

**FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

Rev. Dawn Garrett-Larsen, Pastor
22nd Sunday after Pentecost
Jim DeMay, Lay Reader

October 24, 2021

Worship 10:30 AM

PRELUDE *His Eye is on the Sparrow* Arranged by Wilbur Held

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Jim DeMay

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Creator God, creating still,

People: Create in us ready hearts and open minds.

Leader: As we lift our spirits to you during this sacred time,

People: Let our fears be quieted and worries quelled.

Leader: Here in this space, let us once again find,

People: Your ever-present grace that we might be filled!

*HYMN # 40 *For the Beauty of the Earth*

***INVOCATION**

Breath of life, as we seek your dwelling place, we trust that you meet us here, seeking us as well. We desire closeness to you, living God. We believe that the one who creates, nurtures, and sustains all of life, greets us with a nurturing presence, filling us with the holy breath of life once again. We breathe deeply in your grace, receiving the sustenance to continue in enlivened spirit, our journey of transformation toward your likeness. 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 *We Sing One Common Lord* John Carter

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN AND YOUTH Debbie Lyon

HEBREW BIBLE LESSON

Psalm 84

*HYMN # 631

There is a Balm in Gilead

MORNING PRAYER

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 10: 26-31

SERMON

The Sparrow's Song

Rev. Valerie Austin

OFFERTORY

The Lone, Wild Bird Arranged by Robert J Powell

*DOXOLOGY # 34

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

May your will be realized through these gifts, dedicated to your service, O God. May the act of giving strengthen our commitment to the causes for which Christ died and involve us in the acts of compassion by which Christ lived. May all we say and do work to accomplish your peace. Amen.

*HYMN # 475

God's Eye is On the Sparrow

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Allegro

G.F. Handel
transcribed by Charles Callahan

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

Call to Worship and Invocation written by Rev. Valerie Austin, Unison Prayer of Dedication reprinted from Whispers of God, by Lavon Bayler.

***Greeters This Morning: Siu Schroeter and Sue Hawkes
Ushers This Morning: Jennifer Brownell, Roger Morse, Guy Burns
Live Stream This Morning: Steve Brook***

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 24 ~ Isabella Piorkowski Oct 25 ~ Barry McFadden
Oct 27 ~ John Miller Oct 28 ~ Harry Moore
Oct 29 ~ Donald Benner, Cindy Brown

Prayer List

Ancy & Kira (Fred Henry's friend); **Steve Beck** (Heidi Schwarz's brother); **Keith Blaker; Brad Bliss; Marjorie Case; Cheryl** (Jennifer Maxfield's sister-in-law); **Judy Clark** (Jessica & Dan Casellas' and Elaine Hilton's friend); **Cathy Coots; Bob DeSantis** (Dorice & Don Raw, Sr.'s friend); **Brian Fuscaldo** (Mara Huberlie's nephew); **Bob Graumann** (Don DeSmith's friend); **Max Grossman** (George Herren's friend); **Carin Herren; Jeanne Hollenbeck; Mara Huberlie; Barb Iglewski; Peter Ingalls** (Jean Ingall's son); **Jim and Carolyn** (Amy Ogden's friends); **Jim Kolesar** (George & Carin Herren's friend); **John** (Lin's nephew); **Sue Kotalik; Michelle List** (JoAnn Reed's friend); **Loren** (Jack Radley's friend); **Lynn** (Joan Ryan's friend); **Eileen McCarthy** (Carla DeMeco & Betsy Dresser's friend); **Liz Nelson** (Kathy Ward's friend); **Norman** (Jennifer Maxfield's uncle); **Chris Pritchard** (Rick, Cindy Mullen & George Herren's friend); **Jack Radley; Don Raw, Sr.; Don Raw, Jr.; Sara** (Jack Radley's granddaughter); **Smith/Dworetsky Family** (Okke & Kathy Postma's friends); **Pat Smith; Dr. Steven Smith & Family** (Jessica & Dan Casellas' friends); **Betsey Stout; Sara Szrama** (Sally Mueller's granddaughter); **Gordon Wenner** (George & Carin Herren's friend); **Josh Yeo** (Barb Stahl's friend); **Jason and Linda Zeller** (Kathy Ward's son and daughter); **Jim Ziegler** (Purple's son-in-law)

Calendar

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| Tues Oct 26 | 8:00 | Men's Group |
| | 10:00 | Rughookers |
| Thu Oct 28 | 9:00 | MLK Hayes Room |
| Fri Oct 29 | 2:00 | Prayer Shawl Knitters at Sally Muehler's |
| Sun Oct 31 | 9:00 | Choir |
| | 10:30 | Worship In Person & Live stream, Sunday School |
| Fri Nov 5 | 6-9:30 | Canandaigua Medical Society – Social Room |
| Sat Nov 6 | 5-7:30 | Light Up the Hill Luminaria Kershaw Park |
| Sun Nov 7 | 9:00 | Choir |
| | 10:30 | All Saints Sunday Worship In Person & Live stream, Resource Speaker; Sunday School |
| Mon Nov 8 | 4:00 | Trustees |
| Sat Nov 13 | 9:00 | Worship decorates Sanctuary for Thanksgiving |

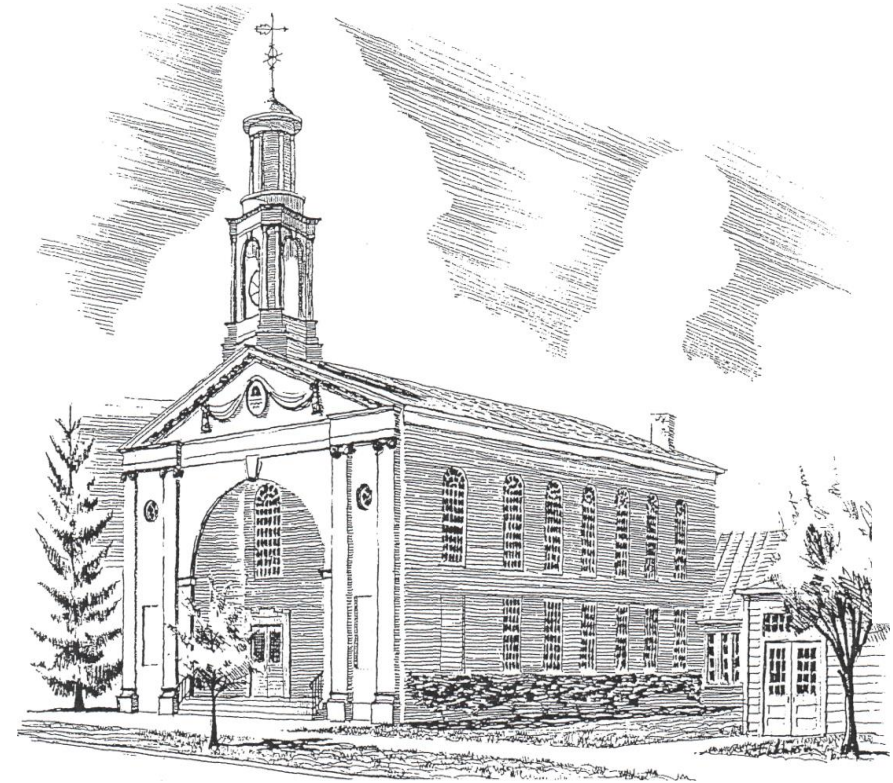
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- ❖ We value and respect diversity in the ways we express our faith.
- ❖ We enjoy thoughtful dialogue about faith issues.
- ❖ We encourage each other to work for justice and to care for people in need in our community and in our world.