

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

Third Sunday of Easter  
Heidi Schwarz, Lay Reader

Sunday, May 1, 2022

Worship 10:30 AM

PRELUDE *Gigue* Douglas E. Wagner

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: When the bleak coldness of winter is warmed by the spring air, and new shoots push through soil and buds open to the sun:

**People: We celebrate newness of life and dance for joy.**

Leader: When weariness and withdrawal have rested body and spirit, and energy flows again in a spontaneous, unforced rhythm:

**People: We celebrate newness of life and dance for joy.**

Leader: When the heaviness of grief and anger is lifted by hope, and the tears shed in pain glisten like sparkling water:

**People: We celebrate newness of life and dance for joy.**

Leader: When defeat and despair are transformed by the power of faith, and from the ruins of our dreams new visions grow:

**People: We celebrate newness of life and dance for joy.**

\*HYMN # 35 *Morning Has Broken*

\*INVOCATION

**Generous God, giver of all this is good, creator of all that is beautiful, you have blessed us with abundance, more than enough for everyone to share. Out of this abundance you call us to care for each other: “Feed my lambs,” “Tend my sheep,” “Feed by sheep.” Awaken us to the beauty and bounty of your creation. Encourage us to share generously with all those you love. In these great fifty days of Eastertide, may we protect the beauty of all that is yours and nurture your bounty for our children and our children’s children. 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 *I Often Dance* Gary Hallquist

HEBREW BIBLE LESSON *Psalms 30* Pg. 488

\*HYMN # 311 *Now the Green Blade Rises*

MORNING PRAYER

GOSPEL LESSON *John 21: 4-6; 11-17* Pg. 108

COMMUNION MEDITATION *Dancing and Shepherding* Rev. Dawn Garrett-Larsen

OFFERTORY *Elegy* Douglas E. Wagner

\*DOXOLOGY

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**We bring our offerings to feed your lambs and tend your sheep, gracious God. May these gifts extend love in the form of food, pure water, shelter and acceptance. Let them provide outreach to the world and opportunities for growth within this congregation. Help us focus on what is important, that we may work together to make a difference in the world. Amen.**

\*COMMUNION HYMN #698 *Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ*

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 # 118 *Lord of the Dance*

\*UNISON BENEDICTION

**God bless to us each sign of spring, each new green shoot, each lighter day, each warmer wind. God bless to us rebirth. Alleluia, Amen!**

POSTLUDE *Alleluia! Sing to Jesus* Rowland H. Pritchard

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

*Call to Worship reprinted from; Invocation adapted by Rev. Sara Marean; Prayer of Dedication reprinted from Gathered By Love by Lavon Bayler; Benediction reprinted from The Green Heart of the Snowdrop by Kate McIlhagga.*

*Greeters This Morning: Cathy Brooks, Nancy Parsons  
Ushers This Morning: Jim Hilton, Barb Iglewski, Jim DeMay, Guy Burns  
Live Stream This Morning: Mike Ryan*

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

May 1 Ian Schwab  
May 2 Bonnie Diver  
May 3 Kathy Postma ~ Nancey Wilbur  
May 4 Marlin Potter ~ Barbara Miller ~  
Ken Muscato ~ Cameron Ziegler  
May 5 Cathy Coots  
May 6 Cheryl Bootes  
May 7 Cass Roberts

## Prayer List

*Please let Dawn or the office know of any additions or changes*

**Ancy & Kira** (Fred Henry's friend); **Keith Blaker**; **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); **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); **Carl & Debbie Jackson**; **John** (Lin's nephew); **Sue Kotalik**; **Michelle List** (JoAnn Reed's friend); **Loren** (Jack Radley's friend); **Liz Nelson** (Kathy Ward's friend); **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); **Robin Wisniewski** (Alicia Francis' mom); **Josh Yeo** (Barb Stahl's friend); **Jason and Linda Zeller** (Kathy Ward's son and daughter); **Jim Ziegler**

## Calendar

Sun May 1	11:45	May Day Celebration ~ Morris Dancing
Tue May 3	8:00	Men's Group
	10:00	Rug Hookers
	7:00	Trustees/Special Meeting/In Person
Thu May 5	1:30-2:30	Ontario Co Historical Society Walking Tour of N Main St. Churches
Sat May 7	9:00-12:00	Outdoor Clean Up Phase 1
Sun May 8		<b>Mother's Day</b>
	9:00	Choir
	10:30	Rev. Brian Krause
		Worship In Person & Live stream, Sunday School

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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.