

**FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

Rev. Dawn Garrett-Larsen, Pastor

Thanksgiving Sunday

Lynne Shoemaker, Lay Reader

November 21, 2021

Worship 10:30 AM

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*Simple Gifts*

Ringers: Elaine & Jim Hilton, Kelly Meath, Carol Benner,  
Lynn & Chris Sohn, Stu Gillim, Laura Gillim.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: O Holy One, we run through the fields and gathered flowers of a thousand colors,

**People: And now we pour them out at your feet.**

Leader: Their beauty and their brightness shout for joy in Your Presence.

**People: You created the flowers of the fields and made each one far more lovely than any person could design.**

Leader: Accept our joy along with theirs, this field of blossoms at your feet

**People: Holy One, as the wind blows through these flowers till they dance in the ecstasy of creation, send Your Spirit to blow through us till we too bloom and dance with the fullness of Your life.**

\*HYMN # 81

*We Gather Together*

\*INVOCATIONS

**O God of Hospitality, we praise you for the opportunity to welcome new members here today. We thank you for their stories, their faith journeys, their diversity of gifts. May we who have been here awhile be zealous in our willingness to listen and to learn. Make us open to revised visions and new perspectives, we pray. Help us to provide a nurturing environment for these new friends as we invite them into our church and into our lives. Enable us to take time for one another as we establish a shared faith and a common history. Bless us all, O God, as we worship together and seek to be your servants in a needy world. 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

WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS (insert)

ANTHEM

*Praise to God, Immortal Praise*

Patti Drennan

RESOURCE SPEAKER

Daisy Case

HEBREW BIBLE LESSON

*Isaiah 9:2,6-7*

\*HYMN # 243

*Songs of Thankfulness & Praise*

MORNING PRAYER

GOSPEL LESSON

*Matthew 6:25-33*

MEDITATION

*What if You Are the Light?* Rev. Dawn Garrett-Larsen

DEDICATION OF HAND CHIMES

OFFERTORY

*For the Beauty of the Earth*

\*DOXOLOGY # 34

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**No offering is complete unless we give ourselves with our substance. Take all that is yours and make us partners with Jesus Christ in your ministry of reconciliation. Use us as instruments of Christ's continuing revelation in the Spirit, as witnesses who live and speak your truth day by day. Amen.**

\*HYMN # 14

*Now Thank We All Our God*

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Now Let Us Rise and Hymn the Grace*

Robert Powell

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

*Call to Worship and Invocation source unknown; Unison Prayer of Dedication reprinted from Led By Love by Lavon Bayler*

*Greeters This Morning: Carla DeMeco, Sue Hawkes  
Ushers This Morning: Preston Pierce, Guy Burns, Jim & Karen DeMay  
Live Stream This Morning: Matt Berry*

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*

November 24 ~ Kevin Murphy

November 26 ~ Sharon Day

*Prayer List*

**Ancy & Kira** (Fred Henry's friend); **Keith Blaker; Brad Bliss; the Family of David Bliss** (Alicia Francis' stepfather); **Marjorie Case; the Family of Sherwood "Skip" Chapman; 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); **Brian Fuscaldo** (Mara Huberlie's nephew); **Bob Graumann** (Don DeSmith's friend); **Max Grossman** (George Herren's friend); **Carin Herren; Mara Huberlie; Barb Iglewski; Peter Ingalls** (Jean Ingall's son); **Jim and Carolyn** (Amy Ogden's friends); **Jim Kolesar** (George & Carin Herren's friend); **John** (Lin's nephew); **Sue Kotalik; Michelle List** (JoAnn Reed's friend); **Loren** (Jack Radley's friend); **Lynn** (Joan Ryan's friend); **Eileen McCarthy** (Carla DeMeco & Betsy Dresser's friend); **Liz Nelson** (Kathy Ward's friend); **Norman** (Jennifer Maxfield's uncle); **Chris Pritchard** (Rick, Cindy Mullen & George Herren's friend); **Jack Radley; Don Raw, Sr.; Don Raw, Jr.; Sara** (Jack Radley's granddaughter); **Smith/Dworetzky Family** (Okke & Kathy Postma's friends); **Pat Smith; Dr. Steven Smith & Family** (Jessica & Dan Casellas' friends); **Betsey Stout; Sara Szrama** (Sally Mueller's granddaughter); **Gordon Wenner** (George & Carin Herren's friend); **Josh Yeo** (Barb Stahl's friend); **Jason and Linda Zeller** (Kathy Ward's son and daughter); **Jim Ziegler** (Purple's son-in-law)

*Calendar*

Tue Nov 23	8:00	Men's Group
	9:30	Thanksgiving Baskets
	10:00	Rug Hookers
Thu Nov 25		THANKSGIVING DAY
Fri Nov 26		CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
Sun Nov 28		<i>First day of Advent ~ Choir Stole</i>
		<i>Dedication/Memorial John Rugg</i>
	9:00	Choir
	10:30	Worship In Person & Live stream; Resource
		Speaker; Sunday School
Mon Nov 29	7:00	Camerata Rehearsal in Sanctuary
Tue Nov 30	8:00	Men's Group
	10:00	Rug Hookers