

**FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

Rev. Dawn Garrett-Larsen, Pastor

Sixth Sunday After Pentecost

4th of July

Jim Hilton, Lay Reader

July 4, 2021

Worship 10:30 AM

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *Meditation on "America"* arr. Janet Linker

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We gather this morning appreciating our freedom to worship God.

People: May God continue to bless the Church in this land and across the globe.

Leader: We draw near to the God who rules over all nations

People: May God continue to bless our country and all the countries in the world.

Leader: We seek to live in harmony and peace together with all peoples on the earth.

**People: May God continue to establish peace on earth and help us understand that
Peace begins in our hearts.**

Leader: Come, let us worship the Lord!

People: Alleluia. Amen!

*HYMN #731 *My Country, 'Tis of Thee*

INVOCATION

Draw us near to you, that we may recognize your all-sustaining love and power, O God. Come to us in our weakness and vulnerability, that we may face with new confidence the hardships and calamities of life. Help us to hear the wisdom resident among us as we listen to one another. May each of us be channels of your revelation and willingly acknowledge your presence and guidance as it comes in unexpected times, places, and people. Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER (Trespases)

*GLORIA PATRI

GOSPEL LESSON *Mark 6: 1-13*

*HYMN #569 *God of Grace and God of Glory*

FOURTH OF JULY LITANY (insert)

MORNING PRAYER

EPISTLE LESSON *2 Corinthians 12: 2-10*

COMMUNION MEDITATION *My Grace Is Enough* Rev. Dawn Garrett-Larsen

OFFERING OF SPECIAL MUSIC *Faith of Our Fathers* arr. by Jack C. Goode
Elaine Hilton - Piano

*DOXOLOGY

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Thank you God, for your steadfast love. We offer our praise; may it reach to the ends of the earth. We ask that our gifts empower ministry in this place and wherever our influence can reach. Let unbelief be turned to faith, ignorance to knowledge, sickness to health, brokenness to wholeness, both in us and in our neighbors near and far. Guide us, as we seek to invest our best for the sake of Christ. 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 #727 *America the Beautiful*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *America* arr. Janet Linker

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

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Ushers This Morning: Carla DeMecco, George Herren, Jean Ingalls, Jean Landes
Live Stream This Morning: Matt Berry

Happy Birthday

July 4 Adeline Rudolph & Addie Rudolph July 6 Nancy Raley
July 5 Tom Harradine July 8 Dawn Garrett-Larsen & Javery Hey

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); **Julie English** (Janet & Kim Tenreiro's friend); **Brian Fuscaldo** (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); **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

Mon July 5 – Office Closed - *Happy 4th of July!*
Tues July 6 - Men's Grp 8:00; Rughookers 10:00
Wed July 7- TOPS 10
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

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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.**