

**FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

Rev. Dawn Garrett-Larsen, Pastor
World Communion Sunday
Phoenix Hoffman Lay Reader

October 3, 2021

Worship 10:30 AM

PRELUDE *Prelude and Fugue in G Minor* J.S. Bach

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Creator of the world, eternal God,

People: we have come from many places for a little while.

Leader: Spirit of unity, go-between God,

People: we have come on journeys of our own, to a place where journeys meet.

Leader: So here, in the shelter of this house, let us take time together. For when paths
cross and pilgrims gather, there is much to share and celebrate.

**People: In your name, three-in-one God, we pray and after your teachings we
pattern our community. Alleluia, Amen.**

*HYMN # 603 *In Christ There Is No East or West*

*INVOCATION and CONFESSION

**Eternal God, maker of the skies above, lowly Christ, born amidst the growing earth,
Spirit of Life, wind over the flowing waters, in earth, sea, and sky, you are here. O
hidden mystery, sun behind all suns, soul behind all souls, in everything we touch, in
everyone we meet, your presence is around us, and we give you thanks. When we
have not touched but trampled you in creation, when we have not met but missed
you in one another, when we have not received but rejected you in the poor, forgive
us. Hear now our plea for mercy. We turn to you, O Lord for words of hope and
forgiveness.**

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: Hear now the words of Jesus for all who are truly sorry and seek to renew their
lives; "Your sins are forgiven. Go in peace; come and follow me." Lead us now, O God,
to acknowledge your costly generosity by living as forgiven people, until heaven and earth
rejoice and the whole earth cries "Glory!" through Christ our Lord. Amen.

*LORD'S PRAYER (Trespases)

*GLORIA PATRI

GOSPEL LESSON: Mark 10: 13-16

ANTHEM *At the Table of the World* Carl Johengen

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN AND YOUTH Debbie Lyon (*Sign Language*)

EPISTLE: 1 Corinthians 11: 23-25 Carol Peters (*Chindau*); Rhonda Nyerges (*French*)

*HYMN # 614 *Let There Be Peace on Earth*

EPISTLE: 1 Corinthians 11: 23-25 Guy Burns (*Danish*); Edie Rice (*Italian*)

MORNING PRAYER

Pastor: It is in this mystery of communion with Christ that we pray for the Church
throughout the world, praying in particular for...

**People: We pray for the people and communities of faith from whom we have come
and to whom we shall return.**

Pastor: We pray for the sick, the bereaved, the oppressed and the homeless...

People: We pray for the broken and torn fabric of earth as it yearns for healing.

Pastor: Because you are one with us, O Christ, enable us to share your life with the world
by sharing our own lives with the world. Amen

EPISTLE: 1 Cor. 11: 23-25 Phoenix Hoffman (*Spanish*); Adeline Rudolph (*German*)

MEDITATION *The Story of the Last Supper* Rev. Dawn Garrett-Larsen

OFFERTORY *Lord, Speak to Me* Robert J. Powell

*DOXOLOGY

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**All that we give is first a gift from you, O God. It is a joy to invest in the mission of
the church, both as a gathered community in this place and as a scattered people
who day by day offer a cup of cold water in Christ's name to people who are thirsty.
May our offerings help to reach where we ourselves cannot go. Amen.**

*COMMUNION HYMN #699 Let Us Break Bread Together

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to the Table, Consecration, and Sharing of the Bread and Cup

(The communion bread is gluten and nut free so that all may partake together)

Prayer of Thanksgiving and blessing

Pastor: In the end as in the beginning, God is God:

People: Loved by us, wanted by us, praised by us, served by us;

Pastor: Filling folks with the gifts of the Spirit, making them whole for the good of the earth.

People: For bread and wine, this place and this time, thanks be to God!

Pastor: For the peace we are promised which the world won't destroy, thanks be to God!

People: For the hope of heaven on earth and the final song of joy, thanks be to God!

Pastor: May the everlasting God shield you, east and west and wherever you go.
And the blessing of God be upon you.

People: The blessing of the God of Life.

Pastor: The blessing of Christ be upon you.

People: The blessing of the Christ of love.

Pastor: The blessing of the Spirit be upon you,

People: The blessing of the Spirit of Grace.

Pastor: The blessing of the Trinity be upon you now and for evermore. Amen.

*HYMN #389

Put Peace Into Each Other's Hands

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Prelude and Fugue in G Major

J.S. Bach

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

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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.

Ushers This Morning: Bill Blaker, Jim DeMay, Guy Burns
Greeters This Morning: Sue Hawkes, Cheryl Bootes, Siu Schroeter
Live Stream This Morning: Steve Brooks

Happy Birthday

October 1 - Carrie Ieda
October 3 - Fred Moore
October 3 - Bennett Piorkowski
October 8 - Everett Day
October 8 - Tate Leasure

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); Carin Herren; Barb Iglewski; Peter Ingalls (Jean Ingall's son); Jim and Carolyn (Amy Ogden's friends); Family of Dennis Kellermeyer (Nancy Parson's brother); Jim Kolesar (George & Carin Herren's friend); 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); Donald Morgan (George Herren's friend); Liz Nelson (Kathy Ward's friend); Norman (Jennifer Maxfield's uncle); Pia (Jim & Connie Malone's friend); Nancy Parsons (at the loss of her brother); Chris Pritchard (Rick, Cindy Mullen & George Herren's friend); Jack Radley; Don Raw, Sr.; Don Raw, Jr.; Sara (Jack Radley's granddaughter); Smith/Dworetzky Family (Okke & Kathy Postma's friends); Pat Smith; Dr. Steven Smith & Family (Jessica & Dan Casellas' friends); 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

Sun Oct. 3 – World Communion Sunday, Sunday School;
Black History Sites Bus Tour 12 -2
Tues Oct 5 –Men's Grp 8:00; Rughookers 10:00
Fri Oct 8 – Elementary School reunification day; Wedding rehearsal 5:00 Sanctuary
Sat Oct 9 – Northrup Wedding 3:00 Sanctuary
Sun Oct 10 - Choir 9:00; Worship In Person & Live stream 10:30, Sunday School;
Worship Committee 11:45; Myron Beal Memorial Service 4:30
Mon Oct 11 – Indigenous People's Day - Office Closed
Tues Oct 12 –Men's Grp 8:00; Rughookers 10:00
Sun., Oct 17 - Worship In Person & Live stream 10:30; Sunday School;
11:45 Social Action; Concert 1:00 Connie Fredericks-Malone