

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
Rev. Dawn Garrett-Larsen, Pastor
Father's Day
Graduation Sunday
Griffin Bond and Hannah Weeden, Lay Readers

June 20, 2021

Worship 10:30 AM

PRELUDE *This Is My Father's World* arr. Diane Bish

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP Griffin Bond

Leader: Jesus, son of God, our brother, our leader, we give thanks for faithful men.

People: For those who followed their heart or their gut and walked and worked with you those three years of ministry;

Leader: for those who, by their action, their thinking or their beliefs, have made an impact on our lives;

People: and for those fathers, grandfather and father figures who have taught and tended us with a true fatherly love.

Leader: We give you thanks for these faithful men.

People: Jesus, your values are not the world's values. You teach and show us that the weak help the strong, the poor lead the rich, the foolish teach the wise.

Leader: We remember that, by the world's standards, this is absurd, and that, as Christians, we see through a different lens, we measure with a different scale.

People: And so, in our world of conventions and expectations,

Leader: we pray for those men who try hard to be tough because they're afraid to be tender;

People: for those courting professional success while those they love are relative strangers;

Leader: for those stifled by the pressure of living up to who they are supposed to be;

People: and we pray for ourselves, male and female, when we have become lured by the world's values, or have felt forced to conform to them.

Leader: Jesus Christ, Word become human, barrier-breaker, healer, teacher, challenger, role model,

People: teach us to discover and value the true gifts of our gender, male and female. Amen.

*HYMN # 149

God the Spirit, Guide and Guardian

INVOCATION

God of faith and truth: in the face of storms, frights and fears, you offer us grace, and the assurance that we are never alone. Help us always to be people of faithful courage, eager to worship and serve you in all times and places. Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER (Trespases)

*GLORIA PATRI

FATHER'S DAY GIVING OF FLOWERS

HEBREW BIBLE LESSON *Psalms 133* Hannah Weeden

*HYMN # 142 *Sing Praise to the Father*

MORNING PRAYER

A CELEBRATION OF OUR GRADUATES

GOSPEL LESSON *Mark 4: 35-41*

SERMON *Putting Your Feet Down* Rev. Dawn Garrett-Larsen

OFFERING OF SPECIAL MUSIC *Etude No. 14* by C. Kopprasch
Matt Bond, Trombone

*DOXOLOGY

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Thank you, God, for meeting us in our need. We give that others in even greater need might not be forgotten. We are grateful for the trust you place in us. We give that others might respond to the good news of your love. We hear the word Jesus spoke in the midst of a storm: "Peace! Be still!" With fresh calm and confidence, we give ourselves that others might live. Thank you, God, for your steadfast love endures forever. Amen.

*HYMN # 680 *Borning Cry*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Piece d'Orgue, Gravement* by J.S. Bach

*Please stand if you are able.

Call to Worship reprinted from Bare Feet & Buttercups by Ruth Burgess; Invocation reprinted from Seasons of the Spirit; Unison Prayer of Dedication reprinted from Led By Love by Lavon Bayler

Greeters This Morning: Don & Marie Oakleaf, Barb Hackel

Ushers This Morning: Bill Blaker, Jim Hilton, Barbra Iglewski, Jean Ingalls

Live Stream This Morning: John Maguire

Happy Birthday

June 20 Dick Kotalik & Jay Harris-Maxwell

June 22 Gayle Henry & Jayne Bobsein

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

Calendar

Monday June 21 – Sat. June 26 - Dawn on vacation

Tues June 22 – Men's Grp 8:00; Rughookers 10:00

Wed. June 23 - TOPS 10:00

Fri. June 25 – Prayer Shawl 2:00

Sunday June 27 – Worship at 9:30 begins - In Person & Live Stream

Monday June 28 – Pastor Parish Review 1:00

Tues. June 29 – Men's Grp 8:00; Rughookers 10:00

Wed. June 30 – TOPS 10:00

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- ❖ **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.**