

**FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
Rev. Dawn Garrett-Larsen, Pastor**

Fourth Sunday After Pentecost
Jay Garrett-Larsen, Lay Reader

June 25, 2023

Worship 9:30 AM

PRELUDE *Andante Religioso* Alec Rowley

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We are people of the water!

People: We worship a God whose love flows through water.

Leader: Love, like a rain shower, awakens the sleeping seed within the soul and lures it to blossom.

People: We worship a God whose love flows through water.

Leader: Love, like a wading pool, inspires the delight of children, jumping, splashing, spraying each other, shivering with wet joy.

People: We worship a God whose love flows through water.

Leader: Love, like a hot shower after a long day's work, cleanses us, reawakens us.

People: We worship a God whose love flows through water.

Leader: Love, like little drops, drips from fingertips to forehead. Through baptism, the family of faith makes room for one more.

People: Come, let us worship our God whose love flows through water! Amen.

*HYMN # 682 *The Fruit of Love (Verses 1, 2, 4 &5)*

*INVOCATION

God who calls, we turn to you because you have invited us. From generation to generation, you have invited us to come, calling prophets to proclaim your word. We are thankful that you are still calling us today, still speaking through prophetic voices, transforming young and old by your Word. Your Word, Lord, is an inspiration to us all. Through it, we are able to see visions and dream dreams. New possibilities abound when we awake to your presence! And so we come. 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

BAPTISM OF CASSANDRA AND ELIZA YOUNG (insert)

HEBREW BIBLE LESSON *Isaiah 42: 1-9* Pg # 634

*HYMN # 681 *Lord, We Bring to You Our Children*

MORNING PRAYER

GOSPEL LESSON *Matthew 3: 13-17* Pg # 3

SERMON *Life Made New* Rev. Dawn Garrett-Larsen

OFFERTORY *Jerusalem the Golden* W Walker, sett. Mark Sedio

*DOXOLOGY # 34

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

We worship you with our offerings, Great God of all people. With these tokens, we remember all your kindness to us. We would live gratefully day by day, appreciating the wondrous gift of life, caring for the bodies you have given us, and disciplining ourselves as your servants. Inspire us to do our part, that our lives may teach your truth. Amen.

*HYMN # 680 *Borning Cry*

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation* arr. James D. Kimball

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

Call to Worship reprinted from Touch Holiness, ed. Ruth Duck; Invocation reprinted from Hidden in Plain Sight, ed. F Brien & M Jagessar; Prayer of Dedication reprinted from Fresh Winds of the Spirit, Book 2 by Lavon Bayler

*Greeters This Morning: John & Bonnie Maguire
Ushers This Morning: Jim & Karen DeMay, Dave & Colleen Pierce
Live Stream This Morning: Steve Brooks
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

6/28 Charles McCausland ~ Bill Blaker
6/29 George Hamlin IV
7/01 Betsy Schuppenhauer

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

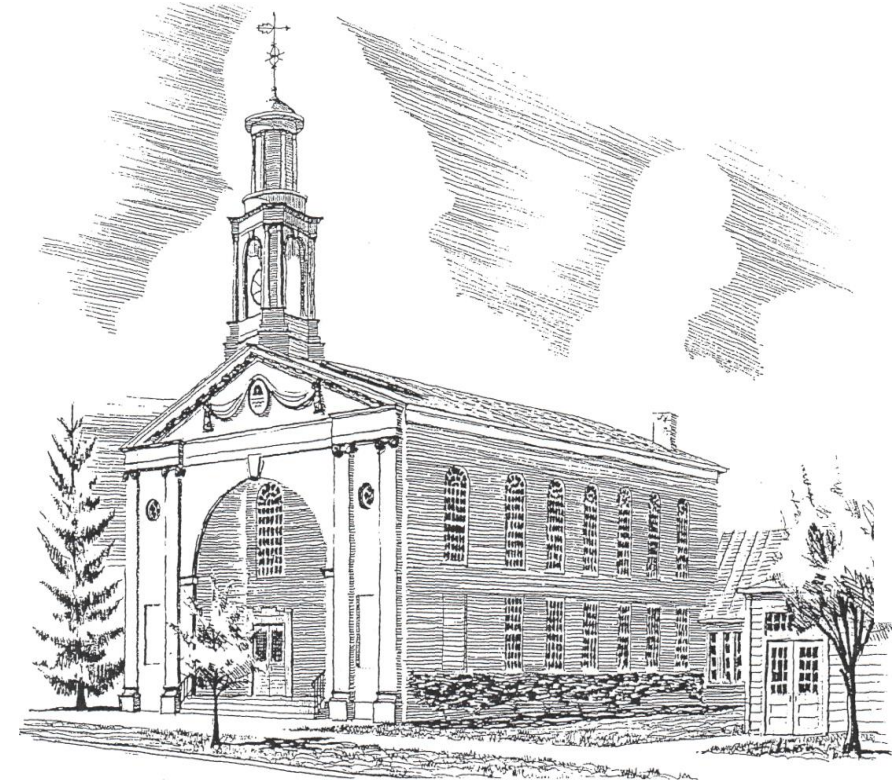
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| Sun Jun 25 | | <i>Service Time Change for Summer</i> |
| | 10:45 | Social Action Committee |
| Mon Jun 26 | 6:30 | Bridge/Moves to Assembly Room |
| Tue Jun 27 | 8:00 | Men's Group |
| | 10:00 | Rug Hookers/Assembly Room |
| | 10:30 | Literacy Volunteers/Hayes Room |
| Wed Jun 28 | 10:00 | TOPS/Assembly Room |
| Thu Jun 29 | 10:00 | Literacy Volunteers |
| | 12:00 | Bridge/Assembly Room |
| Fri Jun 30 | | <i>Parking Lot Sealing – No Parking 6/30 & 7/1</i> |
| Sun Jul 2 | 9:30 | Worship In-Person & Live Stream |
| <i>Office Closed July 3 & 4 for Independence Day</i> | | |

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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.