

**FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

Rev. Ryan W. Henderson, Visiting Pastor
Holy Communion
Fifth Sunday of Easter
Cathy Brooks, Lay Reader

May 2, 2021

Worship 10:30 AM

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *Andante Religioso* by Alec Rowley

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come! Bring your doubts, your hopes, your faith.

People: We come together...

Leader: Come! Bring your questions, your wonderings, your misgivings.

People: We come to seek...

Leader: Come! Bring your fear, your sorrow, your joy.

People: New life abounds!

ALL: We come from our past, bringing every ounce of who we are and boldly worship you - O God - Right Here and Right now!! Amen

*HYMN #111 *When Morning Gilds the Skies*

INVOCATION (in unison)

Come to us, O God. Open our locked doors and hearts. Dust us off and make us new. Lead us, with all our questions and wonderings, into the exciting mysteries of discipleship. We long to be your Easter people, to live and proclaim new life with all our being! Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER (Trespases)

*GLORIA PATRI

HEBREW BIBLE LESSON *Psalms 22:25-31*

MORNING PRAYER

*HYMN # 23 *All Creatures of Our God and King*

GOSPEL LESSON *John 15:1-8*

COMMUNION MEDITATION *To Abide* Rev. Ryan W Henderson

OFFERING OF SPECIAL MUSIC *The Arrival of the Queen of Sheba* by G. F. Handel, arr. Phil Cambridge; Matt Bond, Brass

*The Doxology #34

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (in unison)

We give, gracious God, because we are grateful. Your love has sustained us through many trials and temptations. We are thankful for those who have guided our attempts to understand the scriptures. Your loving judgement has provided the pruning our lives require in order to bear fruit. We give in order to extend to others the blessings we have received and to continue the ministry we need as we seek to abide together in your love. Amen.

*COMMUNION HYMN #699 *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 free so that all may partake together)

*HYMN #21 *This Is My Father's World*

BENEDICTION AND POSTLUDE *Achieved Is the Glorious Work* by Joseph Haydn, arr. Chip De Stefano; Matt Bond, Brass

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

*Hymn Leaders This Morning: Kathy Postma & Janet Tenreiro
Ushers This Morning: Bill Blaker, Guy Burns, Barb Iglewski, Jim DeMay
Live Stream Team This Morning: Steve Brooks & Matt Berry*

Call to Worship & Invocation by Rev. Ryan Henderson; Unison Prayer of Dedication reprinted from by Led By Love by Lavon Baylor

Happy Birthday

May 2 – Bonnie Diver
May 3 – Kathy Postma & Nancey Wilbur
May 4 – Marlin Potter & Barbara Miller
May 5 - Cathy Coots

May 6 – Cheryl Bootes
May 7 – Cass Roberts
May 8 – Don Oakleaf &
William Maxfield

Prayer List

Ancy & Kira (Fred Henry's friend); **Steve Beck** (Heidi Schwarz's brother); **Brad Bliss**; **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); **Julie English** (Janet & Kim Tenreiro's friend); **Brian Fuscaldo** (Mara Huberlie's nephew); **Carin Herren**; **Peter Ingalls** (Jean Ingall's son); **Jim and Carolyn** (Amy Ogden's friends); **Jim & Melody** (Don & Marilyn DeSmith's friends); **Jim Kolesar** (George & Carin Herren's friend); **Sue Kotalik**; **Jan Larsen** (Dawn's mother); **Michelle List** (JoAnn Reed's friend); **Loren** (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); **Pia** (Jim & Connie Malone's friend); **Chris Pritchard** (Rick, Cindy Mullen & George Herren's friend); **Jack Radley**; **Don Raw, Sr.**; **Sara** (Jack Radley's granddaughter); **Smith/Dworetsky Family** (Okke & Kathy Postma's friends); **Pat Smith**; **Dr. Steven Smith & Family** (Jessica & Dan Casellas' friends); **Walker** (Don & Dorice Raw's friend); **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

Sunday May 2 – Supply Preacher: Rev. Ryan Henderson (Dawn on Retreat) Worship In Person & Live Stream 10:30; hybrid Sunday School

Monday May 3 – Study Grp 9:00; Study Grp 5:30

Tues. May 4 – Men's Grp 8:00; Study Grp 9:00; Rughookers 10:00

Wed. May 5 - Study Grp 9:00; TOPS 10:00

Thursday May 6 – Staff 4

Sunday May 9 – Mother's Day Yellow Roses, Worship 10:30 In Person & Live stream; hybrid Sunday School

Monday May 10 – Study Grp 9:00; Trustees 4:00 In Person Social Rooms; Study Grp 5:00

Tues. May 11 – Men's Grp 8:00; Study Grp 9:00; Rughookers 10:00; SCR Grp A Zoom 10:30; SCR Grp C 1:00 Zoom

Wed. May 12 - Study Grp 9:00; TOPS 10:00

Thurs. May 13 - SCR Grp B 10:30 Zoom; SCR Grp D 7:00 Zoom

Sat. May 15 – Virtual MS Walk, more info to follow

Sunday May 16 - Worship In Person & Live stream 10:30; hybrid Sunday School; Social Action 11:45 Zoom

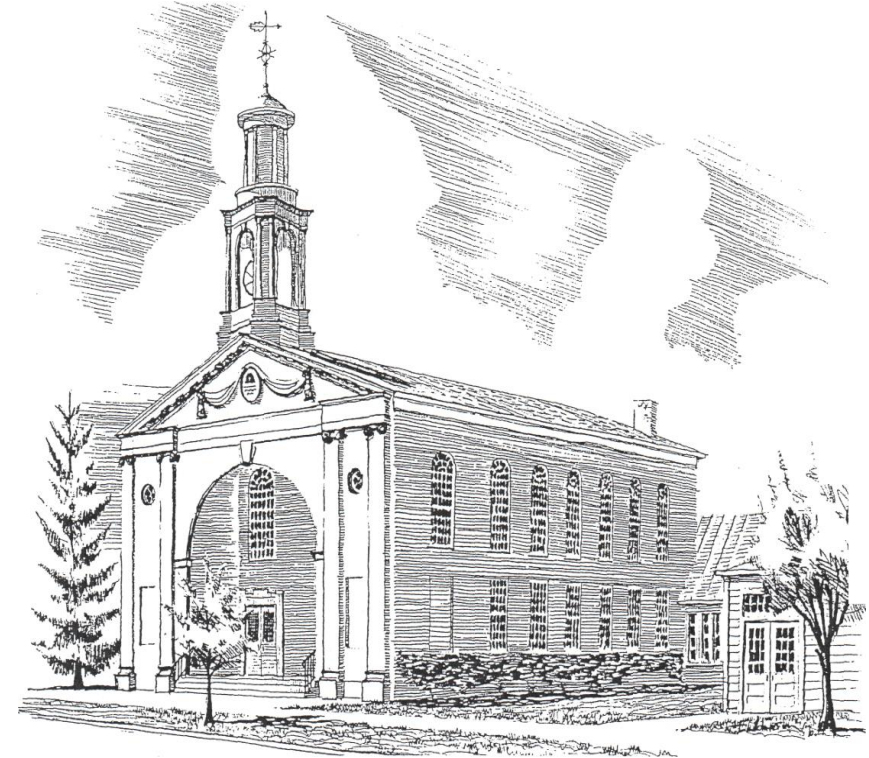
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- ❖ We value and respect diversity in the ways we express our faith.
- ❖ We enjoy thoughtful dialogue about faith issues.
- ❖ We encourage each other to work for justice and to care for people in need in our community and in our world.