

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

Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost
Jim Hilton, Lay Reader

September 25, 2022

Worship 10:30 AM

PRELUDE *Mercy Reels* Thomas Keesecker

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God, who dwells in unapproachable light, is present and available to us here and now.

People: God, who is more than we can ever imagine, reveals to us, here and now, glimpses of eternity.

Leader: We are all children of one God, who loves us all, poor and rich, old and young, powerless and powerful.

People: God richly furnishes us with everything to enjoy and calls us to live for the good of all.

Leader: Let us be glad and rejoice in our God. Let us praise God, who deals wondrously with us.

People: Give thanks to God, for God is good; God's steadfast love endures forever!

*HYMN # 148 *Come, Thou Almighty King*

*INVOCATION

God of purpose, we are fearful and restless, finding ourselves in strange places. Help us, Lord, and energize us for new opportunities ahead. God of hope, we come to you, thankful for the promises you fulfilled in Jesus Christ. We ask that you let the light of Christ enter our world and renew our faith. God of grace, you remind us why we believe in you. You have designed us wonderfully, and with even the smallest amount of faith we can do great things by your will. 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 *Congregation, Lift Your Praise* Joseph M. Martin
The congregation is invited to join the choir following the last chorus of the anthem singing the first verse of #136 Holy, Holy, Holy

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN AND YOUTH

HEBREW BIBLE LESSON *Psalms 146* Pg # 556

*HYMN # 28 *For Beauty of Meadows*

MORNING PRAYER

GOSPEL LESSON *Luke 16: 19-31* Pg # 73

SERMON *Lazarus: God Helps* Rev. Dawn Garrett-Larsen

OFFERTORY *Under His Wings* arr. Dick Bolks

*DOXOLOGY # 34

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

What a joy to have something to give! Thank you, God, for granting us choices in the use of all you have placed on earth for our use. We have chosen this portion to dedicate for the ministry of the church in our community and in outreach throughout the world. Make us aware of the needy at our doors as well as lost ones everywhere who long for the bread of life. Amen.

*HYMN # 23 *All Creatures of Our God and King*

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Candler/Dove of Peace* Thomas Keesecker

*Please stand if you are able.

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*Greeters This Morning: Carla DeMeco, Jean Landes
Ushers This Morning: Bill Blaker, Jean Ingalls, John Maguire, Guy Burns
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.

Happy Birthday

Sept 26 John Allen ~ Karen DeMay
Heidi Schwarz ~ Sandy Roberts
Sept 27 Samaya Morse Sept 28 Sue Kotalik
Sept 29 Lorna Miller Sept 30 Jan Harter

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); **Robin Wisniewski** (Alicia Francis' mom); **Josh Yeo** (Barb Stahl's friend); **Jason and Linda Zeller** (Kathy Ward's children); **Jim Ziegler**

Calendar

Mon Sep 26	7:00	Social Action/Zoom
Tue Sep 27	8:00	Men's Group
	10:00	Rug Hookers
Wed Sept 28- Sun Oct 2		<i>Dawn on Retreat</i>
Sun Oct 2		<i>World Communion Sunday ~ Rev Valerie Meyer</i>
	9:00	Choir
	10:30	Communion Service – Worship In-Person & Live Stream, Sunday School
Mon Oct 3	3:00	Public Image Committee
Thu Oct 6	10:00	Adult Education Begins

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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.**