

**FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

Rev. Dawn Garrett-Larsen, Pastor
Jim DeMay, Lay Reader

October 11, 2020

Worship 10:30 AM

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *Intermezzo* by William Lloyd Webber

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Let us praise God.

People: Let us give thanks to God who is good.

Leader: God's love for us is eternal.

People: God's love for us is everywhere.

Leader: But who can utter the mighty doings of God?

People: The flight of the butterfly and the dolphins that leap high into the air.

Leader: Who else can utter the mighty doings of God?

People: Children in their laughter and young mothers in their silent tears.

Leader: Who else can utter the mighty doings of God?

**People: The golden wheat fields ready to be harvested. Blossoming fruit trees,
Promising fruit in their season. The hearts of people who struggle for peace
and justice.**

Leader: Who else can utter the mighty doings of God?

People: We can, as we offer our worship. Praise be to God.

HYMN *God Is Here* (Please listen but do not sing)

God is here! As we your people meet to offer praise and prayer,

May we find in fuller measure what it is in Christ we share.

Here, as in the world around us, all our varied skills and arts

Wait the coming of the Spirit into open minds and hearts.

INVOCATION (in unison)

**From the many experiences throughout the week, we come together as a community
to express what you mean to our lives, O God. Whatever we bring, make it yours.**

**Whatever we experience in this hour of worship, let it be your presence. Whatever we
take with us, let it be your holy and gentle Spirit. We offer ourselves in worship
trusting in your steadfast presence among us. We offer our prayer in faith, in hope,
and in love. Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER (Trespases)

*GLORIA PATRI (Please listen but do not sing)

HEBREW BIBLE LESSON *Exodus 32:1-14*

MORNING PRAYER

GOSPEL LESSON *Matthew 22:1-14*

SERMON *Abundance and Faith* Rev. Dawn Garrett-Larsen

OFFERING OF SPECIAL MUSIC *I'll Fly Away*
Jay, Dawn, Annie & Jesse Garrett-Larsen

*DOXOLOGY (Please listen but do not sing)

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (in unison)

**Thank you, God, for choosing us to receive your generous mercies and to pass them
on. May our gifts and our way of life provide an open invitation and attractive
summons to your table for all whom we meet. Bless and expand our sharing. Amen.**

HYMN *Great is Thy Faithfulness* (Please listen but do not sing)

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father

There is no shadow of turning with thee

Thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not

As thou hast been, thou forever will be

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!

Morning by morning new mercies I see. All I have needed thy hand hath provided

Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Sing Praise to the Lord* by Robert A. Hobby

Call to Worship & Invocation adapted and reprinted from Seasons of the Spirit, Congregational Life

Pentecost 2; Unison Prayer of Dedication reprinted from Fresh Winds of the Spirit, Book 2 by Lavon Bayler

*Please stand if you are able.

Happy Birthday

Oct. 11: Christine McCausland

Oct. 13: Jack McAlpin

Oct. 14: Nancy Ward

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Oct. 17: Sally Alling

Prayer List

Muriel Allemand (Jim & Connie Malone's friend); **Steve Beck** (Heidi Schwarz's brother); **Keith Blaker; Brad Bliss; Marjorie Case; Cheryl** (Dennis & Jennifer Maxfield's sister-in-law & sister); **Cathy Coots; 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); **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); **Andy Platou; 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); **Walker** (Don & Dorice Raw's friend); **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)

Lay Readers

We are looking for lay readers **for December**. If you are interested in helping to lead in person worship this fall please contact Dawn. Anyone is welcome to be a lay reader, even if you've not done it before. We would love to have you participate!

Congratulations

To the Leasure family, who welcomed new baby Tate Vernon Leasure, weighing in at 8 lbs, 10 oz, born at 4:13 AM on 10/8/2020. Welcome baby Tate!

Calendar

Sun. Oct. 11 - Worship & Sunday School; Formal Coffee virtual fundraiser for "What If?"; 12:30 Worship Committee zoom
Mon. Oct. 12 - Indigenous Peoples' Day – Office Closed
Tues. Oct 13 – Men's Group @ the Gateway Grille 8: Study Group 9 Chapel; Rughooking 10 Dining Room; Adult Ed 2:30 Outside at Dawn's
Wed. Oct 14 - Study Group 9 Chapel; TOPS Basement 10; Dawn off
Thurs. Oct. 15 - Adult Ed inside social rooms 10; Weathervane Deadline
Sunday Oct. 18 – Worship and Sunday School; 12:30 Social Action zoom
Monday Oct. 19 – Adult Ed zoom 2; Trustees zoom 4
Tuesday Oct. 20 – Adult Ed outside 2:30; Council 7 zoom
Wednesday Oct 21 – Saturday Oct. 24 Dawn on Retreat at Silver Bay
Sunday Oct. 25 – Worship and Sunday School; 1:00 Connie Fredricks- Malone Concert live streamed to benefit Light Hill and Gleaners

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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.