

**FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

Rev. Dawn Garrett-Larsen, Pastor

Pentecost Sunday

Mike Parsons, Lay Reader

May 23, 2021

Worship 10:30 AM

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *Come, Holy Ghost, Our Soul Inspire* Setting by W. Held

CALL TO WORSHIP (*Wave red ribbons during the People's response*)

Leader: Spirit of Joy – come like the wind, swirling among us; fill us with enthusiasm, and energize us to do your work and your will.

**People: Thank you, God, for the Spirit of Joy.**

Leader: Spirit of Truth – come as the flame of Christ's light among us, shining in our hearts, our minds, our lives.

**People: Thank you, God, for the Spirit of Truth.**

Leader: Spirit of Life – come as breath of life, pouring energy and power into our dry bones, rekindling those who are weary, that we may have life and know God.

**People: Thank you, God, for the Spirit of Life.**

Leader: Spirit of Hope – come from the four winds, breathing upon all your people, that all creation may be renewed with hope.

**People: Thank you, God, for the Spirit of Hope.**

Leader: Spirit of Love – come as our Comforter and Consoler, so that all who are broken and wounded are healed, so that all who grieve may be consoled by the power of your love and grace.

**People: Thank you, God, for the Spirit of Love.**

Leader: Spirit of Wisdom – come as the light of understanding, that diversity in all its forms may be respected and may be understood as something to cherish.

**People: Thank you, God, for the Spirit of wisdom.**

Leader: Spirit of Peace – come as the winds of truth, that our hearts may be kindled by the passion for justice and peace.

**People: Thank you, God, for the Spirit of peace. Amen.**

\*HYMN # 132 *Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart*

INVOCATION (Unison)

**Breathe on us, Holy Spirit, breathe wisdom, breathe compassion, breathe hope. Burn in us, Holy Spirit, as the beacon of truth, as the hearth-fire of mercy, as the sparkling**

**warmth of health. Dance with us, Holy Spirit, turn us on the swirling wind of creation, spin us on the buoyant wind of grace, lift us on the soaring wind of power. Be guardian and guide, O Holy Spirit; be holiness within and around us, before us and behind us, beneath us and above us. Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER (Trespases)

\*GLORIA PATRI

HEBREW BIBLE LESSON *Ezekiel 37: 1-14*

\*HYMN # 492 *Spirit of the Living God*

MORNING PRAYER

EPISTLE LESSON *Acts 2: 1-21*

SERMON *Surprises of the Spirit* Rev. Dawn Garrett-Larsen

OFFERING OF SPECIAL MUSIC *Every Time I Feel the Spirit* Amy Ogden

\*DOXOLOGY

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Unison)

**How manifold are your works, amazing God! When there are dry-bones times in our lives, we can look to you for new breath and hope and renewal of life. Your Spirit comes, and we are lifted up and linked to one another. We bring our offerings as an expression of thanksgiving for all your gifts. May your glory be proclaimed in all we give and all we do, when we are together and when we scatter to do your will in other places. Amen.**

\*HYMN # 326 *Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Wind that Makes All Winds to Blow* based on "Aberystwyth" by Joseph Perry; arr by W. Held

*Call to Worship reprinted from Seasons of the Spirit Curriculum; Invocation reprinted from Andrea L Sonde Anastos, The Clergy Journal; Unison Prayer of Dedication reprinted from Led By Love by Lavon Bayler*

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*Hymn Leader This Morning: Amy Ogden*

*Ushers This Morning: Bill Blaker, Jim DeMay, Jay Garrett-Larsen, Carla DeMeco*

*Live Stream Team This Morning: Don Raw, Jr. & Matt Berry*

## *Happy Birthday*

May 23 – Rachel McFadden, Oscar Leasure

May 25 – Pat Smith, Barb Stahl, Joe Gilbert, Beth Weeden

May 26 – Elena Muscato

May 27 – Marie Oakleaf

## *Prayer List*

**Ancy & Kira** (Fred Henry's friend); **Steve Beck** (Heidi Schwarz's brother); **Brad Bliss**; **Boucher Family** (Jan Waxman's friends) **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); **Bob Graumann** (Don DeSmith's friend); **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); **John Spare**; **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 23 – Pentecost Worship 10:30 In Person & Live stream; hybrid Sunday School, AED Training 11:45 and Deacons meeting in person

Monday May 24 – Reopening Committee Meeting 7:00 Zoom

Tues. May 25 - Men's Grp 8:00; Rughookers 10:00; SCR Grp A 10:30 Zoom; SCR Grp C Zoom 1:00

Wed May 26 - TOPS 10:00

Thurs. May 27 - SCR Grp B 10:30 Zoom; SCR Grp D 7:00 Zoom

Friday May 28 – Prayer Shawl 2:00

Sunday May 30 – Memorial Day Worship In Person & Live Stream 10:30; hybrid Sunday School  
Rev. Heidi Taylor Supply, Dawn away Sat – Monday

Monday May 31 – Memorial Day - Office closed



## 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.