

**FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost**

Rev. Dawn Garrett-Larsen, Pastor  
Jay Garrett-Larsen, Lay Reader

November 15, 2020

Worship 10:30 AM

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *All People That on Earth Do Dwell* arr. Robert A. Hobby

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: A journey of many miles begins with a single step.

**People: Guide us and support us in our journey, O God.**

Leader: I was happy when they said to me, "Let us go up to the house of the Lord!"

**People: Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, that God may teach us  
God's ways.**

Leader: God's ways are not our ways; God's ways are not of our making.

**People: God's ways are peace, love, and joy, removing fear from our lives.**

Leader: God has called us to God's Holy Mountain, to learn the ways of peace, love, and  
joy.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

HYMN *For The Fruit of All Creation* (Please listen but do not sing)

*For the fruits of all creation, thanks be to God.*

*For the gifts to every nation, thanks be to God.*

*For the plowing, sowing, reaping, silent growth while we are sleeping,*

*Future needs in earth's safe keeping, thanks be to God.*

*In the just reward of labor, God's will is done.*

*In the help we give our neighbor, God's will is done.*

*In our world-wide task of caring for the hungry and despairing,*

*In the harvests we are sharing, God's will is done.*

INVOCATION (in unison)

**Creator of the Universe, preserve us from our own presumption. Do not let us close  
into ourselves but open us continually into You. Let us be more in love with You  
than with our notions of You. Let us stop claiming to know everything so that we  
may understand something. Increase in us, kindness. Make us people who care and  
who take care, who venerate the truth and recognize each other. Draw us with an  
irresistible beauty! We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER (Trespases)

\*GLORIA PATRI *(Please listen but do not sing)*

RESOURCE SPEAKER

Jessica Casellas

GOSPEL LESSON

*Matthew 25: 14-29*

MORNING PRAYER

EPISTLE LESSON

*Romans 12: 9-18*

SERMON

*The Stakes are High*

Rev. Dawn Garrett-Larsen

OFFERING OF SPECIAL MUSIC

*How Great Thou Art*

arr. Grant K. Hine

*Connie Fredericks-Malone*

\*DOXOLOGY *(Please listen but do not sing)*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (in unison)

**Bring now a portion of the abundance God has committed to your care as an  
offering of thanksgiving. God rewards our faithfulness with further opportunities  
and responsibilities, with deeper fulfillment and joy. Let all around bring gifts to  
God, who is to be feared and honored. Amen.**

HYMN

*Be Thou My Vision* (Please listen but do not sing)

*Be thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that thou art--  
thou my best thought by day or by night, waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.*

*Be thou my Wisdom, and thou my true Word; I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
thou and thou only, first in my heart, high King of heaven, my Treasure thou art.*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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*Call to Worship reprinted from Celebrating Justice & Liberation; Linda McKiernan-Allen; Chalice Press, C. 2003; Invocation  
adapted and reprinted from Prayers for a Thousand Years; Rabia Terri Harris; Book edited by Elizabeth Roberts and Elias Amidon;  
HarperSanFrancisco, C. 1999; Unison Prayer of Dedication reprinted from Fresh Winds of the Spirit, Book 2 by Lavon Bayler*

\*Please stand if you are able.

*Happy Birthday*

Nov. 15 – Fred Henry

Nov. 17 – Katie Harris-Maxwell

### CALLING ALL USED COATS! SALVATION ARMY COAT DRIVE

If you are a used winter coat for a person of any age or size and are in good condition, clean and mended, you could help keep someone warm this winter.

Tell your owner to bring you to church any Sunday from now until the end of November and put in the large box under the **coat rack at the top of the back stairs.**

These coats will be donated to the Salvation Army. The coat collection is sponsored by the Social Action Committee. Thanks, and stay warm!

#### *Prayer List*

**Muriel Allemand** (Jim & Connie Malone's friend); **Steve Beck** (Heidi Schwarz's brother); **Brad Bliss; Marjorie Case; Cheryl** (Dennis Maxfield's sister-in-law); **Cathy Coots; Peggy & Bob DeSantis** (Dorice & Don Raw, Sr.'s friends); **Julie English** (Janet & Kim Tenreiro's friend); **Family of Melanie** (Dennis & Jennifer Maxfield's niece); **Brian Fuscaldo** (Mara Huberlie's nephew); **Jerry Gomez** (Kathi Nacca's friend); **Carin Herren; Jim and Carolyn** (Amy Ogden's friends); **Barb Kutner; Jim Kolesar** (George & Carin Herren's friend); **Sue Kotalik; Michelle List** (JoAnn Reed's friend); **Loren** (Meg & 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); **Claude Peters; Chris Pritchard** (Rick, Cindy Mullen & George Herren's friend); **Jack and Meg Radley; Sara** (Meg & Jack Radley's granddaughter); **Scott and Amanda** (nephew and niece of Don & Marilyn DeSmith); **John Paul and Pat Smith; Smith/Dworetsky Family** (Okke & Kathy Postma's friends); **Sally Stowell** (Alice Berry's mother); **Walker** (Don & Dorice Raw's friend); **Tom Wallace** (Jackie Lowe's significant other); **Kathy Ward; Gordon Wenner** (George & Carin Herren's friend); **Merle Winn** (Amy Ogden's friend); **Josh Yeo** (Barb Stahl's friend); **Jason Zeller** (Kathy Ward's son); **Linda Zeller** (Kathy Ward's daughter in law)

### **SAVE THE DATES! BELL RINGERS NEEDED**

The Salvation Army Red Kettle Drive is scheduled for **December 11 from 3-7 pm** and **December 12 from 10-7** in Runnings store Lobby. Sign-up begins November 15-Dec 10:

In person: before and after church sign ups

Email: [mdaniel3@rochester.rr.com](mailto:mdaniel3@rochester.rr.com)

Phone: 585-394-9274

Masks are required and gloves will be provided. Contact Marty Daniels with any questions or concerns and THANK YOU for supporting this annual event!

#### *Calendar*

Mon. Nov 16- Study Group 9 Chapel;

Tues. Nov 17 – Men's Group Gateway 8; Study Group 9 Chapel; Rughooking 10 Dining Room; Council 7:00

Wed. Nov 18 - Study Group 9 Chapel; TOPS 10 Basement; Study Group 1:30 Youth Rm

Sun. Nov 22 - Worship & Sunday School; resource speaker; Alicia's 10 year Anniv. Celebration; Social Action 12:45 Zoom

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### We're a Different Kind of Church

- ❖ 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.