

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

Rev. Dawn Garrett-Larsen, Pastor
Don Raw, Jr., Lay Reader

November 8, 2020

Worship 10:30 AM

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *Largo* by George F. Handel
Slideshow: *A Tribute to Our Veterans* Debbie Lyon

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We give our thanks to you for the gifts you have given to us –

People: our life, our family and friends -- time, talents and material possessions.

Leader: All we have comes from you, blessed God.

People: Help us to remember this always and rejoice in your generosity.

Leader: Help us on our spiritual journey, as we grow and change,

People: so that we may constantly renew our relationship with you and all people.

Leader: Give us the strength and courage to follow Jesus.

People: Help us always to hear the call to live our lives as faithful stewards. Amen.

HYMN *All Things Are Yours (Please listen but do not sing)*
*All things are yours! We make that true when we return our gifts to you.
And so we give, and so we share, in Christ's strong name expressing care.
"Give out of love" your Word commands. We are your head, your heart, your hands.
Your Word you underscore with deeds by using us to answer needs.*

INVOCATION (in unison)

Lord, everywhere we look we see the imprint of your creative love. The wondrous works of nature show your majesty. As we gather today to celebrate your love and creation, keep us mindful that we are part of that created order, meant to be stewards and not destroyers. Prepare us to work for you in ministries of peace and justice. Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER (Trespases)

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

RESOURCE SPEAKER Steve Brooks

HEBREW BIBLE LESSON

Psalm 65

MORNING PRAYER

EPISTLE LESSON

2 Corinthians 9:6-15

SERMON

The Joy of Giving

Rev. Dawn Garrett-Larsen

OFFERING OF SPECIAL MUSIC

America, the Beautiful

arr. Beck & Courtney

*DOXOLOGY

(Please listen but do not sing)

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (in unison)

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

God Whose Giving Knows No Ending (Please listen but do not sing)

*God, whose giving knows no ending, from your rich and endless store:
nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom, costly cross, grave's shattered door,
gifted by you, we turn to you, offering up ourselves in praise; thankful song shall rise
forever, gracious donor of our days.*

*Treasure, too, you have entrusted, gain through powers your grace conferred;
ours to use for home and kindred, and to spread the Gospel Word.
Open wide our hands in sharing, as we heed Christ's ageless call,
healing, teaching, and reclaiming, serving you by loving all.*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Christ is Made the Sure Foundation

arr. Robert A. Hobby

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Invocation adapted and reprinted from [Ministry Matters](http://MinistryMatters.com) website; 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. 9 – Jim Hilton & Christine Henehan

Nov. 10 – Betsy Dresser, Jack Ward, Marjorie Case & Amy Ogden

Nov. 11 – Marilyn DeSmith, Mara Huberlie & Nora Kogut

Nov. 12 – Quinn Morris-Smith

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); **Walt Lyon** (Debbie's Dad); **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); **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)

The flowers in the sanctuary today are given in memory of John Paul

Calendar

Mon. Nov 9 – Study Group 9 Chapel; Trustees 4
Tues. Nov 10 – Men's Group Gateway 8; Study Group 9 Chapel; Rughooking 10 Dining Room
Wed. Nov 11 - Study Group 9 Chapel; TOPS 10 Basement; Study Group 1:30 Youth Rm
Thurs. Nov. 12 – Pastor Parish 9 in person; Staff 4 in person
Sat. Nov 14 – Decorate for T-giving 10 Sanctuary
Sun. Nov 15 - Worship & Sunday School; resource speaker; Covenant and Installation Service Zoom 2
Mon. Nov. 16 – Sacred Conversation on Race 7 White Fragility zoom
Tues. Nov. 17 – Nominating Committee 9 in person; Church Council 7 zoom
Thurs. Nov. 19 – MLK 3 in person; Worship 7 zoom
Sun. Nov. 22 – Worship & Sunday School 10 Celebration of 10 years of Alicia Francis' ministry; Social Action zoom 12:30
Thurs and Fri. Nov 25-26 – Office closed for Thanksgiving
Monday Nov. 30 – Sacred Conversation on Race 7 Thirteenth 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.