

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

Seventh Sunday of Easter
Don Oakleaf, Lay Reader

May 29, 2022

Worship 10:30 AM

PRELUDE *Elegy* G. T. Talben-Ball

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: In a world filled with violence and war,

People: we gather together to celebrate the promise of peace.

Leader: In a world filled with tyranny and oppression,

People: we gather together to celebrate the promise of justice for all.

Leader: In a world filled with hunger and greed,

People: we gather together to celebrate the promise of plenty for all.

Leader: Our hope is in the name of the Almighty God,

People: the Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer of heaven and earth.

*HYMN # 31 *I Sing the Almighty Power of God*

*INVOCATION

As we pause to lift our hearts and minds in prayer, let us be mindful of those who have laid down their lives in the service of their country. O God, we ask your strength, that we might dedicate ourselves to perfecting your kingdom of peace and justice among national. Let us give thanks for the many blessings of freedom which we possess, purchased at the cost of many lives and sacrifices. Fill us with courage to fulfill our tasks and in no way break faith with the fallen. We commend these fallen to your mercy and ask that you give them eternal rest. This we ask and pray in your name. 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 *It Is Well with My Soul* arr. John Ness Beck

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN AND YOUTH

EPISTLE LESSON *Revelation 22: 12-14; 16-17, 20-21* Pg. 237

MEMORIAL DAY LITANY

*HYMN # 731 *My Country 'Tis of Thee*

MORNING PRAYER

GOSPEL LESSON *John 17: 20-26* Pg. 104

SERMON *Endings and Beginnings* Rev. Dawn Garrett-Larsen

OFFERTORY *Meditation* Robert J. Powell

*DOXOLOGY # 34

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

With joy and gladness, we dedicate our gifts to the service of Jesus Christ. May the abused find solace and courage; abusers be led to new awareness, sensitivity, and change; prisoners know release from bondage; and all humankind be led to accept the saving grace of Jesus Christ. To this end, we offer ourselves with these gifts. Use us as ambassadors of your love. Amen.

*HYMN # 621 *For the Healing of the Nations*

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Rondo on a Fanfare* Robert J. Powell

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

Call to Worship reprinted from On Earth as in Heaven: Praying for Peace, MCC Peace Sunday Packet; Invocation adapted and reprinted from Refuse and Strength-Prayers for the Military and their Families Theodore W. Edwards, Jr.; Unison Prayer of Dedication reprinted from Gathered by Love by Lavon Bayler; Memorial Day Litany by Wayne Arnason, adapted and reprinted.

Greeters This Morning: Cathy Brooks, Barb Sarkis
Ushers This Morning: Guy Burns, Carla DeMeco, Marie & Don Oakleaf
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

May 30 Mike Nyerges ~ Griffin Bond
May 31 Josiah Dutcher ~ Abbie Dutcher
June 2 Beauden Leasure
June 3 Tim Clancy ~ Cathy Brooks
June 4 Jean Trost ~ John Miller Jr.

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/Dworesky 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

Mon May 30		<i>Memorial Day ~ Office Closed</i>
Tue May 31	8:00	Men's Group
	10:00	Rug Hookers
Sun Jun 5	10:30	Worship In-Person & Live Stream at Sauter's Church Picnic
Jun 5-12		Hayes Room Unavailable – Madrigal
Tue Jun 7	8:00	Men's Group
	10:00	Rug Hookers
Sat Jun 11	6:00	Madrigal Performance/Chapel
Sun Jun 12	9:00	Choir
	10:30	Worship In-Person & Live Stream, Sunday School New Members Welcomed
	2:00	Madrigal Performance/Chapel

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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.