

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

All Saints Day Celebration
Cathy Brooks, Lay Reader

October 30, 2022

Worship 10:30 AM

PRELUDE *Make Me a Channel of Your Peace* arr. Kate Moody

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING CANDLES TO REMEMBER OUR SAINTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We remember, O God, the countless saints of history who have blazed a trail of courage through time,

People: We remember, O God, the tender touch of loved ones, the example of heroes, the healing words of comforters, the remarkable acts of fearless ones.

Leader: We remember, O God, the gentle strength of grandmothers, the loyalty of friends, the kindness of strangers, the joy of children, the sacrifice of parents.

People: We remember, O God, the supreme love of Jesus, the blessing of his Spirit, the reminder of his words, the sharing of his suffering, the glory of his resurrection: shown forth in the lives of his disciples, young and old, dead and living, articulate and silent, strange and familiar, brilliant and ordinary.

Leader: We remember in every time and place the saints of God who have shown us the Lord.

People: Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses let us worship God with joy!

*HYMN # 56 *Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above*

*INVOCATION

We give you thanks, O God, for all the saints who ever worshiped you whether out in nature's forest or in human made cathedrals, weathered wooden churches or crumbling cement meeting houses where your name was lifted and adored. We give you thanks, O God, for hands lifted in praise: manicured hands and hands stained with grease or soil, strong hands and those gnarled with age, holy hands used to bring blessing across the land. We thank you, God, for hardworking saints; whether hard-hatted or steel-booted, head ragged or aproned, blue-collared or three-piece-suited. They left their mark on the earth for you, for us, for our children to come. Thank you, God, for the tremendous sacrifices made by those who have gone before us. Bless the memories of your saints, God. May we learn how to walk wisely from their examples of faith, dedication, worship, and love. 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 *Sine Nomine* Ralph Vaughan Williams
Text for congregation to join: **From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast.
Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host.
Singing to Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

RESOURCE SPEAKERS John & Bonnie Maguire

EPISTLE *Ephesians 1: 15-23* Pg # 177

HYMN # 560 *I Love to Tell the Story*

MORNING PRAYER

GOSPEL LESSON *Luke 6:20-31* Pg # 59

SERMON *Telling the Story* Rev. Dawn Garrett-Larsen

SAINTS IN LIGHT

(You are invited to come forward to light a candle for the people who are your saints. After your tea light is lit please place it in the water as you give thanks to God for your saints)

OFFERTORY *Prayer* Carla Maria von Webber

*DOXOLOGY # 34

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Seeking God, all that we have is yours. All your children are our brothers and sisters. We are all inheritors of your grace. You have blessed us abundantly. Now bless what we have been moved to share, that our love for one another may increase. Amen.

*HYMN # 569 *God of Grace and God of Glory*

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Blest Be the Tie That Binds* arr. Carol Tornquist

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

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Greeters This Morning: Sue Hawkes and Lin Case
Ushers This Morning: Bill & Sue Blaker, Guy Burns, Carla DeMeco
Live Stream This Morning: Matt Berry

Happy Birthday

Nov 1 Jocelyn Wilt
 Nov 2 Beth Gajewski ~ Matthew Berry
 Nov 3 Kathy Ward

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); **Carin Herren; Mara Huberlie; Linda Hudick** (Karen's friend); **Barb Iglewski; John** (Lin's nephew); **Sue Kotalik; Lu Krahl; Dennis Maxfield; Paul** (Dennis Maxfield's brother); **Bernard** (Karen Maxfield's uncle); **Frank McAlpin** (Patrick McAlpin's father); **Norine** (Marilyn DeSmith's friend); **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 30		<i>All Saints Day ~ Resource Month Begins</i>
	2:30	GVA at Spencerport
Tue Nov 1	8:00	Men's Group ~ Gateway Grille
	10:00	Rug Hookers
Thu Nov 3	10:00	Adult Education
Fri Nov 4	5:30	Confirmation Overnight Retreat Begins
Sat Nov 5	10:30	Confirmation Overnight Retreat Ends
	5:30	Light the Hill ~ Luminaria
Sun Nov 6	9:00	Choir
	10:30	Worship In-Person & Live Stream, Sunday School
Mon Nov 7	4:00	Pastor Parish Committee
Tue Nov 8	8:00	Men's Group ~ Gateway Grille
	10:00	Rug Hookers
	7:00	Trustees

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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.**