

**FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

Rev. Dawn Garrett-Larsen, Pastor
Reformation Sunday
Kelly Meath, Lay Reader

October 31, 2021

Worship 10:30 AM

PRELUDE *All People That on Earth Do Dwell* arr. by Robert A. Hobby

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The flame starts as the smallest flicker: an imagining inside you, a hint that pulls toward justice and, like a heartbeat, never goes away.

People: It grasps you, your whole soul, heaving with the longing, the deep intent for justice and life.

Leader: And then the thought: the working out, the decision to choose, the mind wrestling with the longing.

People: Which leads to the movement: the action that turns longing into an event, that pushes you out with strength and makes God into a verb.

Leader: All this for our neighbor which is the other word for God.

People: Come now, all God's people to love with heart and soul, mind and strength, to love neighbor as self and to set God loose in the world!

*HYMN #507 *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

*INVOCATION

Living God, we pray this day that the church universal may heed the gospel call to be a people understanding of others, patient toward those with whom we differ, and loving toward those who are outwardly and inwardly hostile to us and to others. May we celebrate Reformation Sunday as a re-forming of those truths, which are the building blocks not of dissent, but of reconciliation and peace. May the ministry of our family of faith and of the universal family be enlivened by the image of Jesus Christ, the life of the church, and the world! Amen and 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 *Give Us a Vision* Pepper Choplin

RESOURCE SPEAKER Betsy Cox

HEBREW BIBLE LESSON *Deuteronomy 6: 1-9*

*HYMN # 544 *The Church's One Foundation*

MORNING PRAYER

GOSPEL LESSON *Mark 12:28-34*

SERMON *The Light of Love* Rev. Dawn Garrett-Larsen

OFFERTORY *Whatever God Ordains is Right* J. S. Bach

*DOXOLOGY # 34

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

May your word of truth be in our mouths, even as these gifts give expression to those who will carry it around the world. Confirm your promises for more and more of your children as we learn to share the abundance you entrust to us. May your love and ours go with every gift. Amen.

*HYMN # 397 *The Gift of Love*

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation* Tune by Henry Purcell, Arr. by Robert A. Hobby

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

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*Greeters This Morning: Jim & Elaine Hilton and Sue Hawkes
Ushers This Morning: Guy Burns, Siu Lan Schroeter, George Herren and Tarry Shipley
Live Stream This Morning: Mike Ryan*

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

Nov 2 Beth Gajewski,
Matthew Berry
Nov 3 Kathy Ward

Prayer List

Ancy & Kira (Fred Henry's friend); **Steve Beck** (Heidi Schwarz's brother); **Keith Blaker; Brad Bliss; the Family of David Bliss** (Alicia Francis' stepfather); **Marjorie Case; the Family of Sherwood "Skip" Chapman; 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

Fri Nov 5	6-9:30	Medical Society meeting (Heidi Schwarz)
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
Sun Nov 14	9:00	Choir
	10:30	Worship In Person & Live stream; Resource Speaker; Sunday School
Mon Nov 15	7:00	Sacred Conversation on Race Hot Buttons Zoom
Tue Nov 16	7:00	Council
Thu Nov 18	2:00	Sacred Conversation on Race
	4:00	Staff Meeting
	7:00	Sacred Conversation on Race

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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.