

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

Rev. Dawn Garrett-Larsen, Pastor
Cathy Brooks, Lay Reader

October 25, 2020

Worship 10:30 AM

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *Promised Land* by Ralph Simpson

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The world belongs to God,

People: The earth and all its people.

Leader: How good it is, how wonderful.

People: To live together in unity.

Leader: Love and faith come together,

People: Justice and peace join hands.

Leader: If Christ's disciples keep silent

People: These stones would shout aloud.

Leader: Open our lips, O God,

People: And our mouths shall proclaim your praise.

HYMN *Love Divine, All Love's Excelling* (Please listen but do not sing)
*Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heaven to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure unbounded love thou art;
Visit us with thy salvation, enter every trembling heart.*

INVOCATION (in unison)

O Great Love, thank you for living and loving in us and through us. May all that we do in our lives flow from our deep connection with you and all beings. Help us become a community that vulnerably shares each other's burdens and the weight of glory. Listen to our hearts' longings for the healing of our world. Knowing you are hearing us better than we are speaking, we offer these prayers in all the holy names of God, Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER (Trespases)

*GLORIA PATRI (Please listen but do not sing)

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

HEBREW BIBLE LESSON *Deuteronomy 34:1-12*

MORNING PRAYER

GOSPEL LESSON *Matthew 22:34-40*

SERMON *Loving and Living* Rev. Dawn Garrett-Larsen

OFFERING OF SPECIAL MUSIC *Boccherini Minuet for Two Cellos*, arr. R. Mooney
~ Ava and Chris Ieda, Cello

*DOXOLOGY (Please listen but do not sing)

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (in unison)

Giver of all gifts, we seek to share as you have shared with us. We want to serve in the spirit of Christ. Therefore, we rededicate ourselves with this offering. As we seek your blessing, we ask no more for this faith community than we would ask for all people everywhere. May we love you and one another as we learn to love ourselves aright. Amen.

HYMN *Hymn of Promise* (Please listen but do not sing)
*In the bulb there is a flower; in the seed, an apple tree;
in cocoons, a hidden promise: butterflies will soon be free!
In the cold and snow of winter there's a spring that waits to be,
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *O God Our Help in Ages Past* arr. by Larry Woltz
Call to Worship reprinted from Iona Abbey Worship Book; Invocation adapted and reprinted from Richard Rohr's Daily Meditations; 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. 25: Barry McFadden

Oct. 28: Harry Moore

Oct. 27: John Miller

Oct. 29: Don Benner & Cindy Brown

Prayer List

Al (Kathi & Phil Nevin's son in law who is deployed); **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); **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); **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); **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

Monday Oct. 26 – Study Group 9 Chapel; Adult Ed zoom 2; SCR 7 Zoom
Tuesday Oct. 27 - Mens Group Gateway 8; Study Group 9 Chapel; Nomin.Comm. 9 Hayes Room; Rughooking 10 Dining Room; Adult Ed 2:30 Outside at Dawn's
Wed. Oct 28 - Study Group 9 Chapel; TOPS Basement 10; Study Group 1:30 Youth Rm
Thurs., Oct. 29 - Adult Ed inside social rooms 10; Staff Meeting 4 Hayes Room
Friday, Oct. 30 - Prayer Shawl 2:00 Sally Mueller's
Sun. Nov 1 – All Saints Sunday, Worship & Sunday School; resource speaker

Connie Fredericks Malone's Solo Concert **Presenting: "Alone with My Music"**

Join us via Live Stream **today, 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 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.**