

**FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

Rev. Dawn Garrett-Larsen, Pastor  
Seventh Sunday After Pentecost  
Jim Malone, Lay Reader

July 11, 2021

Worship 9:30 AM

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *Gigue* by Douglas Wagner

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Laugh! Children of God! Let tears of joy baptize your eyes and your cheeks.  
Give God thanks and celebrate! It's great to be alive!

**People: It's great to be alive!**

Leader: Dance! Children of God! Lose yourself in the choreography of the Spirit.  
Life is a dance and God is the orchestra. It's great to be alive!

**People: It's great to be alive!**

Leader: Embrace! Children of God! Open your arms and feel close to each other. It is in  
our openness where life takes on meaning. It's great to be alive!

**People: Give God thanks and celebrate! It's great to be alive!**

Leader: Let the festival of God's people begin and let the little children lead the way.

**People: You want the little children?**

Leader: Yes, little children, come! For you the past is a playground and the future is a  
rainbow-arched adventure. For you there are no broken dreams – only wishes,  
hopes, fantasy, and desire. For you it is possible that giants may fall in the face of  
your childlike faith. So come, come and lead us to a new tomorrow as we live for  
the God who waits beyond the sunrise.

**People: Come on, children! The festival of God's people is about to begin and we can  
lead the way!**

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

\*INVOCATION

**In our journey through life we need to know, O God, that we are not alone. We hear  
your promise to be with us in all life's ups and downs, and in that assurance we seek to  
be your people. You are great, O God; there is none like you. Direct us away from the  
false gods we create so we can be fully open to your leading as we worship together.  
Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER (Trespases)

\*GLORIA PATRI

EPISTLE LESSON *Ephesians 1: 8b-14*

\*HYMN # 22 *Let All Things Now Living*

MORNING PRAYER

HEBREW BIBLE LESSON *2 Samuel 6: 1-5, 12b-19*

SERMON *The Dance of Life* Rev. Dawn Garrett-Larsen

OFFERING OF SPECIAL MUSIC Connie Fredericks Malone

\*DOXOLOGY

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**With joyous praise and dancing spirits, we dedicate this offering, acknowledging  
our covenant responsibility to share your word and love all your people. In  
gratitude for the gospel, we pledge our first loyalty and highest faithfulness as  
disciples of Jesus Christ. Thank you for the wisdom and insight we have received.  
Help us now to live according to the best we know, in Jesus' name. Amen.**

\*HYMN # 118 *Lord of the Dance*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Allegretto* by Robert J. Powell

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

*Call to Worship reprinted from Touch Holiness by Ruth Duck & Maren Tirabassi; Invocation reprinted  
from Whispers of God by Lavon Bayler; Unison Prayer of Dedication reprinted from Led By Love by Lavon  
Bayler*

*Ushers This Morning: Cheryl Bootes, Adeline & Kurt Rudolph  
Live Stream This Morning: Steve Brooks*

### *Happy Birthday*

July 11 Bob Hotchkiss, Regina Schneider & Jeannie Phillips  
July 12 Siu Lan Schroeter  
July 15 Ellie Rugg & Lee Ogden  
July 16 Karen DeHond & Kelly Leasure

### *Prayer List*

**Ancy & Kira** (Fred Henry's friend); **Steve Beck** (Heidi Schwarz's brother); **Brad Bliss**; **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); **Betsy Dresser**; **Julie English** (Janet & Kim Tenreiro's friend); **Brian Fuscald** (Mara Huberlie's nephew); **Bob Graumann** (Don DeSmith's friend); **Carin Herren**; **Peter Ingalls** (Jean Ingall's son); **Jim and Carolyn** (Amy Ogden's friends); **Jim & Melody** (Don & Marilyn DeSmith's friends); **Family of Dennis Kllermeyer** (Nancy Parson's brother); **Jim Kolesar** (George & Carin Herren's friend); **Sue Kotalik**; **Michelle List** (JoAnn Reed's friend); **Loren** (Jack Radley's friend); **Lynn** (Joan Ryan's friend); **Betty Lyon**; **Eileen McCarthy** (Carla DeMeco & Betsy Dresser's friend); **Donald Morgan** (George Herren's friend); **Liz Nelson** (Kathy Ward's friend); **Norman** (Jennifer Maxfield's uncle); **Pia** (Jim & Connie Malone's friend); **Nancy Parsons** (at the loss of her brother); **Chris Pritchard** (Rick, Cindy Mullen & George Herren's friend); **Jack Radley**; **Don Raw, Sr.**; **Sara** (Jack Radley's granddaughter); **Smith/Dworetsky Family** (Okke & Kathy Postma's friends); **Pat Smith**; **Dr. Steven Smith & Family** (Jessica & Dan Casellas' friends); **John Spare**; **Barb Stahl**; **Sara Szrama** (Sally Mueller's granddaughter); **Walker** (Don & Dorice Raw's friend); **Gordon Wenner** (George & Carin Herren's friend); **Josh Yeo** (Barb Stahl's friend); **Jason Zeller** (Kathy Ward's son); **Linda Zeller** (Kathy Ward's daughter in law)

### *Calendar*

Sun July 11 - Worship In Person & Live stream 9:30  
Tues July 13 - Men's Grp 8:00; Rughookers 10:00  
Wed July 14 - TOPS 10  
Sun July 18 - Worship In Person & Live stream 9:30  
Tue July 20 - Men's Grp 8:00; Rughookers 10:00  
Wed July 21- TOPS 10  
Sat July 24 - FP Night W/O a Bed; Virtual Bed Race  
Sun July 25 - Worship In Person & Live stream 9:30

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- ❖ 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.