

**FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
Rev. Dawn Garrett-Larsen, Pastor**

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
Marty Daniels, Lay Reader

October 16, 2022

Worship 10:30 AM

PRELUDE *There Is a Balm in Gilead* arr. Thomas Keesecker

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

TRUSTEES UPDATE Marty Daniels

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come and see what God has done. God calls all people to serve in love. God nourishes and strengthens us from below and above.

**People: And God is love.**

Leader: God relieves suffering and guides us in ways of holiness. God provokes us and strengthens us for duty. God does not only call us to comfort and security.

**People: Still, God is love.**

Leader: God brings us out and does not let our feet slip that the work begun in us may be brought to fulfilment. And the people shout for joy, saying “Glory, Alleluia!”

**People: Because God is love.**

Leader: God brings us to places of safety and trust. Yet God takes us into the wilderness – way out – and we immerse ourselves conflicted, yet surrendered.

**People: As God is love.**

\*HYMN # 358 *Love Divine, All Love’s Excelling*

\*INVOCATION

**Gracious God, we humbly confess our faults. For anger, impatience and quickness to misunderstand – forgive us. For thoughtlessness, indifferences, and self-centering – forgive us. For unkindness and the lack of kindness – forgive us. For not speaking out against injustice and suffering – forgive us. For all the times we have not followed Jesus in the way of love – forgive, heal, and transform us anew into your servant people. Thank you for forgiving us and sending us forth in the name of Jesus. 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 *Creation Will Be at Peace* J. Paul Williams/Anna Laura Page

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN AND YOUTH

HEBREW BIBLE LESSON *Joel 2: 23-32* Pg # 800

\*HYMN # 521 *Abide With Me*

MORNING PRAYER

GOSPEL LESSON *Luke 18: 9-14* Pg # 75

SERMON *Calling on God* Rev. Dawn Garrett-Larsen

OFFERTORY *Morning Has Broken* arr. Thomas Keesecker

\*DOXOLOGY # 34

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**With thanksgiving for your presence in all our coming and going, through all our work and leisure, in our times of faithfulness and when we break covenant, we bring our offerings. May these resources help your people to know you more fully and serve you more effectively. Equip us for every good work, that your church may witness boldly and influence profoundly. Amen.**

\*HYMN # 24 *God You Spin the Whirling Planets*

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *God Be with You Till We Meet Again* arr. Carol Tornquist

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

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*Greeters This Morning: Sue Hawkes & Carla DeMeco  
Ushers This Morning: Kelly Meath, Debbie Wilbur, David Sauter, Peggy Hollister  
Live Stream This Morning: Mike Ryan*

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 17	Sally Alling
Oct 18	Kirk Wilbur ~ Samantha Lupton
Oct 19	Mary Lou Mees ~ Betsy Gillim
Oct 20	Cindy Mullen
Oct 21	Donna Mabie
Oct 22	Barb Kutner ~ Carol Benner ~ Jay Garrett-Larsen

## Prayer List

**Ancy & Family** (Fred Henry's friend); **Marjorie Case**; **Cheryl** (Jennifer Maxfield's sister-in-law); **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); **Steve & Diane Fuchs** (Karen's friends); **Brian Fuscaldo** (Mara Huberlie's nephew); **Max Grossman** (George Herren's friend); **John Hawkes** (Sue Hawkes nephew); **Carin Herren**; **Mara Huberlie**; **Linda Hudick** (Karen's friend); **Barb Iglewski**; **John** (Lin's nephew); **Sue Kotalik**; **Lu and 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

Sun Oct 16	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.