

**FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

Third Sunday of Lent
Holy Communion
Rev. Dawn Garrett-Larsen, Pastor
Jim DeMay, Lay Reader

March 7, 2021

Worship 10:30 AM

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *Andante from "Orfeo"* by C. W. Von Gluck
Chris Ieda, cello; Denise Morphy, piano

CALL TO WORSHIP

Holy Mystery, you hold all creation in your heart,
**You send sun and rain on just and unjust alike,
you are vast in compassion, gracious in mercy, and we praise you,**
even while we admit that we have learned to see all things
through the narrow eyes of our desires, our wants.
**We value things – people, policies, events – by how they affect our wishes,
and we have lost the art of finding you and your grace where we least expect to.**
Teach us anew, Gracious Mystery.
Give us hearts convinced of your grace and eyes intent to find it.
Grow our hearts until they are large enough to have room for what
we neither understand nor appreciate.
**You hold us in your heart, Loving Mystery.
Teach our hearts to hold on to you, in Christ. Amen.**

HYMN #261 *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* (vs 1&4) (Please sing along at home!)

**When I survey the wondrous cross
on which the Prince of glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss,
and pour contempt on all my pride.**

**Were the whole realm of nature mine,
that were an offering far too small
Love so amazing, so divine,
demands my soul, my life, my all.**

INVOCATION (in unison)

Beloved One, you know my heart through and through. Your gaze penetrates to the core of who I am, where the truest and deepest of my desire dwells. When I knock on your door with my requests, grant what will most influence my love for you. May I ever seek that which you long for me to be. I open the door of my heart to you. I open the door. Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER (Trespases)

*GLORIA PATRI (Please sing along at home!)

EPISTLE LESSON *Rev. 3: 20*

MORNING PRAYER

GOSPEL LESSON *John 2: 13-22*

HYMN #113 *Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart* (vs 1& 4) (Please sing along at home!)

**Rejoice, ye pure in heart,
rejoice, give thanks and sing;
your festal banner wave on high,
the cross of Christ your King.
Rejoice, rejoice,
rejoice, give thanks and sing.**

**Yes, on through life's long path,
still chanting as you go,
from youth to age, by night and day,
in gladness and in woe.
Rejoice, rejoice,
rejoice, give thanks and sing.**

COMMUNION MEDITATION *Someone's Knocking* Rev. Dawn Garrett-Larsen

SPECIAL MUSIC *Arioso from "Cantata 156"* by J.S. Bach
Chris Ieda, cello; Denise Morphy, piano

*The Doxology #34 (Green)

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (in unison)

We bring offerings, O God, not to buy your favor, but to express our gratitude, not to support an institution, but to further your mission. We support the church in its efforts to challenge the false wisdom that pervades our culture. We seek to make this community of faith a center of values that are consistent with your will. May we be zealous in your service, willing to sacrifice for love's sake, and eager to embrace your word in our everyday living. Amen.

COMMUNION HYMN # 232 *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence* (vs 1&2)
(Please sing along at home!)

**Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and trembling stand;
ponder nothing earthly minded, for with blessing in his hand
Christ our Lord to earth descendeth, our full homage to demand.**

**King of kings, yet born of Mary, as of old on earth he stood,
Lord of lords, in human vesture, in the body and the blood,
he will give to all the faithful his own self for heavenly food.**

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to the Table, Consecration and Sharing of the Bread and Cup

HYMN # 500 *Precious Lord* (vs 1&3) (Please sing along at home!)

**Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand,
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;
Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light:
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.**

**When the darkness appears and the night draws near,
And the day is part and gone,
At the river I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand:
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.**

BENEDICTION AND POSTLUDE *Christ lag in Todesbanden* by J. S. Bach
Call to Worship adapted and reprinted from Breathing New Life Into Lent, V. 3, Pritchard, McKinstry & Powers; Invocation adapted and reprinted from Open Door, by Joyce Rupp; Unison Prayer of Dedication reprinted from Led By Love by Lavon Bayler

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

Thank you to our live stream team today of Steve Brooks and Matt Berry!

Happy Birthday

March 8 – Gene Hermenet

March 10 – Jon Schwab

March 9 – Kyle Meath

March 11 – Glenn DeHond

Prayer List

Ancy (Fred Henry's friend); **Steve Beck** (Heidi Schwarz's brother); **Brad Bliss**; **Marjorie Case**; **Cheryl** (Jennifer Maxfield's sister-in-law); **Don & Judy Clark** (Jessica & Dan Casellas' friends); **Cathy Coots**; **Bob DeSantis** (Dorice & Don Raw, Sr.'s friend); **Julie English** (Janet & Kim Tenreiro's friend); **Brian Fuscaldo** (Mara Huberlie's nephew); **Jerry Gomez** (Kathi Nacca's friend); **Carin Herren**; **Jim and Carolyn** (Amy Ogden's friends); **The King Family** (Fred Henry's friends); **Jim Kolesar** (George & Carin Herren's friend); **Sue Kotalik**; **Jan Larsen** (Dawn's mother); **Michelle List** (JoAnn Reed's friend); **Loren** (Meg & Jack Radley's friend); **Lynn** (Joan Ryan's friend); **Eileen McCarthy** (Carla DeMeco & Betsy Dresser's friend); **Sally Mueller**; **Liz Nelson** (Kathy Ward's friend); **Norman** (Jennifer Maxfield's uncle); **Margaret Page** (Bonnie Maguire's mother); **Paris and Kira** (Friends of Fred Henry); **Pia** (Jim & Connie Malone's friend); **Chris Pritchard** (Rick, Cindy Mullen & George Herren's friend); **Jack and Meg Radley**; **Don Raw, Sr.**; **Sara** (Meg & Jack Radley's granddaughter); **Smith/Dworetsky Family** (Okke & Kathy Postma's friends); **Pat Smith**; **Dr. Steven Smith & Family** (Jessica & Dan Casellas' friends); **Sally Stowell** (Alice Berry's mother); **Walker** (Don & Dorice Raw's friend); **Tom Wallace** (Jackie Lowe's significant other); **Kathy Ward**; **Gordon Wenner** (George & Carin Herren's friend); **Robin Wisniewski** (Alicia's mom); **Josh Yeo** (Barb Stahl's friend); **Jason Zeller** (Kathy Ward's son); **Linda Zeller** (Kathy Ward's daughter in law)

Calendar

Monday March 8 – Study Grp 9:00; Trustees 4:00 Zoom; Study Grp 5:30

Tues. March 9 – Men's Group Gateway 8:00; Study 9:00; Celtic Music and Hymn Sing Denise & Dawn 3 – 3:30 Live Stream

Wed. March 10 - Study Grp 9:00; TOPS 10:00

Thurs. March 11 – Pastor Parish 10:00 Zoom

Friday March 12 – Live Stream Practice 4:30 Sanct.

Sunday March 14 - Worship Live Stream 10:30; hybrid Sunday School

Monday March 15 – Study Grp 9:00; Study Grp 5:30; Service of Lament 7:00 Zoom

Tues. March 16 – Men's Group Gateway 8:00; Study Grp 9:00; Church Council 7:00 Zoom

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