

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

October 9, 2022

Worship 10:30 AM

PRELUDE *Partita on "Dix"* Dennis Janzer

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Who comes to this house today?

People: We come from the east to celebrate our God who has created the rising sun and has given us a new day.

Leader: Who comes to this place of worship?

People: We come from the north to remember that the One who made us has also shaped the face of icy mountains and snow-swept valleys.

Leader: Who enters into this place of sanctuary?

People: We come from the west, singing of our Maker's love and dancing with the red sun at our backs.

Leader: Who gathers as the church today?

People: We come from the south, our voices rising with the desert winds as we praise the Giver of all life.

Leader: Let us now join together as one body,

People: Worshipping God in spirit and in truth. Amen.

*HYMN # 477 *Come and Find the Quiet Center*

*INVOCATION

We are at the center of our story. Lord, your story is our beginning, our middle and our end. So, in humility you meet us right where we are, in commitment your laws teach and empower us, in trust you keep your work, you believe in us, in empathy you became flesh to live among us. We are at the center of your story. Lord, wherever we begin our journeys, throughout to the end. As we journey, help us to move forward with persistent faith, focusing less on worldly possessions, moving away from false perfections, living trustworthy lives, showing empathy for others, being hospitable and welcoming all. 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 *Festival Gloria* Patti Drennan

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN AND YOUTH

HEBREW BIBLE LESSON *Jeremiah 31: 27-34* Pg # 693

*HYMN # 22 *Let All Things Now Living*

MORNING PRAYER

GOSPEL LESSON *Luke 18:1-8* Pg # 75

SERMON *Just Keep Asking* Rev. Dawn Garrett-Larsen

OFFERTORY *I Need Thee Every Hour* Jerry Carraway

*DOXOLOGY # 34

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

We bring the fruits of our labors, the best of all we have, a portion of the bounty you entrust to us. Accept our gifts, gracious God, as a symbol of our renewed commitment. We give thanks for the wholeness you offer us amid a fragmented world. We are grateful for meaningful tasks in the midst of chaos and meaningless suffering. We dedicate ourselves and our offering to your faithful service. Amen.

*HYMN # 615 *Community of Christ*

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Allegro Maestoso, Water Music Suite* George F. Handel

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

*Call to Worship reprinted from The Rev. Anita Phillips, Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference;
Invocation reprinted from Hidden in Plain Sight, Tessa Henry-Robinson, United Reform Church, London;
Unison Prayer of Dedication reprinted from Gathered by Love by Lavon Bayler*

*Greeters This Morning: Sue Hawkes, Lin Case
Ushers This Morning:
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

Oct 10 *Elaina Harris-Maxwell*
Oct 11 *Christine McCausland*
Oct 13 *Jack McAlpin*
Oct 14 *Jack Bobsein & Nancy Ward*

Prayer List

Ancy & Family (Fred Henry's friend); **Keith Blaker**; **Marjorie Case**; **Cheryl** (Jennifer Maxfield's sister-in-law); **Judy Clark** (Jessica & Dan Casellas' and Elaine Hilton's friend); **Abby Coons** (Carl & JoAnn Reed's friend); **Cathy Coots**; **Bob DeSantis** (Dorice & Don Raw, Sr.'s friend); **Marilyn DeSmith**; **Kade Dolan** (Bonnie & John Maguire's son); **Brian Fuscaldo** (Mara Huberlie's nephew); **Max Grossman** (George Herren's friend); **John Hawkes** (Sue Hawkes nephew); **Carin Herren**; **Mara Huberlie**; **Barb Iglewski**; **Peter Ingalls** (Jean Ingall's son); **John** (Lin's nephew); **Sue Kotalik**; **Ron Krahl**; **Dennis Maxfield**; Dennis Maxfield's brother **Paul**; **Bernard** (Karen Maxfield's uncle); **Frank McAlpin** (Patrick McAlpin's father); **Chris Pritchard** (Rick, Cindy Mullen & George Herren's friend); **Don Raw, Sr.**; **Adam Robb** (Barb & Milan Kutner's nephew); **Pat Smith**; **Dr. Steven Smith & Family** (Jessica & Dan Casellas' friends); **Robin Wisniewski** (Alicia Francis' mom); **Josh Yeo** (Barb Stahl's friend); **Jason Zeller** (Kathy Ward's son); **Jim Ziegler**

Calendar

Mon Oct 10		<i>Indigenous Peoples/Columbus Day</i> <i>Office Closed</i>
Tue Oct 11	7:00	Trustees
Wed Oct 12	12:00	P.E.O. in Social Room
Thu Oct 13	10:00	Adult Education
	4:00	Staff Meeting
Sun Oct 16	9:00	Choir
	10:30	Worship In-Person & Live Stream, Sunday School
	11:45	Worship Committee
Mon Oct 17	4:00	Pastor Parish Committee
Tue Oct 18	8:00	Men's Group
	10:00	Rug Hookers
	7:00	Council/Zoom
Thu Oct 20	10:00	Adult Education
	1:00	Resource/Bulk Mail/Hayes Room
	4:00	All Are Welcome/Social Room

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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.**