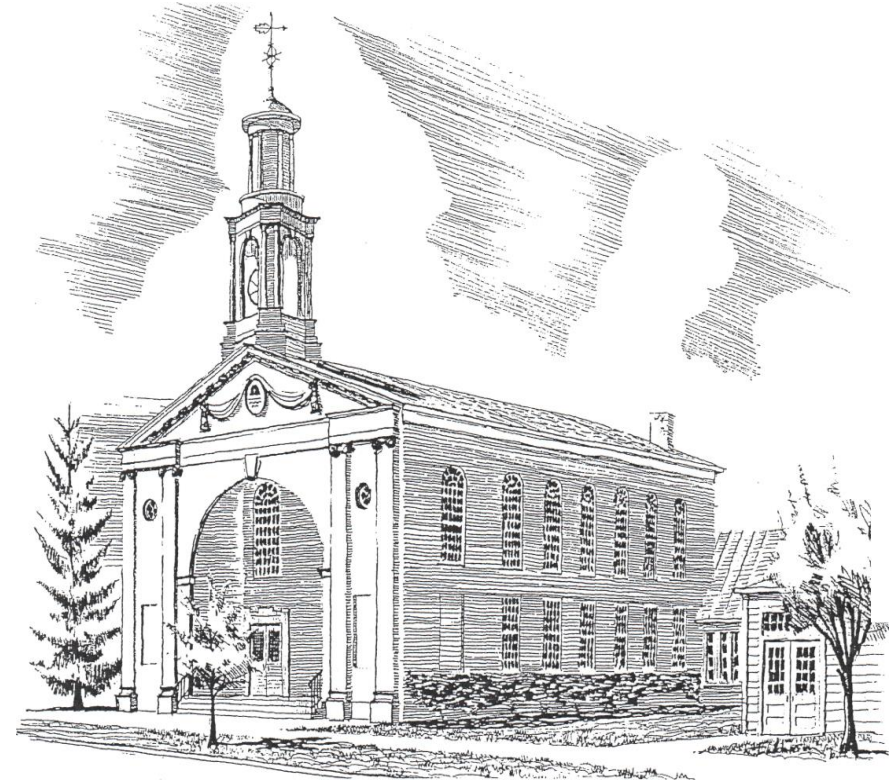
<i>Office Closed July 3 & 4 for Independence Day</i>		
Thu Jul 6	11:15	Staff Meeting/Off Site 11:15 – 2:00
<i>Dawn Away Jul 7-13</i>		
Sun Jul 9	9:30	We Welcome Rev. Margo Markesteijn Worship In-Person & Live Stream
<i>Musical Theater Camp July 10 – 21</i>		
Tue Jul 11	8:00	Men's Group
Fri Jul 14	11:00	John Miller Memorial Service
	2:00	Bob Hotchkiss Internment/Woodlawn
Sun Jul 16	9:30	Worship In-Person & Live Stream
	11:00	AED/CPR Training/Social Rooms

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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.**