

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

Third Sunday in Lent
Laurie Stoutz, Lay Reader

Sunday March 20, 2022

Worship 10:30 AM

PRELUDE *Rhosymerde* J. D. Edwards

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Saving God, you who help and deliver us, sustain us when we are weary and tired.

We give thanks that you are patient and tolerant,

People: Make haste and deliver us!

Leader: Saving God, who accompanies us, in you we find joy and gladness, in you we find deliverance and hope, in you we do not lose heart and grow tired. In and through you, we journey toward the joy that is to come, giving birth to your kingdom.

People: Stay with us, deliverer God, and save us!

Leader: Holy God, holy and good, give us patience and tolerance, show us how to be kind and generous, free us from all that enslaves and controls, help us to live positively, humbly and trusting like Jesus, turning to you with the same trust he had in your love.

People: Make haste, deliver and save us, O Lord!

*HYMN # 384 *Rock of Ages*

*INVOCATION

Oh God our savior, who cannot be contained by our boundaries or our definitions, light from beyond galaxies, sea without a farther shore; you are present in every distinct place, in every moment of history. You are here and now. Help us to understand that those from whom we are separated in life by distance, by sea and land; those from whom we are separated by difference, by prejudice, by language, by lack of communication; and that those from whom we are separated in death, by its long silence, its aching absence – are each of them in your presence; that beyond our horizons, beyond our understanding, they are in your embrace. 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 *Father, I Adore You* Terrye Coelho

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN AND YOUTH

HEBREW BIBLE LESSON *Isaiah 45: 21-22* Page 638

*HYMN # 440 *Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us*

MORNING PRAYER

GOSPEL LESSONS *Luke 2: 10-11; John 4: 39-42* Pages 53; 88

SERMON *Jesus: Our Savior* Rev. Dawn Garrett-Larsen

OFFERTORY *My Song Is Love Unknown* Dale Wood

*DOXOLOGY # 34

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

All that we present to you now, O God, we have received from your hand. We give so the hungry may eat and the thirsty may receive pure water. We share to send the good news of your Word to those who have not heard. We invest in just causes, that your mercy may be known among all people. Most of all, we give because passing on your gifts in generous response is necessary to life. Amen.

*HYMN # 284 *O Sacred Head, Now Wounded*

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Christ Login Todesbander* J. S. Bach

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

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.

*Greeters This Morning: Jean Ingalls, Marty Daniels, Jean Landes
Ushers This Morning: Barb Iglewski, Guy Burns, Nancy & Mike Parsons
Live Stream This Morning: John Maguire*

Call to Worship adapted and reprinted from Listening for the Whisper URC Prayer Handbook; Invocation adapted and reprinted from Lent & Easter Readings from IONIA; Unison Prayer of Dedication reprinted from Gathered by Love by Lavon Bayler

Happy Birthday

March 20 Jen Schneider
March 21 Gary Henehan ~ Peter Sarkis
Mike Parsons
March 23 Barbara Iglewski

Prayer List

Ancy & Kira (Fred Henry's friend); **Keith Blaker**; **Brad Bliss**; **Marjorie Case**; **Cheryl** (Jennifer Maxfield's sister-in-law); **Judy Clark** (Jessica & Dan Casellas' and Elaine Hilton's friend); **Cathy Coots**; **Corrine** (Denise & Scott's sister); **Bob DeSantis** (Dorice & Don Raw, Sr.'s friend); **Marilyn DeSmith**; **Brian Fuscaldo** (Mara Huberlie's nephew); **Max Grossman** (George Herren's friend); **Carin Herren**; **Mara Huberlie**; **Barb Iglewski**; **Peter Ingalls** (Jean Ingall's son); **Jim and Carolyn** (Amy Ogden's friends); **John** (Lin's nephew); **Sue Kotalik**; **Michelle List** (JoAnn Reed's friend); **Loren** (Jack Radley's friend); **Eileen McCarthy** (Carla DeMeco & Betsy Dresser's friend); **Liz Nelson** (Kathy Ward's friend); **Steve F & Reagan O** (friends of Karen Noonan); **Norman** (Jennifer Maxfield's uncle); **Chris Pritchard** (Rick, Cindy Mullen & George Herren's friend); **Jack Radley**; **Don Raw, Sr.**; **Don Raw, Jr.**; **Sara** (Jack Radley's granddaughter); **Smith/Dworetzky Family** (Okke & Kathy Postma's friends); **Pat Smith**; **Dr. Steven Smith & Family** (Jessica & Dan Casellas' friends); **Gordon Wenner** (George & Carin Herren's friend); **Josh Yeo** (Barb Stahl's friend); **Jason and Linda Zeller** (Kathy Ward's son and daughter);
Jim Ziegler

Calendar

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| Mon Mar 21 | 12:00-1:00 | Prayer Service for Ukraine at First United Methodist Church |
| | 7:00 | SCR Hot Button Issues/Zoom |
| Thu Mar 24 | 10:00 | Adult Education |
| Sat Mar 26 | 3:00 | Andy Plato Memorial Service/Reception |
| Sun Mar 27 | | Easter Flower Orders Due |
| | 9:00 | Choir |
| | 10:30 | Worship In Person & Live stream, Sunday School |
| Mon Mar 28 | 7:00 | Public Image Committee/Zoom |
| Thu Mar 31 | 10:00 | Adult Education |
| Sun Apr 3 | 9:00 | Choir |
| | 10:30 | Worship In Person & Live stream, Sunday School |
| | 11:45 | Brainstorming Team Meeting |

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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.