

**FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
Rev. Dawn Garrett-Larsen, Pastor
Seventh Sunday of Easter
MS Walk Sunday**

May 21, 2023

Worship 10:30 AM

PRELUDE *O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee* Gordon Young

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We walk in the footsteps of those who have gone before and know that we are not alone on this journey.

People: We walk in the footsteps of those who are older and know that they go before us.

Leader: We walk in the footsteps of God for the feet of our God have walked this way.

People: The footsteps of God will become for us the Way, the Truth and the Life. Thanks be to God!

*HYMN # 504 *Just a Closer Walk With Thee*

*INVOCATION

The footsteps of God are there for us, marked in the creation in countless gifts and beauties. They lie there before us in the patterns of harmony and interweaving, in survivals against the odds and brave bright life. The footsteps of God are there for us in the light tread of the Christ, leaving hollows of love and grace, inviting us to put our feet within God's life and find ourselves deep in meaning, held into purpose and carried forward into fullness. The footsteps of God are there for us in the mystery of the Spirit, gently touching the earth with comfort, leaving tracks of truth and courage, and lifting her feet in dancings of delight which leap over our laws, our limits, our boundaries on love. 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

MORNING PRAYER

HEBREW BIBLE LESSON *Micah 6:8* Pg # 817

MEDITATION Edie Rice & Phil Nevin

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY # 34

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

With these offerings, we proclaim the good news we believe. With these gifts, we go into all the world with the joy of the gospel. Through our giving, we say to the whole creation that the promises and power of God are central to our lives and our world. Thank you, God, for faith and love, for knowledge and wisdom, for all the seasons of life that present us with opportunities for growth and fulfillment. Receive our gifts and our renewed commitment. Amen.

*HYMN # 506 *I Want Jesus to Walk With Me*

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Great is Thy Faithfulness* sett. Douglas E. Wagner

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

Call to Worship and Invocation reprinted from In this Hour-Liturgies for Pausing: Dorothy McRae-McMahon; Prayer of Dedication reprinted from Fresh Winds of the Spirit, Book 2 by Lavon Bayler

***Greeters This Morning: Richard Moyle & Lynne Shoemaker
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

5/21	Lu Krahl
5/22	Carl Reed – Jeff Scheetz
5/23	Rachel McFadden – Oscar Leasure
5/24	Steve Kane – Megan Ogden
5/25	Pat Smith – Barb Stahl – Joe Gilbert – Beth Weeden
5/26	Elena Muscato
5/27	Marie Oakleaf

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**; **Anne Jensen** (friend of Jim and Connie Fredericks-Malone); **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

Sun May 21	10:00	MS Walk – Sonnenberg Gardens
	12:00	AED/CPR Training/Social Rooms
Tue May 23	8:00	Men's Group
	10:00	Rug Hookers/Assembly Room
	10:30	Literacy Volunteers/Social Room
Wed May 24	10:00	TOPS/Assembly Room
Thu May 25	12:30	Ladies Luncheon
Sun May 28		<i>Pentecost Sunday ~ Confirmation ~ Communion</i>
	9:00	Choir
	10:30	Worship In-Person & Live Stream, Sunday School
	11:45	Deacon's Meeting
Mon May 29		<i>Memorial Day ~ Office Closed</i>

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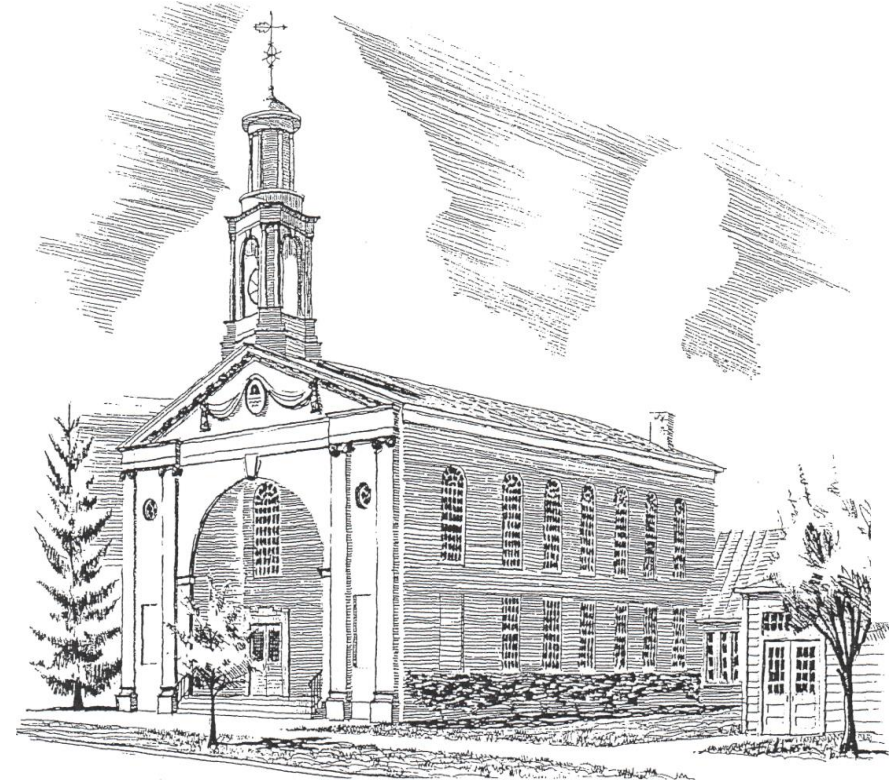
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- ❖ We value and respect diversity in the ways we express our faith.
- ❖ We enjoy thoughtful dialogue about faith issues.
- ❖ We encourage each other to work for justice and to care for people in need in our community and in our world.