

**FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

Rev. Dawn Garrett-Larsen, Pastor  
Ian Schwab, Mariena and Regina Schneider, Lay Readers

November 22, 2020

Worship 10:30 AM

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*Thanks Be To Thee*

G. F. Handel

CALL TO WORSHIP

Regina Schneider

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Spirit whose restless energy dances through all creation.

**People: Spirit of creation and community we celebrate your power.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Spirit whose tender embrace gives birth to our longing.

**People: Spirit of creation and community we celebrate your power.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Spirit whose urgent voice summons us to justice.

**People: Spirit of creation and community we celebrate your power.**

Leader: Let us give thanks for the first-fruits of the earth and rejoice in the Spirit who gives bread for our hunger.

**People: Spirit of creation and community we celebrate your power.**

Leader: Let us give thanks for the cup of salvation and rejoice in the Spirit who gives wine for our sharing.

**People: Spirit of creation and community we celebrate your power.**

Leader: Let us give thanks for the food of today as we long for the feasting of all creation.

**People: Spirit of creation and community we celebrate your power.**

HYMN

*Come Ye Thankful People, Come* (Please listen but do not sing)

*Come, ye thankful people, come, raise the song of harvest home.  
All is safely gathered in, ere the winter storms begin.  
God our Maker, does provide for our wants to be supplied;  
come to God's own temple, come, raise the song of harvest home.*

*All the world is God's own field, fruit unto his praise to yield;  
wheat and tares together sown, unto joy or sorrows grown.  
First the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn shall appear,  
Lord of harvest, grant that we whole-some grain and pure may be.*

INVOCATION (in unison)

Ian Schwab

**Thank you, Creator of the universe, for the people gathered around us today. We give thanks for the things of the earth that give us the means of life. Thank you for the plants, animals, and birds that we use as food and medicine. Thank you for the natural world, in which we find the means to be clothed and housed. Thank you, Lord, for the ability to use these gifts of the natural world. Help us to see our place among these gifts, not to squander them or think of them as means for selfish gain. May we respect the life of all you have made. May our spirits be strengthened by using only what we need, and may we use our strength to help those in need. Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER (Trespases)

\*GLORIA PATRI

*(Please listen but do not sing)*

RESOURCE SPEAKER

Samaya Morse

HEBREW BIBLE LESSON

*Deuteronomy 8:7-18*

Mariena Schneider

MORNING PRAYER

GOSPEL LESSON

*Luke 17:11-19*

SERMON

*Thanks-Giving*

Rev. Dawn Garrett-Larsen

OFFERING OF SPECIAL MUSIC

*We Gather Together*

arr. Phillip Keveren

Hannah Cox, cello; Edie Rice, piano

\*DOXOLOGY

*(Please listen but do not sing)*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (in unison)

**For drawing us to the mountain heights, O God, we give thanks. For feeding and strengthening us, even as you watch over us, we give you our praise. For health and warmth and guidance, we pour out our gratitude. Because you have invited us into your presence, we would share the joy, in person and through our resources. Amen.**

HYMN

*Now Thank We All Our God*

(Please listen but do not sing)

*Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices,  
who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices;  
who from our mothers' arms has blessed us on our way  
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.*

*All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,  
the Son, and him who reigns with them in highest heaven,  
the one eternal God, whom earth and heaven adore;  
for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.*

## BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Now Thank We All Our God*  
\*Please stand if you are able.

Sigfrid Karg-Elert

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### *Happy Birthday*

Nov. 23 – Grady Francis                      Nov. 26 – Sharon Day  
Nov. 24 – Kevin Murphy                      Nov. 28 – Betsy Cox

### *Prayer List*

**Muriel Allemand** (Jim & Connie Malone's friend); **Steve Beck** (Heidi Schwarz's brother); **Curt Bailey's family**; **Keith, Emily, Hannah, Bill and Sue Blaker**; **Brad Bliss**; **Marjorie Case**; **Cheryl** (Dennis Maxfield's sister-in-law); **Cathy Coots**; **Charley** (brother of Marilyn DeSmith); **Peggy & Bob DeSantis** (Dorice & Don Raw, Sr.'s friends); **Julie English** (Janet & Kim Tenreiro's friend); **Brian Fuscaldo** (Mara Huberlie's nephew); **Jerry Gomez** (Kathi Nacca's friend); **Tom Hermet and Family**; **Carin Herren**; **Jim and Carolyn** (Amy Ogden's friends); **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); **Chris Pritchard** (Rick, Cindy Mullen & George Herren's friend); **Jack and Meg Radley**; **Sara** (Meg & Jack Radley's granddaughter); **Smith/Dworetzky 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)

### *Calendar*

Mon. Nov 23 - Study Group 9 Chapel  
Tues. Nov 24 - Men's Group Gateway 8; Study Group 9 Chapel; Rughooking 10 Dining Room  
Thanksgiving Basket Donations Due by noon  
Wed. Nov 25 - Study Group 9 Chapel; TOPS 10 Basement; Study Group 1:30 Youth Rm  
Thurs. Nov 26 & Fri. Nov 27 – **Happy Thanksgiving; Office Closed**  
Sun. Nov 29 - Worship & Sunday School; 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent; Congregational Life 12:30  
Mon. Nov 30 – **Poinsettia Orders due**; Study Group 9 Chapel; SCR 7 Zoom

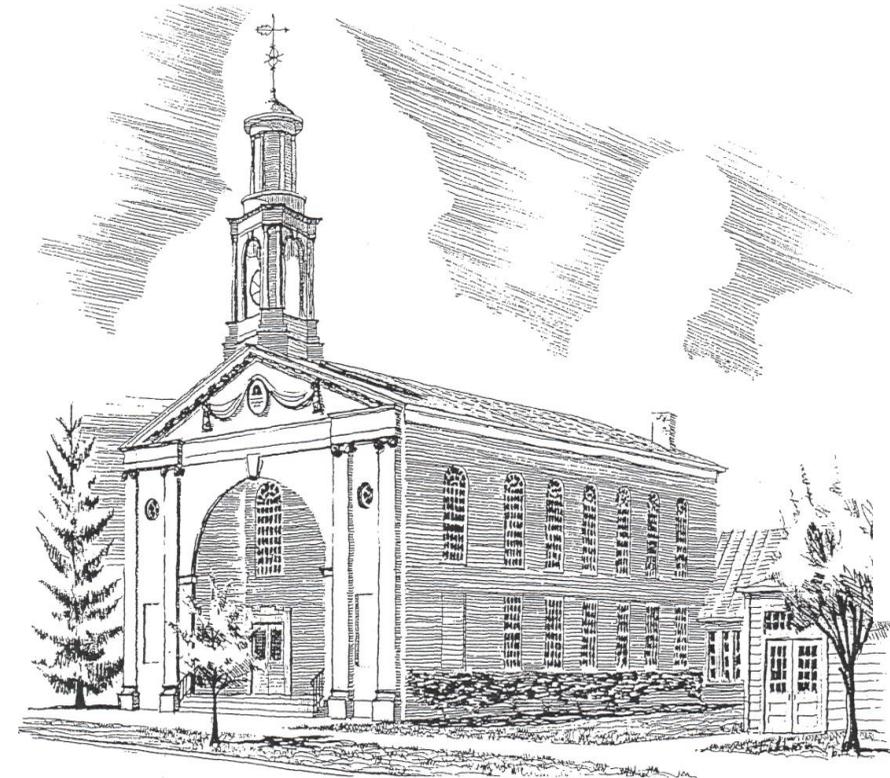
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- ❖ We value and respect diversity in the ways we express our faith.
- ❖ We enjoy thoughtful dialogue about faith issues.
- ❖ We encourage each other to work for justice and to care for people in need in our community and in our world.