

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

Fifth Sunday of Easter
Cathy Brooks, Lay Reader

May 15, 2022

Worship 10:30 AM

PRELUDE *Come Away to the Skies* Robert J. Powell

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Weave a web of your presence around us today. Be with our hands as they work.

People: Be with our eyes as they see. Be with our ears as they hear.

Leader: Be with our tongues as they speak. Be with our feelings and our thoughts.

People: Be with the people we meet. Be with the things we make. Be with the decisions we take.

Leader: Be in and through, over and under all, that doing and hearing and seeing, speaking and making and being,

People: We may glimpse your glory, hear your voice and joyfully work with you to create a new heaven and a new earth.

*HYMN # 595 *They'll Know We Are Christians*

*INVOCATION

Loving God, in the Bible we find many kinds of families, and we learn that your love has no boundaries. Just as you called Peter to recognize the God-given worth in all people, so help us to affirm all of the families and homes in our community. Singles, couples, people with and without children, groups large and small, people who are related and those who have simply found each other: we pray that you would bless them all and help us to make room at the table of our hearts for all of your children. May homes and families – of all shapes and sizes – model your unconditional love, to be places of safety and trust, nurture and laughter, so that, grounded in their love, we may reach out in love to all of our brothers and sisters – your family. 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 *Wings of the Dawn* Linda A. Spencer

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN AND YOUTH

EPISTLE LESSON *Acts 11: 1-18*

*HYMN # 446 *O Love that Will Not Let Me Go*

MORNING PRAYER

GOSPEL LESSON *John 13: 31-35*

SERMON *Who Are We to Hinder God?* Rev. Dawn Garrett-Larsen

OFFERTORY *Come Down, O Love Divine* Wilbur Held

*DOXOLOGY # 34

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Thank you, gracious God, for making your home with us and claiming us as your own people. We dedicate ourselves and our gifts toward the new world you are creating among us – a world where peace emerges from mutual respect and honest encounters. May your love be reflected in our attitudes and actions when we are together and when we are scattered. Amen.

*HYMN # 422 *Amazing Grace*

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Earth and All Stars* David N. Johnson

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

Call to Worship reprinted from The Green Heart of the Snowdrop, Kate McIlhagga; Invocation reprinted from Seasons of the Spirit, Congregational Life; Unison Prayer of Dedication reprinted from Gathered by Love by Lavon Bayler

***Greeters This Morning:* Jackie Lowe, Cathy Brooks, Steve Brooks
Ushers This Morning: Jim & Elaine Hilton, Peggy Hollister, Dave Sauter
Live Stream This Morning: John Maguire**

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 15 Jane Wheeler
May 16 Malinda Byrne ~ Kira Casellas
May 18 Ann Schwab ~ Madeleine Kogut
May 20 Carin Herren ~ Eric Alden
May 21 Lu Krahl ~ Rosanne Ingerick

Prayer List

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); **John** (Lin's nephew); **Sue Kotalik**; **Michelle List** (JoAnn Reed's friend); **Loren** (Jack Radley's friend); **Frank McAlpin** (Patrick McAlpin's father); **Liz Nelson** (Kathy Ward's friend); **Norman** (Jennifer Maxfield's uncle); **Marlin Potter**; **Chris Pritchard** (Rick, Cindy Mullen & George Herren's friend); **Jack Radley**; **Don Raw, Sr.**; **Don Raw, Jr.**; **Sara** (Jack Radley's granddaughter); **Smith/Dworetsky 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 15	9:00	Choir
	10:30	Worship In Person & Live stream, Sunday School
	11:45	Social Action Committee
Mon May 16	3:00	Public Image Committee/Zoom
Tue May 17	8:00	Men's Group
	10:00	Rug Hookers
	7:00	Council/Zoom
Thu May 19	11:00	Trustee/Vendor Meeting
Sat May 21	9:00-12:00	Outdoor Clean Up Phase 2
Sun May 22	9:00	Choir
	10:30	Rev. Cindy Maybeck Worship In Person & Live stream, Sunday School MS Walk
Thu May 26	12:30	Ladies May Luncheon at Ray's

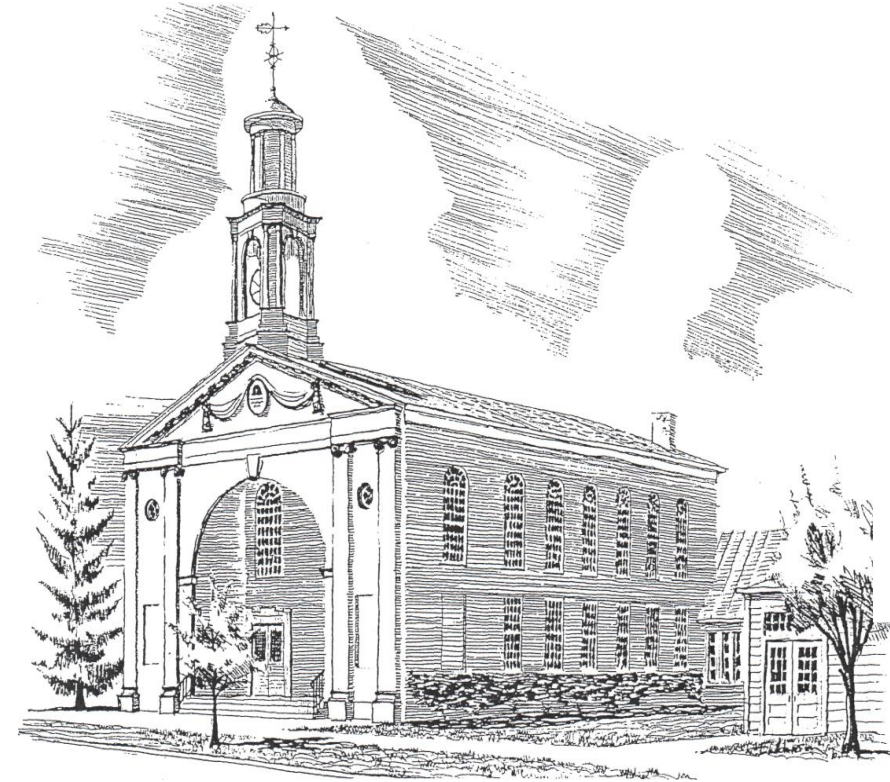
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- ❖ We value and respect diversity in the ways we express our faith.
- ❖ We enjoy thoughtful dialogue about faith issues.
- ❖ We encourage each other to work for justice and to care for people in need in our community and in our world.