

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

Fifth Sunday of Easter  
Laurie Stoutz, Lay Reader

May 7, 2023

Worship 10:30 AM

PRELUDE *Meditation on Adoro te Devote* arr. Alfred V. Fedak

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Gaze into heaven and see the glory of God. Lift up your eyes to behold the risen Christ.

**People: God is our rock of refuge, a strong fortress. Christ leads us and guides us every day.**

Leader: Indeed, you have tasted the goodness of God. You have known the presence of Christ, God's chosen one.

**People: Every day we long for pure spiritual milk. Each day, we are inspired by the living Christ.**

Leader: Then let us lay our troubles at Christ's feet. Let us enter the sanctuary God prepares for us.

**People: We have come to find the way, the truth, and the life. We are here to ask and to receive and to serve.**

\*HYMN # 14 *Now Thank We All Our God*

\*INVOCATION

**Open your heavens to us, God of all worlds. We long for the pure spiritual milk you provide so we may grow into salvation. We are your people, sisters and brothers of your Chosen One. Let us this day be built into a spiritual house, a community of your faithful people. Keep us from judging those whose views differ from our own, or from throwing stones at those with whom we disagree, Incline your ear to us and rescue us from ourselves, we pray in Jesus' 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 *Christ Is With Us* Don Besig and Nancy Price

HEBREW BIBLE LESSON *1 Peter 2: 2-7* Pg # 213

\*HYMN # 293 *Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna!*

MORNING PRAYER

GOSPEL LESSON *John 14: 1-7* Pg # 101

COMMUNION MEDITATION *Becoming Living Stones* Rev. Dawn Garrett-Larsen

OFFERTORY *Improvisation on Adoro te Devote* David Lasky

\*DOXOLOGY

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**We dedicate these gifts and ourselves to you, Generous God, for we want to accomplish the greater works to which Christ calls us. Increase our generosity that we may learn to give in proportion to the mercy we have received. Ready us for the sacrifices that may be required of all who seek to live in faithful response to the way, the truth, and the life. May the programs supported by our offerings turn us and many others from our vain idols and distracting pursuits. Amen.**

\*COMMUNION HYMN # 698 *Let Us Talent's and Tongues Employ*

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to the Table, Consecration, and Sharing of the Bread and Cup, Thanksgiving  
*(The communion bread is gluten and nut free so that all may partake together)*

\*HYMN # 615 *Community of Christ*

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *I'll Praise My Maker While I've Breath* Robert J. Powell

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

*Call to Worship and Invocation reprinted from Taught By Love, Lavon Baylor; 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, Jim Hilton, Dan Casella  
**Live Stream This Morning:** John Maguire  
**Coffee Hour Host:** Nancy Ward & the Choir Sopranos*

**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 7 Cass Roberts  
May 8 Don Oakleaf - William Maxfield  
May 11 Janet Tenreiro  
May 12 Dolores Kruchten - Kay Muscato  
May 13 George Braddon – Andy Gajewski

## 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**; **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); **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 7	2:00	Camerata Rehearsal
	3:00	Camerata Performance
Mon May 8	10:00	Public Image Committee/Dawn's Office
Tue May 9	8:00	Men's Group
	10:00	Rug Hookers/Assembly Room
	10:30	Literacy Volunteers/Social Room
	7:00	Trustees
Wed May 10	10:00	TOPS/Downstairs Room
	12:00	P.E.O./Social Room
	6:00	Handbell Rehearsal/Hayes Room
Thu May 11	1:00	GVA Meets Here
	4:00	Staff Meeting/Hayes Room
Sun May 14		<b>Mother's Day</b>
	8:30	<b>Choir – Note Time Change</b>
	9:30	Handbell Rehearsal
	10:30	Worship with Handbells - In-Person & Live Stream, Sunday School

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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.