

**FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
Rev. Dawn Garrett-Larsen, Pastor
Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
Kathy Ward, Lay Reader**

November 12, 2023

Worship 9:30 AM

PRELUDE *Amazing Grace* arr. Raymond H. Haan

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: On this day, we remember those who have served in our armed forces
Prince of Peace, even as we pray for an end to war,

**People: We give thanks for our soldiers' courage, for their love of country,
and for their work to bring peace to our world.**

Leader: Healer of All, bind up the wounds of all who have served

People: Show us how to comfort those who are hurting.

Leader: Merciful God, all suffer the cost of war.

**People: We remember widows and widowers, orphans,
and all those separated from those they love.**

Leader: We pray, Gracious God,
that swords will be turned into plowshares and that peace will reign.

**People: We give thanks for all who have served. Shield from danger those who
bravely protect us. With them, may we glory not in war, but in your love and
righteousness. Strengthen us to be your peacemakers in the world. Amen**

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

*INVOCATION

**God of many names, we invite your presence; be with us this morning. As we gather
to worship you, fill our hearts with love and justice. Be with us as we honor our
veterans of wartime; teach us how to care for those who have borne arms in our
names. Be with us as we honor our veterans of peacetime; teach us to care for all
who step forward even without the certainty that all will remain calm. Spirit of Love,
war is never holy. Help us to remember that each of those who are called to service is
a beloved soul. Be with us as we strive to create a community that is good and safe
enough to welcome them home. Help their souls to heal, that they may know
themselves to be both holy and whole. Be with all of your children, today and every
day. 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 *Domine Fili Unigenite from Gloria* Antonio Vivaldi

RESOURCE SPEAKERS Susie & John Shafer

HEBREW BIBLE LESSON *Psalms 78: 1-7* Pg # 517

*HYMN # 612 *When Love is Found*

VETERANS' DAY LITANY – See Insert

MORNING PRAYER

GOSPEL LESSON *Matthew 25: 31-46* Pg # 27

SERMON *Share in Justice and Love* Rev. Dawn Garrett-Larsen

OFFERTORY *Faith of Our Fathers* arr. Michael Burkhardt

*DOXOLOGY # 34

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**You have trusted us with abundance, Gracious Provider, and we are grateful. You
have comforted and delivered us in times of trouble, and for this we pour out our
thanks. When our lamps have gone out, you have not condemned us but have sent
fresh vision and energy. We bring ourselves with our gifts, asking you to help us use
all we have in the best possible ways. Amen.**

*HYMN # 580 *We Are Called To Be God's People*

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Amazing Grace* arr. Raymond H. Haan

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

*Call to Worship reprinted from website; Invocation adapted from Wren Bellavance-Grace;
Prayer of Dedication reprinted from Fresh Winds of the Spirit, Book 2 by Lavon Bayler*

Ushers This Morning: Peggy Hollister, Dan Casellas, Mike & Nancy Parsons
Live Stream This Morning: John Maguire
Coffee Hour Host: Worship Committee



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

- 12 Quinn Morris-Smith
- 15 Fred Henry
- 17 Katie Harris-Maxwell

Prayer List

Connie Barrett; Carol Birx (friend of the Casellas Family); **Marjorie Case; Hector Casellas** (Dan's father); **Cheryl** (Jennifer Maxfield's sister-in-law); **Judy Clark** (friend of the Casellas Family); **Abby Coons** (Carl & JoAnn Reed's friend); **Carol & Kent** (Karen's friends); **Cathy Coots; Glenn & Karen DeHond; Marilyn DeSmith; Max Grossman** (George Herren's friend); **Carin Herren; Barb Iglewski; Anne Jensen** (friend of Jim & Connie Fredericks-Malone); **John** (Lin's nephew); **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); **Helen Rudolph** (Kurt's Mom); **Alexander Saxby** (Son-in-law of Phil and Kathi Nevin); **Judy Silvestrone** (Kathy Postma's sister), **Pat Smith; Dr. Steven Smith & Family** (Jessica & Dan Casellas' friends); **Josh Yeo** (Barb Stahl's friend); **Jason Zeller** (Kathy Ward's son); **Jim Ziegler;**
all those who struggle with poverty and homelessness, especially those who receive food and gas card support

Calendar

Sun Nov 12	11:45	Family Breakfast/Social Rooms
	1:00	Connie's Concert for All Are Welcome/Sanctuary
Mon Nov 13	9:30	Safety Task Force/Hayes Room
	5:30	Pastor Parish Committee/Assembly Room
Tue Nov 14	8:00	Men's Group
	7:00	Trustees/Hayes Room
Thu Nov 16	10:00	Adult Ed
Sun Nov 19	9:00	Choir
	10:30	Worship In-Person & Live Stream, Sunday School
	2:00	Christmas Carol/Chapel – to benefit ARC

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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.