

**FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

Rev. Dawn Garrett-Larsen, Pastor

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Rev. Cindy Maybeck, Biblical Storyteller

Jim DeMay, Lay Reader

May 22, 2022

Worship 10:30 AM

Please offer a warm welcome to our guest preacher Rev. Cindy Maybeck. Founder of Spirit Story Ministry, she brings biblical storytelling into pulpits across New York and New England. A native of Rochester, she now lives in Worcester, Massachusetts. She offers spiritual direction virtually on Zoom or by phone to help individuals deepen their walk with Christ. You may learn more about her ministry and invite her to teach workshops, lead retreats, provide individual spiritual guidance, or give storytelling presentations www.cindymaybeck.com



PRELUDE *Seek Ye First* sett. Douglas E. Wagner

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Jim DeMay

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Let us open our hearts to God's loving presence, trusting in God's goodness.

People: Let us give thanks to God for God has transformed us and made us whole.

Leader: We praise you, O God, mother and father of all creation, for out of the darkness and chaos, you brought forth life and called it good.

People: You are present at the beginning, in the middle, and will be at the end of time, so no matter where we are on our journey, you are there, O God.

Leader: Blessed is the one who bears wisdom's name

People: Blessed is the light that shines in the darkness, full of grace and truth. Let us worship God, the source of wisdom and truth.

*HYMN # 24 *God, You Spin the Whirling Planets*

***INVOCATION**

God of infinite tenderness and strong compassion, weave your will into the fabric of our lives. Weave your joy into our songs, your peace into our prayers, and your justice into our deeds. Let this time of worship be a holy moment where the frayed edges of our lives are woven into a beautiful tapestry that comforts and blesses, inspires and renews. God of infinite tenderness and strong compassion, weave your love into our service of praise. 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 *Fairest Lord Jesus* arr. Glen Darst

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN AND YOUTH

HEBREW BIBLE LESSON *Isaiah 66:7-13*

*HYMN # 502 *Be Thou My Vision*

MORNING PRAYER

GOSPEL LESSON *Matthew: 23-37-39*

SERMON *Heavenly Mother* Rev. Cindy Maybeck

OFFERTORY *As the Deer* sett. Douglas E Wagner

*DOXOLOGY # 34

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

For the hospitality of your good earth, for the people you have given us to love, for the tasks you have called us to do, we give thanks, gracious God. Our offerings are a measure of our faith and an evidence of our gratitude. We dedicate ourselves with our gifts, that your reign of light may be realized in the places where we live and work and far beyond our personal reach. Amen.

*HYMN # 397 *The Gift of Love*

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Hornpipe* George F. Handel

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

*Call to worship and invocation from Rev. Cindy Maybeck;
Prayer of Dedication reprinted from Gathered by Love by Lavon Bayler*

*Greeters This Morning: Cathy Brooks, Debbie Wilbur
Ushers This Morning: Jim & Elaine Hilton, Laurie Stoutz, Tom Harradine
Live Stream This Morning: Matt Berry*

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 22 Carl Reed ~ Jeff Scheetz
May 23 Rachel McFadden ~ Oscar Leasure
May 24 Steve Kane ~ Megan Ogden
May 25 Pat Smith ~ Barbara Stahl
Joe Gilbert ~ Beth Weeden
May 26 Elena Muscato
May 27 Marie Oakleaf

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/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

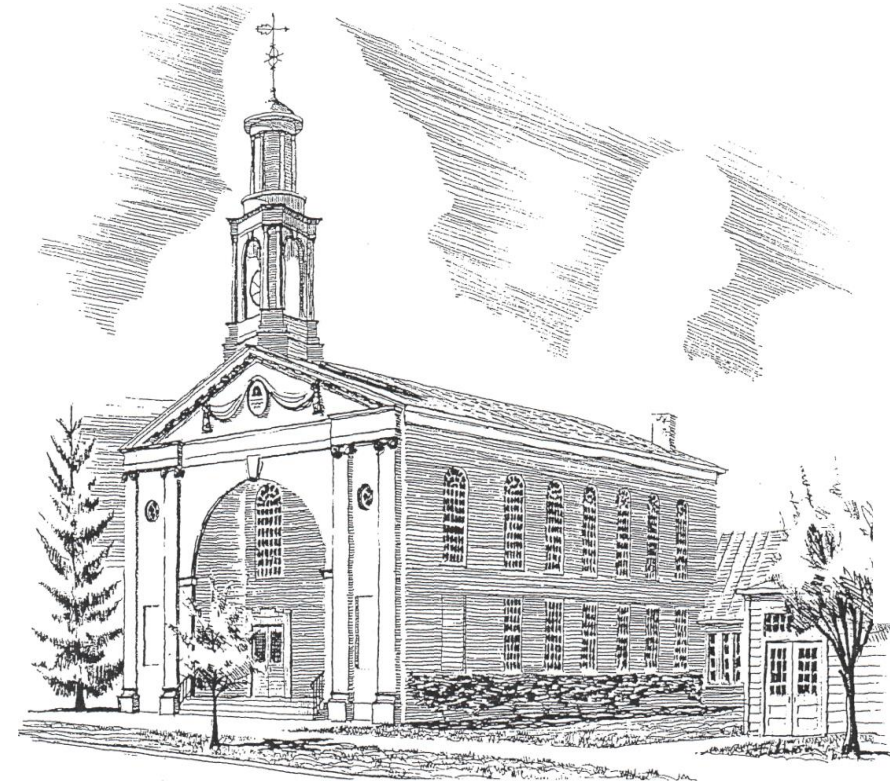
Tue May 24	8:00	Men's Group
	10:00	Rug Hookers
Thu May 26	12:30	Ladies Luncheon
Sat May 28	10:00	Brad Bliss Memorial Service
Sun May 29	9:00	Choir
	10:30	Worship In Person & Live stream, Sunday School
Mon May 30		<i>Memorial Day</i>
Tue May 31	8:00	Men's Group
	10:00	Rug Hookers
Sun Jun 5	10:30	Worship & Church Picnic

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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.