

**FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

Rev. Dawn Garrett-Larsen, Pastor

Father's Day, Graduation Sunday and Choir Favorites

Nataelee Mullen, Lay Reader

June 18, 2023

Worship 10:30 AM

PRELUDE *Prelude on an English Folk Song* sett. Andrew Unsworth

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: In worship,

People: May we be as welcoming as Sarah and Abraham, who were quick to serve the stranger.

Leader: In faith,

People: May we proclaim that nothing is too big for God.

Leader: In moments of holy surprise,

People: May we laugh with deep abiding joy.

Leader: For God in the holy surprise.

People: God is in the winding path.

Leader: And God is in our presence today.

People: Let us worship Holy God.

*HYMN # 530 *Faith of Our Fathers*

FATHER'S DAY LITANY (insert)

*INVOCATION

God of unexpected joy and answered prayers, we confess that sometimes things feel too good to be true, while at other times we wonder if you hear us at all. When life unravels for the worst, we blame you. But when life unravels for the best, filling our days with holy surprise, we tend to praise ourselves, thinking we've earned this unexpected joy. Forgive us. Help us to see you in our midst. And with every breath that turns into a laugh, draw us closer to you. 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

ANTHEM *Cantate Domino* Mark Hayes

GRADUATION RECOGNITION

HEBREW BIBLE LESSON *Genesis 18: 1-15 & 21: 1-7* Pg # 13 & 16

*HYMN (insert) *Give Us Laughter Unexpected*

MORNING PRAYER

ANTHEM *It Is Well with My Soul* sett. John Ness Beck

EPISTLE *Romans 5: 1-5* Pg # 142

SERMON *Surprise!* Rev. Dawn Garrett-Larsen

OFFERTORY *Give Me Jesus* arr. Benjamin Harlan
Solo Amy Ogden

*DOXOLOGY # 34

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

As we bring our offerings, we pray, O God, that you will send laborers among all your children to preach good news, to bring healing, to feed the hungry. We would support them with our gifts. And if there are tasks for us to do, help us to respond with our lives, not with our leftovers. Amen.

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

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *In Thee is Gladness* David Lasky

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

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*Greeters This Morning: Bill & Sue Blaker, Bonnie Maguire
Ushers This Morning: Jim Hilton, Curt & Molly Bailey, Carolyn Hotchkiss
Live Stream This Morning: Mike Ryan
Coffee Hour Host: CE Committee*



**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

6/20 Dick Kotalik – Jay Harris-Maxwell

6/22 Gayle Henry – Jayne Bobsein

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); **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); **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

Sun Jun 18	<i>Father's Day ~ Graduation Sunday ~ Choir Favorites</i>
9:00	Choir
10:30	Worship In-Person & Live Stream, Sunday School
Mon Jun 19	<i>Juneteenth ~ Office Closed</i>
6:30	Bridge/Social Room
Tue Jun 20	8:00 Men's Group
10:00	Rug Hookers/Assembly Room
7:00	Council/Zoom
Wed Jun 21	10:00 TOPS/Assembly Room
Thu Jun 22	10:00 Literacy Volunteers
12:00	Bridge
12:30	Ladies Luncheon
Sun Jun 25	<i>Service Time Change for Summer</i>
9:30	Worship In-Person & Live Stream
10:45	Social Action Committee

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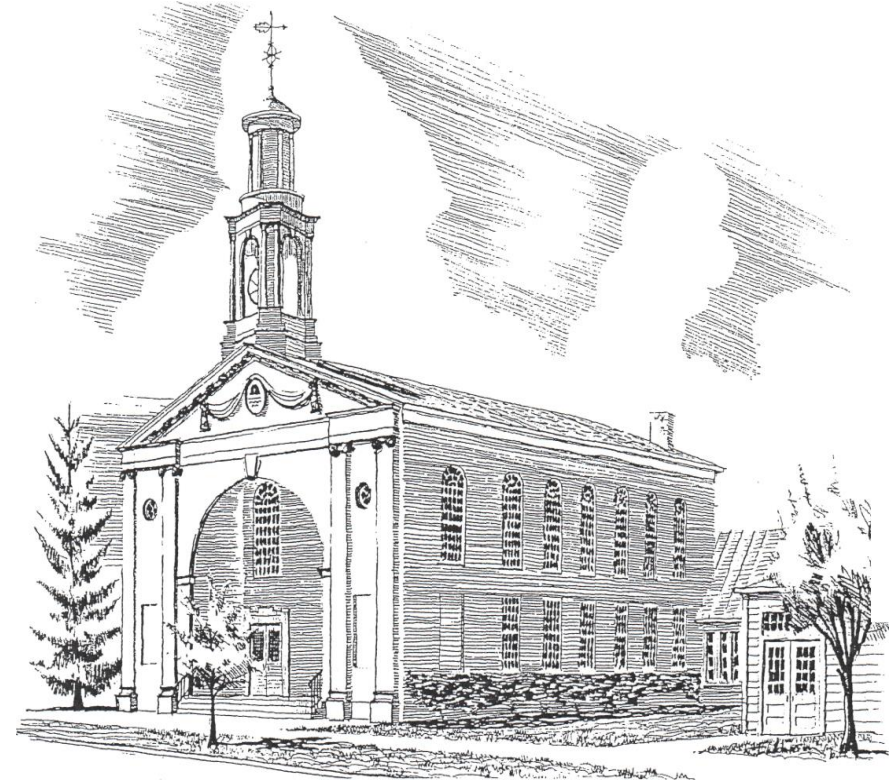
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- ❖ We value and respect diversity in the ways we express our faith.
- ❖ We enjoy thoughtful dialogue about faith issues.
- ❖ We encourage each other to work for justice and to care for people in need in our community and in our world.