

**FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

Rev. Dawn Garrett-Larsen, Pastor

Third Sunday after Pentecost & Church Picnic

Lay Readers: Alyssa, Mariena, Natalee, and Regina

June 13, 2021

Worship 10:30 AM

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Alyssa Maxfield

Leader: Jesus, we ask you to join us in our fun today. So many times, we come before you with need, in sorrow, or in solemn worship.

**People: Today, we want you to come and play with us. It really is that simple.**

Leader: Savior, you ate and drank with those who needed you most. You blessed a wedding with happy wine and took time off from miracles to embrace children, showing us where the best miracles really are in the process. You know what it is to laugh.

**People: Please, Jesus, be in our joy, our songs, and our laughter today. Renew us with peace and innocence.**

Leader: Our picnic anticipates the great banquet of heaven. Glory is as near as the word of faith in our hearts.

**People: Let today be an appetizer for God's reign of love. In Jesus' name, we pray.  
In Jesus' name, we live. In Jesus' name, we party! Amen: let's play!**

\*HYMN #30

*All Things Bright and Beautiful*

INVOCATION

Natalee Mullen

**Break into our darkness, formless God, with the light of your presence. Split the cosmic silence and speak in the void of our shapeless lives. Plant seeds of love in barren hearts; nourish us with your life-bringing Spirit. Mold us, so we become the image of yourself, and every facet of our universe displays the stamp of your creative love. Then help us rest in you and see that life is good. Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER (Trespases)

\*GLORIA PATRI

SUNDAY SCHOOL PRESENTATION

HEBREW BIBLE LESSON

*Psalm 92: 1-4, 12-15*

Mariena Schneider

“WHAT IF?” UPDATE

Rhonda Nyerges

\*HYMN #51

*How Great Thou Art*

MORNING PRAYER

GOSPEL LESSON

*Mark 4: 30-32*

Regina Schneider

MEDITATION

*Seeds of Faith*

Rev. Dawn Garrett-Larsen

SONG

*The Garden Song*

Dave Mallet

**Inch by inch, row by row, gonna make this garden grow  
All it takes is a rake and a hoe and a piece of fertile ground  
Inch by inch, row by row, Someone bless these seeds I sow  
Someone warm them from below 'til the rain comes tumbling down.**

**Pullin' weeds and pickin' stones, we are made of dreams and bones  
I feel the need to grow my own cause the time is close at hand  
Grain for grain, sun and rain I'll find my way in nature's chain  
Tune my body and my brain to the music of the land.**

**Inch by inch, row by row, gonna make this garden grow  
All it takes is a rake and a hoe and a piece of fertile ground  
Inch by inch, row by row, Someone bless these seeds I sow  
Someone warm them from below 'til the rain comes tumbling down.**

**Plant your rows straight and long, temper them with prayer and song  
Mother earth will make you strong if you give her love and care  
An old crow watching hungrily from his perch in yonder tree  
In my garden I'm as free as that feathered thief up there.**

**Inch by inch, row by row, gonna make this garden grow  
All it takes is a rake and a hoe and a piece of fertile ground  
Inch by inch, row by row Someone bless these seeds I sow  
Someone warm them from below 'til the rain comes tumbling down.  
'Til the rain comes tumbling down.**

PRESENTATION OF THE OGDEN AWARD

Debbie Lyon

\*HYMN #515

*Hymn of Promise*

BENEDICTION

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

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*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 Killermeyer** (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); **Nancey Wilbur**; **Josh Yeo** (Barb Stahl's friend); **Jason Zeller** (Kathy Ward's son); **Linda Zeller** (Kathy Ward's daughter in law)

*Calendar*

Tues. June 15 - Men's Grp 8:00; Rughookers 10:00; Main Street Clergy Lunch 12:00 Council 7:00 Zoom  
Wed. June 16 - TOPS 10:00  
Thurs June 17 – Boundary Awareness Training 10 – 3 (Dawn)  
Sat. June 19 – Memorial Celebration for John Paul 10:00  
Sunday June 20 – Graduation Sunday and Father's Day Worship In Person & Live Stream 10:30; hybrid Sunday School; Congregational Life 11:45 In Person

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*Ushers This Morning: William Maxfield, Amelia Berry, Jack Berry*

*Live Stream This Morning: Dave Sauter*

*Happy Birthday*

June 13 - Barbara Henry & Luanne Graulich

June 14 - Bill Hallett

June 17 - Matthew Newman