

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

The Second Sunday in Lent
Debbie Wilbur, Lay Reader

March 5, 2023

Worship 10:30 AM

PRELUDE *Lamb of God, Pure and Sinless* Michael Burkhardt

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: All are welcome here -

People: The young and old, those who have visions and those who dream dreams.

Leader: All are welcome here -

People: The sinner and saint, those who seek forgiveness and those who long for peace.

Leader: All are welcome here -

People: The hurt and the doubting, those who know the wilderness and those who feel lost.

Leader: All are welcome here; for you are loved by God, and this is God's house.

People: Let us worship God. Amen.

*HYMN # 257 *What Wondrous Love Is This*

*INVOCATION

God, we give you our hearts. They are brimming with doubt and saturated with fear, but we give them to you anyway, for you promise to love us as we are. You promise to walk with us to the ends of the earth, so in this moment, we promise to tell the truth. God, you ask us to be brave and bold, but we cower in fear. You ask us to love our neighbors as ourselves, but we hold tight to privilege and the status quo. And you ask us to risk it all to follow you, but we are content with the injustices at hand. Forgive us for our sin and lift our eyes to you. Lift our eyes to the hills. Gratefully we pray, 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 *Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me* John E. Gould

HEBREW BIBLE LESSON

Exodus 17: 1-7

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*HYMN #461

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

CALL TO PRAYER

**Come bring your burdens to God, Come bring your burdens to God
Come bring your burdens to God for Jesus will never say no. (3X)**

MORNING PRAYER

GOSPEL LESSON

John 4: 7-15

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COMMUNION MEDITATION *Transformed in the Wilderness* Rev. Dawn Garrett-Larsen

OFFERTORY *My Song is Love Unknown* Dale Wood

*DOXOLOGY

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**What joy there can be, Loving God, in the giving and receiving of cool, refreshing water!
Thank you for the living water we have received from Christ and are privileged to share.
Bless the resources gathered today to sustain the programs and outreach of this church.
May they and we give fitting expression to our thankfulness. Amen.**

*COMMUNION HYMN #669 *Let Us Break Bread Together*

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to the Table, Consecration, and Sharing of the Bread and Cup, Thanksgiving
(The communion bread is gluten and nut free so that all may partake together)

*HYMN # 422 *Amazing Grace*

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Jesu Joy of Man's Desire* J.S. Bach

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

*Call to Worship and Invocation adapted and reprinted from Sanctified Arts, Sarah Are;
Prayer of Dedication reprinted from Fresh Winds of the Spirit, Book 2 by Lavon Bayler*

*Ushers This Morning: Jim DeMay, Jean Landes, George Herren, Dan Casellas
Live Stream This Morning: John Maguire
Coffee Hour Host: Trustees*



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

3/6 Mark Schroeter ~ Jennifer Brownell
3/7 Preston Smith ~ Bradley Smith
3/9 Kyle Meath
3/10 Jon Schwab
3/11 Glenn DeHond

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); **Bob DeSantis** (Dorice & Don Raw, Sr.'s friend); **Marilyn DeSmith;** **Jerry Diver;** **Max Grossman** (George Herren's friend); **Carin Herren;** **Linda Hudick** (Karen's friend); **Barb Iglewski;** **John** (Lin's nephew); **Sue Kotalik;** **Lu Krahl;** **Dennis Maxfield;** **Paul** (Dennis Maxfield's brother); **Frank McAlpin** (Patrick McAlpin's father); **Norine** (Marilyn DeSmith's friend); **Kathleen Piper** (friend of George and Carin Herren); **Chris Pritchard** (Rick, Cindy Mullen & George Herren's friend); **Don Raw, Sr.;** **Pat Smith;** **Dr. Steven Smith & Family** (Jessica & Dan Casellas' friends); **Robin Wisniewski** (Alicia Francis' mom); **Josh Yeo** (Barb Stahl's friend); **Jason Zeller** (Kathy Ward's son); **Jim Ziegler**

Calendar

Sun Mar 5	11:45	Social Action Committee
Mon Mar 6	3:00	Called to Care/Hayes Rm
	3:30	Drive Up Light Hill Bouquet Pickup til 5:30
Tue Mar 7	8:00	Men's Group
	10:00	Rug Hookers/Hayes Room
Wed Mar 8	10:00	TOPS/Downstairs Room
	12:00	P.E.O./Social Room
Thu Mar 9	10:00	Lent Adult Ed
	6:00	Soup Supper
Sun Mar 12		Restoration Celebration!
	8:30	Choir – <i>Note time change</i>
	10:30	Worship In-Person & Live Stream, Sunday School
	11:30	Reception in Social Rooms

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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.