

**FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
Rev. Dawn Garrett-Larsen, Pastor
Sixth Sunday of Easter ~ Mother's Day
Marc Smith, Lay Reader**

May 14, 2023

Worship 10:30 AM

PRELUDE *Day of Joy* Raymond H. Herbek
with Bell Choir

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come, Mothering God, come as an enfolding, nurturing presence;

People: Come as steadfast love to hold us.

Leader: Come, Mothering God, come as an enabling, strengthening force;

People: Come as tough love to let us go.

Leader: Come, Mothering God, come as friend and comforter, healing our wounds,
walking our way;

People: Come as wounded healer to make us whole.

*HYMN # 111 *When Morning Gilds the Skies*

*INVOCATION

God, our midwife, you bring us to birth accompanying us on our journey. From our hiddenness you draw us, in our hunger you feed us, from our bewilderment you let us go, to proclaim your liberation through the wilderness into new ways of becoming. Be with us in all we do. 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 *Consider the Lilies* J. Paul Williams/James M. Stevens

A LITANY FOR MOTHER'S DAY (insert)

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN AND YOUTH

EPISTLE *Acts 17: 22-31* Pg # 127

*HYMN # 502 *Be Thou My Vision*

MORNING PRAYER

GOSPEL LESSON *John 14: 15-21* Pg # 101

SERMON *Learning to Receive* Rev. Dawn Garrett-Larsen

OFFERTORY *Ave Maria* arr. Raymond H. Herbek

*DOXOLOGY # 34

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

We give that others may live. We give to praise you for life and love. We give to share with the world the presence and promise of the God unknown to them, in whom we live and move and have our being. May these tokens of your abundant mercy give counsel and hope to your children near and far. Amen.

*HYMN # 1 *God is Here*

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Allegretto* Robert J. Powell

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

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*Bell Choir: Lynn & Chris Sohn, Elaine & Jim Hilton,
Carol Benner, Karen Landon, Laura Gillim, Stu Gillim*

*Greeters This Morning: Richard Moyle & Lynne Shoemaker
Ushers This Morning: Dave Sauter, Peggy Hollister, Dave & Pam Viggiani
Live Stream This Morning: John McGuire
Coffee Hour Host: Dan Rice & the Choir Basses and Tenors*

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

5/14 Lea Brosche - Donna Miller
5/15 Jane Wheeler – Lynne Peffley
5/16 Malinda Byrne – Kira Casellas
5/18 Ann Hitchcock – Madeleine Kogut
5/20 Carin Herren – Eric Alden

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); **Cathy Coots**; **Bob DeSantis** (Dorice & Don Raw, Sr.’s friend); **Jerry Diver**; **Max Grossman** (George Herren’s friend); **Steve Hamlin**; **Carin Herren**; **Barb Iglewski**; **John** (Lin’s nephew); **Sue Kotalik**; **Ron & Lu Krahl**; **Michelle List** (friend of Joann Reed); **Dennis Maxfield**; **Paul** (Dennis Maxfield’s brother); **Frank McAlpin** (Patrick McAlpin's father); **Okke Postma**; **Chris Pritchard** (Rick & Cindy Mullen and George Herren’s friend); **Don Raw, Sr.**; **Pat Smith**; **Dr. Steven Smith & Family** (Jessica & Dan Casellas’ friends); **Family of Shirley Stadler** (relative of Debbie and Betty Lyon); **Connie Sunshine** (cousin of Cheryl Bootes); **Josh Yeo** (Barb Stahl’s friend); **Jason Zeller** (Kathy Ward’s son); **Jim Ziegler**

Calendar

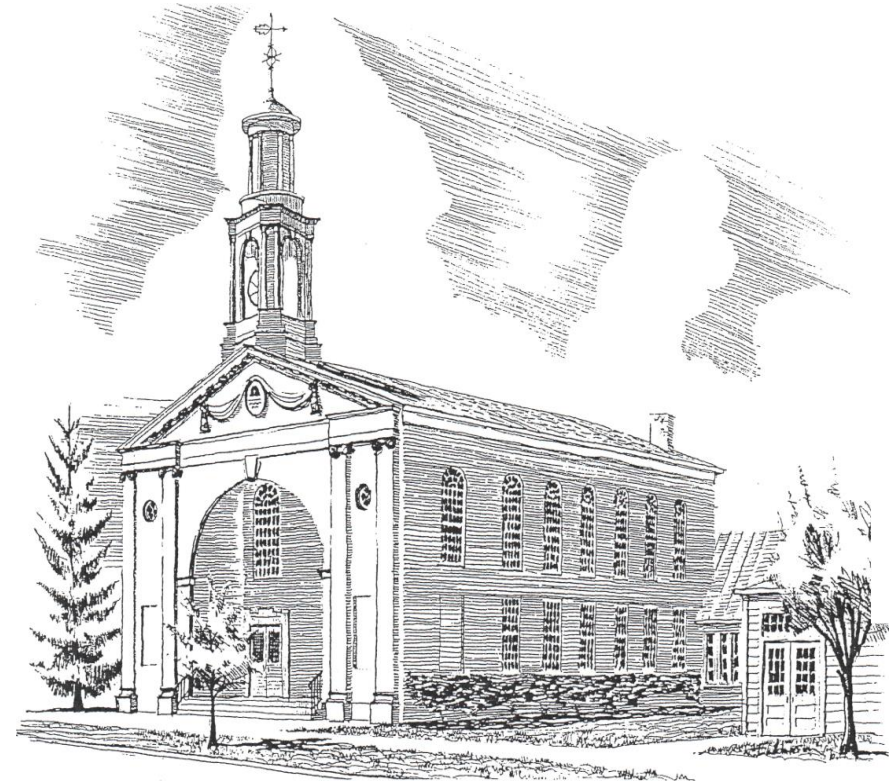
Tue May 16	8:00	Men’s Group
	10:00	Rug Hookers/Assembly Room
	10:30	Literacy Volunteers/Social Room
	7:00	Council/Zoom
Wed May 17	10:00	TOPS/Downstairs Room
Thu May 18	9:00	Safety Task Force
	7:30	SCR/Zoom
Sat May 20	9:00	Church Grounds Clean Up Day
Sun May 21		<i>MS Walk ~ Time Change for Service</i>
	9:00	Worship In-Person & Live Stream (30 min)
	10:00	MS Walk – Sonnenberg Gardens
	12:00	AED/CPR Training/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.