

**FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

Rev. Dawn Garrett-Larsen, Pastor  
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
Mickey Ely, Lay Reader

September 20, 2020

Worship 10:30 AM

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *Holy Manna - Traditional American Melody* arr. Dale Wood

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: To those without food God is generous

**People: To those without work God is generous**

Leader: To those away from home God is generous

**People: To those who ask for help God is generous**

Leader: Today, here, where we live,

**People: God wants to be generous through us.**

HYMN *Come All Christians, Be Committed* (Please listen but do not sing)

Come, all Christians, be committed to the service of the lord;

Make your lives for him more fitted, Tune your hearts with one accord.

Come into His courts with gladness, Each his sacred vows renew,

Turn away from sin and sadness, Be transformed with life anew.

INVOCATION (in unison)

**May God who supplies seeds to sow and bread to eat supply us with all we need to produce a rich harvest. May God bless all our work and worship, done in Christ's way and for Christ's glory, today and every day. Lord of the harvest, who has given us so much; help us to be generous like you, that the world may know your goodness and blessing. And may the blessing of God, Maker, Son and Holy Spirit, remain on us, and be made known through us, now and always. Amen**

LORD'S PRAYER (Trespases)

\*GLORIA PATRI (Please listen but do not sing)

HEBREW BIBLE LESSON *Exodus 16: 2-15*

MORNING PRAYER

GOSPEL LESSON *Matthew 20: 1-16*

SERMON *Grumbling and Generosity* Rev. Dawn Garrett-Larsen

OFFERING OF SPECIAL MUSIC *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*; Martin Luther, arr. Phillip Keveren; Hannah Cox, cello; Edie Rice, piano

\*DOXOLOGY (Please listen but do not sing)

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (in unison)

**All the world is your vineyard, O God, and we are laborers therein. The fruits of our labors are yours, but you allow us to manage them for you. Most we use for our own benefit, but today we bring a portion to help others, as you have commanded. We do so joyfully, asking you to bless the work of your church here and everywhere. Help us to be more faithful stewards. Amen.**

HYMN *Called as Partners in Christ's Service* (Please listen but do not sing)

Called as partners in Christ's service, called to ministries of grace

We respond with deep commitment, fresh new lines of faith to trace

May we learn the art of sharing, side by side and friend with friend

Equal partners in our caring, to fulfil God's chosen end.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Variations on 'Holy Manna' - Variations 4 & 6* by Charles Callahan  
*Call to Worship reprinted from Bare Feet and Buttercups, Ruth Burgess, Wild Goose Pub., C. 2008;*  
*Invocation adapted and reprinted from Acorns and Archangels, Simon Taylor, Wild Goose Pub., C. 2008;*  
*Unison Prayer of Dedication reprinted from Fresh Winds of the Spirit, Book 2 by Lavon Bayler, Pilgrim Press, C. 1992*

\*Please stand if you are able.

**Greeters this Morning:** *the Casellas Family and Rhonda Nyerges*

**Happy Birthday**

Sept 20 John Paul & Jack Berry

Sept 23 Kathi Nevin, Cathy Payne & Debbie Lyon

Sept 21 Nataelee Mullen

Sept 24 Logan Piorkowski

Sept 22 Mickey Ely & Sally Clancy

Sept 26 Karen DeMay, Heidi Schwarz & Sandy Roberts

**Lay Readers**

We are looking for lay readers **for October and November**. If you are interested in helping to lead in person worship this fall please contact Dawn. Anyone is welcome to be a lay reader, even if you've not done it before. We would love to have you participate!

### *Prayer List*

**Muriel Allemand** (Jim & Connie Malone's friend); **Steve Beck** (Heidi Schwarz's brother); **Keith Blaker; Brad Bliss; Marjorie Case; Cathy Coots; Peggy & Bob DeSantis** (Dorice & Don Raw, Sr.'s friends); **Julie English** (Janet & Kim Tenreiro's friend); **Family of Melanie** (Dennis & Jennifer Maxfield's niece); **Brian Fuscaldo** (Mara Huberlie's nephew); **Jerry Gomez** (Kathi Nacca's friend); **Carin Herren; Barb Kutner; Jim Kolesar** (George & Carin Herren's friend); **Sue Kotalik; Michelle List** (JoAnn Reed's friend); **Loren** (Meg & Jack Radley's friend); **Lynn** (Joan Ryan's friend); **Eileen McCarthy** (Carla DeMeco & Betsy Dresser's friend); **Sally Mueller; Liz Nelson** (Kathy Ward's friend); **Claude Peters; Chris Pritchard** (Rick, Cindy Mullen & George Herren's friend); **Jack and Meg Radley; Sara** (Meg & Jack Radley's granddaughter); **Scott and Amanda** (nephew and niece of Don & Marilyn DeSmith); **John Paul and Pat Smith; Smith/Dworetsky Family** (Okke & Kathy Postma's friends); **Sally Stowell** (Alice Berry's mother); **Walker** (Don & Dorice Raw's friend); **Kathy Ward; Gordon Wenner** (George & Carin Herren's friend); **Merle Winn** (Amy Ogden's friend); **Josh Yeo** (Barb Stahl's friend); **Jason Zeller** (Kathy Ward's son); **Linda Zeller** (Kathy Ward's daughter in law)

### *Sunday School Update:*

The Christian Education Committee has decided that Sunday School and Youth will meet via Zoom today, September 20 and again on Sept. 27. We will wait to see what happens with the school opening before we begin to consider meeting at the church. We will let you know when we are ready to come back to in-person classes. If you have any questions, please e-mail Debbie at [ce@canandaiguachurch.org](mailto:ce@canandaiguachurch.org)

### *Calendar*

**Sunday Sept. 20** – Worship 10:30 Live Streaming and in person  
**Monday Sept. 21** - Adult Ed zoom 2; Sacred Conversation on Race meeting 7 zoom  
**Tues Sept. 22** – Men's' Group 8 Gateway Grille; Nominating Comm. 9:00; Adult Ed 2:30 Outside at Dawn's  
**Thurs. Sept. 24** – Adult Ed inside social rooms 10; Staff 4 zoom; “What Have We Learned During Covid-19?” 7:00 zoom  
**Sunday Sept. 27** – Worship 10:30 Live Streaming and in person, Social Action Meeting 11:45 (zoom or in person?), Zoom Sunday School

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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.