

**FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost**

Rev. Dawn Garrett-Larsen, Pastor
Don DeSmith, Lay Reader

October 18, 2020

Worship 10:30 a.m.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *O Master Let Me Walk With Thee* Gordon Young

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Name Unnamed, whose intriguing presence is closer to home than we dare to imagine, fill us with wonder of you

People: that we may be filled with wonder of ourselves!

Leader: Name Unnamed, whose creativity is a river running, startle us with diversity and surprise us with difference

People: that we may be filled with wonder of others!

Leader: Name Unnamed, whose mystery and concern is revealed in Jesus, reshape our perceptions, reshape our patterns of living, reshape our politics and prayer

People: that we may be filled with wonder of a world made whole!

HYMN *How Great Thou Art* (Please listen but do not sing)

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder

Consider all the worlds thy hand have made,

I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,

Thy power throughout the universe displayed,

Then sings my soul, my savior God, to thee, how great thou art, how great thou art!

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INVOCATION (in unison)

To worship is to stand in awe under a heaven of stars, before a flower, a leaf in the sunlight, or a grain of sand. To worship is to be silent, receptive, before a tree astir with the wind, or the passing shadow of a cloud. To worship is to work with dedication and with skill; it is to pause from work and listen to a strain of music. To worship is to sing with the singing beauty of the earth; it is to listen through a storm to the still small voice within. Worship is a loneliness seeking communion; it is a thirsty land crying out for rain. Worship is kindred fire within our hearts; it moves through deeds of kindness and through acts of love. Worship is the mystery within us reaching out to the mystery beyond. It is an inarticulate silence yearning to speak; it is the window of the moment open to the sky of the eternal. Come let us worship God! Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER (Trespases)

*GLORIA PATRI (Please listen but do not sing)

HEBREW BIBLE LESSON *Exodus 33:12-23*

MORNING PRAYER

EPISTLE LESSON *1 Thessalonians 1: 1-6*

SERMON *Mystery and Awe* Rev. Dawn Garrett-Larsen

OFFERING OF SPECIAL MUSIC *My Father's Favorite* and *The Dreame*
from *Sense and Sensibility* by Patrick Doyle
Mariena Schneider

*DOXOLOGY (Please listen but do not sing)

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (in unison)

We give thanks that the gospel finds voice through us and our gifts, sounding forth against the rival claims of today's Caesars. We dance for joy, knowing that hungry people will be fed and the oppressed will find freedom. Surely you provide a homeland for us all where we are accepted and loved and given a ministry. Multiply, we pray, the work of our hands. Amen.

HYMN *Precious Lord* (Please listen but do not sing)

Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand

I'm tired, I'm weak, I'm worn; through the storm, through the night

Lead me on to the light, take my hand precious Lord, lead me home

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *God of Grace and God of Glory* Paul Manz

Call to Worship adapted & reprinted from The Pattern Of Our Days, The Iona Community; Invocation adapted & reprinted from Jacob Trapp; UUC Seattle WA 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

Oct. 18: Samantha Lupton

Oct. 19: Mary Lou Mees & Betsy Gillim

Oct. 20: Cindy Mullen

Oct. 21: Donna Mabie

Oct. 22: Jay Garrett-Larsen, Barb Kutner & Carol Benner

Oct. 24: Isabella Piorkowski

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); **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**; **Mary** (Nick Kogut's mother); **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)

Calendar

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
Friday Oct. 23 – Assembling Resources letter 10
Sunday Oct. 25 – Worship and Sunday School; 1:00 Connie Fredricks- Malone Concert live streamed to benefit Light Hill and Gleaners

Connie Fredericks Malone's Solo Concert

Presenting: "Alone with My Music"

Join us via Live Stream **on Sunday, Oct. 25th at 1:00PM** for Connie's Solo Concert to benefit Light Hill and Gleaners. Streaming will be live at www.canandaiguachurch.org. You can make a donation to support Gleaners and Light Hill on the church website by using the "Donate" button in the top right corner of the home page, or you may send a check to the church with "Connie's Concert" in the memo line.

Donations will be split evenly between the two organizations.

Please tell your friends and relatives about this unique opportunity to hear Connie's fabulous voice and to support two wonderful local programs.

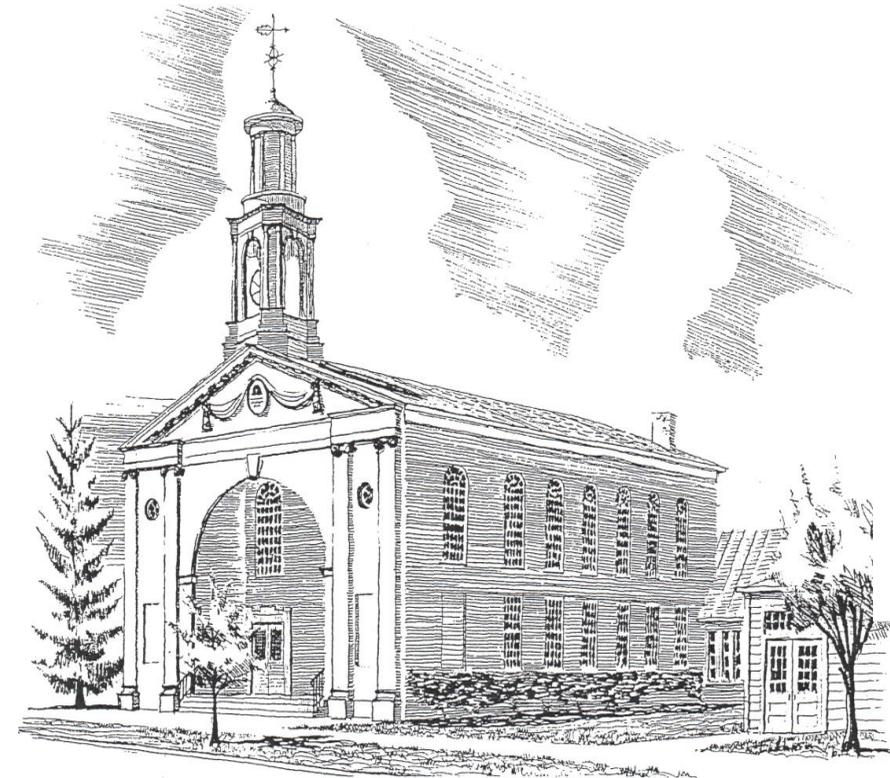
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We're a Different Kind of Church

- ❖ **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.**