

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

July 24, 2022

Worship 9:30 AM

PRELUDE *Siciliano* J.S. Bach

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS and RESTORATION PROJECT UPDATE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: A new day has dawned. God's gift of life is renewed in you and me.

People: Praise God for today! Praise God for the creative Spirit in our midst.

Leader: Be still and know that God is here. Let the Spirit in.

People: We are ready to pray and think and rejoice. We are ready to hear God's word.

Leader: Then listen and respond to God, who meets us in new ways and in different sounds, today in worship and every day in the world.

People: Come to us, Kind God, and guide our worship. Speak. Speak to us the Word we need and let that Word change us, and empower us to be your people. Amen.

*HYMN # 500 *Precious Lord, Take My Hand*

*INVOCATION

Tender and compassionate God, whose strength is made perfect in our weakness, help us to believe that you receive us as we are. More than that, help us, imperfect though we are, to be carriers of the message of your love, like earthen vessels that carry treasures; and may we worship you in spirit and in truth, through the grace of Jesus Christ. 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

Mariena Schneider

O TASTE AND SEE - FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT

People: O taste and see that the Lord is good! God's steadfast love endures forever!

EPISTLE LESSON *Romans 2: 1-4* Pg # 140

*HYMN # 634 *Jesus' Hands Were Kind Hands*

MORNING PRAYER

GOSPEL LESSON *Luke 14: 12-14* Pg # 71

SERMON *Fruit of the Spirit: Kindness* Rev. Dawn Garrett-Larsen

OFFERTORY God *Whose Giving Knows no Ending* arr. Michael Larkin

*DOXOLOGY # 34

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Holy God, whose name is before all names, we worship you with our offerings. They represent our labor, our investment of time and energy. We want them to be put to the best possible use. May they save many from the course of evil and turn them toward faithful discipleship. May they provide bread for body and soul, that your people may be preserved and strengthened for ministry. Bless and multiply our efforts, we pray. Amen.

*HYMN # 469 *Lord of All Hopefulness*

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *A Gaelic Blessing* arr. John Rutter

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

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*Ushers This Morning: George Herren, Tom Herradine, Carl Jackson, Preston Pierce
Live Stream This Morning: John Maguire*

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.

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Happy Birthday

Jul 24 Matt McGuire

Jul 26 Rick Mullen

Jul 27 Marilyn Clary ~ Arlo Leasure

Jul 29 Don Raw Sr. ~ Scott Erb ~ Sarah Alling

Jul 30 Galen Stout

Prayer List

Ancy & Kira (Fred Henry's friend); **Curt Bailey's Mother**; **Keith Blaker**; **Marjorie Case**; **Cheryl** (Jennifer Maxfield's sister-in-law); **Judy Clark** (Jessica & Dan Casellas' and Elaine Hilton's friend); **Cathy Coots**; **Bob DeSantis** (Dorice & Don Raw, Sr.'s friend); **Marilyn DeSmith**; **Brian Fuscaldo** (Mara Huberlie's nephew); **Max Grossman** (George Herren's friend); **Carin Herren**; **Mara Huberlie**; **Barb Iglewski**; **Peter Ingalls** (Jean Ingall's son); **John** (Lin's nephew); **Sue Kotalik**; **Ron Krahl**; **Michelle List** (JoAnn Reed's friend); **Frank McAlpin** (Patrick McAlpin's father); **Rich Morgan**; **Liz Nelson** (Kathy Ward's friend); Dennis Maxfield's brother **Paul**; Bernard (Karen Maxfield's uncle); **Marlin Potter**; **Chris Pritchard** (Rick, Cindy Mullen & George Herren's friend); **Don Raw, Sr.**; **Don Raw, Jr.**; **Adam Robb** (Barb & Milan Kutner's nephew); **Smith/Dworetsky Family** (Okke & Kathy Postma's friends); **Pat Smith**; **Dr. Steven Smith & Family** (Jessica & Dan Casellas' friends); **Gordon Wenner** (George & Carin Herren's friend); **Robin Wisniewski** (Alicia Francis' mom); **Josh Yeo** (Barb Stahl's friend); **Jason and Linda Zeller** (Kathy Ward's children); **Jim Ziegler**

Calendar

Thu Jul 28	12:30	Ladies Luncheon
Sat Jul 30		Family Promise VIRTUAL Bed Race
Sun Jul 31	9:30	Worship In-Person & Live Stream Rev. Margo Markesteyn leading worship
Tue Aug 2	8:00	Men's Group
	10:00	Rug Hookers
Sun Aug 7	9:30	Communion Service – Worship In-Person & Live Stream / Rev. Kay Michelinie leading worship



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.