

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

September 11, 2022

Worship 10:30 AM

PRELUDE *Reflection on St. Columba* arr. Thomas Keesecker

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Give thanks to God!

**People: We thank God for the joy of jumping rope, and the laughter in playing leapfrog!**

Leader: Give thanks to God!

**People: We thank God for the cool waters of a pool on a hot summer day, and the way the water surprises us when we first jump in!**

Leader: Give thanks to God at all times and for all things!

**People: We thank God for fireflies making our nights brighter, and for butterflies which tickle us awake from a nap.**

Leader: Give thanks to God who gathers us back together.

**People: This Rally day we celebrate balloons and ice cream and the God who makes all things new!**

\*HYMN # 347 *Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore*

\*INVOCATION **God of this new day, we praise you with joy! You take our weary lives and refresh us with your spirit. Our lives so often seem broken and filled with despair. Heal us this day, God, and make us new. 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 *It is Well With My Soul* arr. John Ness Beck

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Debbie Lyon

Create in me a clean heart, O God, that I may serve you.

Create in me a clean heart, O God, that I may be renewed

Fill me, heal me, and bring me back to you. (repeat 1<sup>st</sup> line)

HEBREW BIBLE LESSON *Psalm 51: 1-10*

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RALLY DAY LITANY OF CELEBRATION

\*HYMN # 550 *We Are the Church*

MORNING PRAYER

GOSPEL LESSON *Luke 15: 1-10*

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LOST AND FOUND

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MAKING SOMETHING NEW TOGETHER

1) **Swing low, sweet chariot, coming for to carry me home. (2x)**

2) **O when the saints go marchin' in (2x) O Lord I want to be in that number...**

3) **This train is bound for glory, this train. (2x) This train is bound for glory, those who ride it must be holy. This train is bound for glory, this train.**

4) **I'm gonna sing, sing, sing. I'm gonna shout, shout, shout. I'm gonna sing, I'm gonna shout and praise the Lord. When those gates are opened wide, I'll be standing by Jesus side, I'm gonna sing, I'm gonna shout and praise the Lord.**

OFFERTORY *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us* arr. Dick Bolks

\*DOXOLOGY # 34

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Because we have been blessed by you, O God, we are delighted to share. Because there are many who do not enjoy your bounty, we search for ways to help them. Thank you for showing us the way of mercy and patient example, the way of generosity and self-forgetful service, the way of faithfulness and joyous celebration. Bless us and our offerings, we pray. Amen**

\*HYMN # 577 *Sing a New Church*

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Ode to Joy* L. von Beethoven

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

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***Greeters This Morning: Betsy Dresser, Jean Landis  
Ushers This Morning: Jim & Karen DeMay, Barb Iglewski, Fred Henry  
Live Stream This Morning: Mike Ryan***

## *Happy Birthday*

Sept 11 Lynne Shoemaker  
Sept 12 Tom O'Dell  
Sept 13 Dorice Raw ~ Barb Hackel  
~ Nancy Finkle  
Sept 14 Ken Ogden  
Sept 15 Jan Waxman  
Sept 17 Emily Blaker

## *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**; **Kade Dolan** (Bonnie & John Maguire's son); **Brian Fuscaldo** (Mara Huberlie's nephew); **Max Grossman** (George Herren's friend); **John Hawkes** (Sue Hawkes nephew); **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*

Tue Sep 13	8:00	Men's Group
	10:00	Rug Hookers
	4:30	DAR in Social Room
	7:00	Trustees in Hayes Room
Wed Sep 14	12:00	P.E.O./Social Room
Thu Sep 15	5:00-7:00	Night for Ukraine/Downtown Canandaigua
Sun Sep 18	9:00	Choir
	10:30	Worship In-Person & Live Stream, Sunday School
	11:45	Confirmation Meeting

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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.

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