

**FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
Rev. Dawn Garrett-Larsen, Pastor
Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost
Elaine Hilton, Lay Reader**

September 4, 2022

Worship 9:30 AM

PRELUDE *Humbly We Adore Thee* arr. Michael Larkin

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Our God, in the glory of late summer we come to worship reveling in the beauty of your handiwork.

People: Give us insight this morning into how the work of *our* hands is part of the work of *your* hands.

Leader: We join with you in lifting the heavyhearted, comforting the sorrowful, and calming the anxious.

People: Fill us with the joy of service this morning. We pray all these things in the name of Jesus, Amen.

*HYMN # 728 *God of Ages, Whose Almighty Hand*

*INVOCATION

O my God, nobody knows better than you how frail are this mind and body. Give me the wisdom to tell the difference between my will and yours. Give me the strength to carry the burdens of mind and body this life brings. Give me the wit to look down to avoid the pitfalls and at the same time the will to look up at the glories of creation. Let me see beyond today's cares. Let me celebrate and sing. Let me never forget that all prayers are answered. Let me know that I am part of that glory of creation and let other see you in me. These things I pray in Jesus' name. 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

HEBREW BIBLE LESSON *Deuteronomy 30: 15-20* Pg # 184

*HYMN # 68 *Come Thou Font of Every Blessing*

MORNING PRAYER

LITANY OF LABOR

GOSPEL LESSON *Luke 14: 25-33* Pg # 72

COMMUNION MEDITATION *Serious Business* Rev. Dawn Garrett-Larsen

OFFERTORY *Humbly We Adore Thee* arr. Charles Callahan

*DOXOLOGY

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Loving God, there is no way we can settle accounts with you. We have no way to repay you for all we have received from your hands. Yet we want to give our best to the work you call us to do through this community of seekers. We never, with renewed commitment and confidence, the costly venture of spreading love through your world. Amen.

*COMMUNION HYMN # 617 *A Place At the Table*

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to the Table, Consecration, and Sharing of the Bread and Cup, Thanksgiving
(The communion bread is gluten and nut free so that all may partake together)

*HYMN # 51 *How Great Thou Art*

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *God of Our Fathers* arr. Lloyd Larson

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

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***Ushers This Morning: Jim DeMay, Bill & Sue Blaker, Jim Hilton
Live Stream This Morning: John Maguire***

If you are visiting with us, welcome!
Please fill out a green card and place it in the offering plate.

Happy Birthday

Sept 05 Daniel Rice ~ Bronwyn Miller
Sept 06 Putt Moore ~ Bryan McGuire
Sept 07 Kurt Rudolph ~ Matthew Schroeter
Sept 08 Scott Warnshouse

Prayer List

Ancy & Kira (Fred Henry's friend); **Keith Blaker**; **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); **Marilyn DeSmith**; **Cade Dolan** (Bonnie & John Maguire's son); **Brian Fuscaldo** (Mara Huberlie's nephew); **Max Grossman** (George Herren's friend); **Carin Herren**; **Mara Huberlie**; **Barb Iglewski**; **Peter Ingalls** (Jean Ingall's son); **John** (Lin's nephew); **Sue Kotalik**; **Ron Krahl**; **Michelle List** (JoAnn Reed's friend); **Frank McAlpin** (Patrick McAlpin's father); **Rich Morgan**; **Liz Nelson** (Kathy Ward's friend); Dennis Maxfield's brother **Paul**; **Bernard** (Karen Maxfield's uncle); **Chris Pritchard** (Rick, Cindy Mullen & George Herren's friend); **Don Raw, Sr.**; **Adam Robb** (Barb & Milan Kutner's nephew); **Smith/Dworetsky Family** (Okke & Kathy Postma's friends); **Pat Smith**; **Dr. Steven Smith & Family** (Jessica & Dan Casellas' friends); **Gordon Wenner** (George & Carin Herren's friend); **Robin Wisniewski** (Alicia Francis' mom); **Josh Yeo** (Barb Stahl's friend); **Jason and Linda Zeller** (Kathy Ward's children); **Jim Ziegler**

Calendar

Sun Sep 4	9:30	Communion Service – Worship In-Person & Live Stream
Mon Sep 5		Labor Day ~ Church Office Closed
Tue Sep 6	8:00	Men's Group
	10:00	Rug Hookers
Wed Sep 7	4:00	Joint Council/Trustees meet to review paint options
Fri Sep 9	5:00	Wedding Rehearsal in Chapel
Sat Sep 10	2:30	Wedding in Chapel
Sun Sep 11		Rally Day ~ Time Changes for Service
	9:00	Choir
	10:30	Worship In-Person & Live Stream, Sunday School Sunday School and Youth Picnic at Baker Park

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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.**