

**FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

Rev. Dawn Garrett-Larsen, Pastor
Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
Debbie Lyon, Lay Reader

July 25, 2021

Worship 9:30 AM

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *The Lone, Wild Bird* Robert J. Powell

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: May Christ dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love.

People: May you have the power to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge.

Leader: Now to the One who is able to accomplish far more than all we can ask or imagine.

People: To God be glory in the church and in Jesus Christ to all generations, forever and ever.

Leader: Let us worship God!

People: Alleluia! Amen!

*HYMN # 469 *Lord of All Hopefulness*

INVOCATION

In these changing times, in these shifting days, challenged by new circumstances, God we turn to you, ground of all our ways. Bear us up and hold us fast. Though the storm may howl and the wind may roar, your love enfolds us evermore. Like a tree that's planted by the water, we're grounded and rooted in your love. Be with us and walk with us through all our days. Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER (Trespases)

*GLORIA PATRI

EPISTLE LESSON *Ephesians 3: 14-21*

*HYMN # 466 *Take My Life and Let it Be*

GOSPEL LESSON *John 6: 1-13*

SERMON *Grounded in Love* Rev. Dawn Garrett-Larsen

OFFERING OF SPECIAL MUSIC *Softly and Tenderly* arr. by Gilbert M. Martin
Soloist - Steve Kane

*DOXOLOGY

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

We join with Jesus in giving thanks for the little things we can see, that our eyes may be opened to the great possibilities we had not imagined. May our efforts be multiplied by your grace so there is more than enough for all – more comfort in sorrow, more relief from pain, more mercy to meet our treachery, more sense of presence amid our loneliness, more strength to overcome our weakness, more joy and enthusiasm to erase our apathy. Amen.

*HYMN # 424 *How Can I Keep from Singing?*

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *I'll Praise My Maker While I've Breath* Robert J. Powell

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

Call to Worship reprinted from When We Gather by James Kirk; Invocation adapted and reprinted from Rooted and Grounded in Love by Amy Sens; Unison Prayer of Dedication reprinted from Led By Love by Lavon Bayler

*Ushers This Morning: Don & Marie Oakleaf, Tom Harradine, Kathy Ward
Live Stream This Morning: John Maguire*

Happy Birthday

July 26 Rick Mullen

July 30 Galen Stout

July 27 Marilyn Clary & Arlo Leasure

July 31 Carol Milligan & Martha Daniels

July 29 Don Raw, Sr

MORNING PRAYER

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); **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 25- Worship In Person & Live stream 9:30
Tues July 27 - Men's Grp 8:00; Rughookers 10:00; Main Street Clergy Rio. T. 12:00
Wed July 28 - TOPS 10
Fri July 30 – Prayer Shawl 2:00 @ Sally M.'s
Sat July 31 – Fred Erdman's Graveside at Lakeview Cemetery 10:30
Sun Aug 1 - Worship In Person & Live stream 9:30; Denise Off
Tues Aug 3 - Men's Grp 8:00; Rughookers 10:00
Wed Aug 4 – TOPS 10
Sun Aug 8 - Worship In Person & Live stream 9:30

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- ❖ 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.