

**FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

Rev. Dawn Garrett-Larsen, Pastor

Mother's Day

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Samaya Morse, Lay Reader

May 9, 2021

Worship 10:30 AM

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *Ava Maria* by Franz Schubert; arr. by Raymond H. Herbek

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: From across the sands of the desert came the still small Voice.

People: Gentle Wind, Breath of God, Holy Spirit

Leader: The Voice found home in the Prophets, "thus says the Lord."

**People: Let my people go. Let justice roll down like waters
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.**

Do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with God.

Leader: The Voice came among us in the flesh.

People: Just as I have loved you, so you should love one another.

Leader: As we worship today, the Voice grows within us

People: in our praying, in our singing, in our telling.

Leader: Speak, Lord, for we, your people, are listening.

*HYMN #612 *When Love is Found*

INVOCATION (Unison)

God of love, you have loved us with an everlasting love. You have taught us to love one another with a love that is broader and deeper than we could ever imagine. Grant us the strength to love you with our whole selves: body, mind, heart, and soul. Grant us the strength to love our sisters and brothers without exception. Grant us the strength to love creation not merely for what it can give us, but because our health and holiness is woven – warp and weft – with its health and holiness. God of love, you have chosen to call us friends. Grant us the faith to be your friends by honoring you in every atom that you inhabit. Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER (Trespases)

*GLORIA PATRI

A LITANY FOR MOTHER'S DAY (insert)

YELLOW ROSE DISTRIBUTION

HEBREW BIBLE LESSON *Psalm 98*

*HYMN #502 *Be Thou My Vision*

MORNING PRAYER

GOSPEL LESSON *John 15: 9-17*

SERMON *Beloved* Rev. Dawn Garrett-Larsen

OFFERING OF SPECIAL MUSIC *The Gift of Love*
English Folk Tune arr. by Hal Hopson - Edie Rice, Vocals

*DOXOLOGY

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Unison)

Generous and loving God, we dedicate to your service the work of our hands, the earnings of our time and efforts, and our vision for the future. May faith sustain us as we offer our best to you in praise and thanksgiving and joyous dedication. We seek to work for the reign of your truth and extension of the friendship granted to us in Jesus Christ. Let our offering bear fruit in the lives of all who are helped by it. Amen.

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

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Triumphal March* by GW Handel

*Please stand if you are able.

*Hymn Leaders This Morning: Edie and Dan Rice
Ushers This Morning: Bill & Sue Blaker, Guy Burns, Jim DeMay
Live Stream This Morning: Don Raw, Jr.*

Call to Worship by Rev. Nathan Decker; *Invocation* adapted and reprinted from *Prayers on the Lessons* by Andrea La Sonde Anastos; *Unison Prayer of Dedication* reprinted from *Led By Love* by Lavon Bayler; *Litany for Mother's Day* written by Christine Sine on the Godspace website.

Happy Birthday

May 11 – Janet Tenreiro

May 14 – Lea Brosche

May 12 – Dolores Kruchten, Kay Muscato

May 15 – Jane Wheeler

May 13 – George Braddon, Andy Gajewski

Prayer List

Ancy & Kira (Fred Henry's friend); **Steve Beck** (Heidi Schwarz's brother); **Mary Anne Bell** (Debbie Wilbur's mom); **Brad Bliss**; **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); **Carin Herren**; **Bob Graumann** (Don DeSmith's friend); **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 9 – Mother's Day Yellow Roses, Worship 10:30 In Person & Live stream; hybrid Sunday School

Monday May 10 – Study Grp 9:00; Trustees 4:00 In Person Social Rooms; Study Grp 5:00

Tues. May 11 – Men's Grp 8:00; Study Grp 9:00; Rughookers 10:00; SCR Grp A Zoom 10:30; SCR Grp C 1:00 Zoom

Wed. May 12 - Study Grp 9:00; TOPS 10:00

Thurs. May 13 - SCR Grp B 10:30 Zoom; SCR Grp D 7:00 Zoom

Sat. May 15 – Virtual MS Walk, more info to follow

Sunday May 16 - Worship In Person & Live stream 10:30; hybrid Sunday School; Social Action 11:45 Zoom

Monday May 17 – Study Grp 9:00; Study Grp 5:30; SCR Planning Team 7:00 Zoom

Tuesday May 18 – Men's Grp 8:00; Study Grp 9:00; Rughookers 10:00; Council 7:00 Zoom

Wed. May 19 – Study Grp 9:00; TOPS 10:00

Sunday May 23 – Pentecost Worship (WEAR RED!) 10:30 In Person & Live stream; hybrid Sunday School, AED Training 11:45; Congregational Life 12:30

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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.**