

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

Pentecost & Confirmation Sunday
Confirmands & Mentors, Lay Readers

May 28, 2023 Worship 10:30 AM

PRELUDE *Come Holy Ghost, Our Souls Inspire* arr. Wilbur Held

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP Heidi Schwarz

Leader: God speaks to us

People: In the riches of creation

Leader: God speaks to us

People: In the stories of Jesus

Leader: God speaks to us

People: In the lives of other people

Leader: God speaks to us

People: In words and ways that we can understand

Leader: God of fire and beauty

People: Warm us

Leader: God of peace and justice

People: Disturb us

Leader: God of wind and wonder

People: Amaze us

Leader: God of Pentecost

People: Kindle your love in our lives

*HYMN # 326 *Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness*

*INVOCATION Kathy Ward

We believe in a loving God, whose Word sustains our lives and the work of our hands in the world. God is life. We believe in God's Son amongst us, sowing the seed of life's renewal. He lived with the poor to show the meaning of love. Jesus Christ is Lord. We believe in the Holy Spirit of Life, making us one with God, renewing our strength with Her own. The Spirit is love. Amen.

*LORD'S PRAYER Guy Burns

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 *Fall on Me* J. Paul Williams/Douglas Nolan

CONFIRMATION CEREMONY (insert)

HEBREW BIBLE Pg # 533 *Psalms 104: 24-33* Adeline Rudolph

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

MEMORIAL DAY REMEMBRANCE AND MORNING PRAYER

EPISTLE LESSON Pg # 109 *Acts 2:1- 8; 11-18* Confirmands

MEDITATION *Special Delivery* Rev. Dawn Garrett-Larsen

OFFERTORY *O Jesus, I Have Promised* arr. David H Hogarty

*DOXOLOGY # 34

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

O God, we have thirsted, and you provided water. We have been hungry, and you have fed us. We have been torn and bewildered and you gave us your peace. We rejoice and give thanks for all your gifts. May our offerings and our lives witness to rebirth and renewal. Send us into your world strengthened and freed by the Holy Spirit to respond to people and circumstances as Christ's disciples. Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION (Bread is Gluten Free so all may partake)

Chorus: **Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelu-jah!**

*HYMN # 680 *Borning Cry*

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Now Thank We All Our God* arr. James D. Kimball

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

Call to Worship & Invocation from Fire and Bread, Ruth Burges; Prayer of Dedication reprinted from Fresh Winds of the Spirit, Book 2 by Lavon Bayler

Greeters This Morning: Richard Moyle & Lynne Shoemaker

Ushers This Morning: Dave Sauter & Peggy Hollister, Debbie Wilbur, Rhonda Nyerges, George Herren, Jean Landes, Fred Henry, Tim Schneider

Live Stream This Morning: Mike Ryan

Coffee Hour Host: Lin Case & Choir Altos



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

- 5/30 Mike Nyerges – Griffin Bond
5/31 Josiah Dutcher – Abbie Dutcher
6/2 Beauden Leasure
6/3 Tim Clancy – Cathy Brooks

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); **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

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| Sun May 28 | | <i>Pentecost ~ Confirmation ~ Communion</i> |
| | 11:45 | Deacon's Meeting |
| Mon May 29 | | <i>Memorial Day ~ Office Closed</i> |
| Tue May 30 | 8:00 | Men's Group |
| | 10:00 | Rug Hookers/Assembly Room |
| | 10:30 | Literacy Volunteers/Social Room |
| Wed May 31 | 10:00 | TOPS/Assembly Room |
| Fri Jun 2 | TBA | Picnic Set Up |
| Sun Jun 4 | 10:30 | <i>Church Picnic ~ Sauter's</i> |
| | 2:00 | Madrigal Load In |