

**FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

Rev. Dawn Garrett-Larsen, Pastor
Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
Denise's 20th Anniversary Celebration
Stu Gillim, Lay Reader

September 19, 2021

Worship 10:30 AM

PRELUDE *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* arr. by James C. Kasen

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister: O God, you are the source of all goodness and beauty, the creative power pulsating in our humanity, bringing forth skilled composers and poets, technicians, and musicians. Accept our heartfelt expressions of gratitude for the gift of music and, especially today, for the ministry of Denise Morphy.

We praise you for music which scales the heights and plumbs the depths,

People: which makes us feel understood even as we struggle to understand, which assists in the subtle training of the soul, and which breathes new life into ancient stories.

Minister: We thank you for opening the windows of our hearts through music. Send the refreshing winds of your Spirit, to comfort the sorrowful, to calm our frantic pace, to quicken our joy, and to deepen our communion with you.

People: Holy One, enable us to be both faithful and imaginative stewards of all your gifts. We celebrate 20 years of music and melody. We offer you ourselves and thank you for the high and holy calling to which you have anointed all of us. Amen.

*HYMN # 84 *O God Our Help in Ages Past (last vs in unison)*

*INVOCATION

Touch us, O God, through the ministry of melody, through the sounds and senses of song, through the wordless wonder which fills our souls with heaven, through the spirit which teases our feet to dance and causes our hearts to overflow, that we might be absorbed in the mystery and magic of music, and that in this moment of oneness our lives will be bonded to each other and to you. Amen!

*LORD'S PRAYER (Trespases)

*GLORIA PATRI

ANTHEM

With A Voice of Singing

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN AND YOUTH

HEBREW BIBLE LESSON

Psalm 139: 1-12

*HYMN # 569

God of Grace and God of Glory

MORNING PRAYER

EPISTLE LESSON

Colossians 3: 12-16

SERMON

The Spirit At Work Over Two Decades Rev. Dawn Garrett-Larsen

OFFERTORY

Day of Joy

by Raymond Herbek,

Bell Choir: Laura Gillim, Stu Gillim, Chris Sohn, Lynn Sohn, Kelly Meath, Jim & Elaine Hilton

*DOXOLOGY # 34

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

We who have spent much on our own pleasures are pleased to share that others may obtain the necessities of body and spirit. Thank you, God, for this opportunity to support the ministry and mission of our congregation. Thank you for the abundance of gifts that you've given to us. Help us to share them with mutual love and support. Inspire in us, courageous outreach, to people near and far who need the help we can give. Bless each gift and giver. Amen.

*HYMN # 71

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Now Thank We All Our God

Sigfrid Karg-Elert

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

Call to Worship reprinted and adapted from "Dedicating an Organ" by Rollin Smith, The Organ Historical Society, 2010; Invocation adapted and reprinted from Touch Holiness by Ruth Duck & Maren Tirabassi; Unison Prayer of Dedication reprinted from Led By Love by Lavon Bayler

Greeters This Morning: Michele Gauss, Rhonda Nyerges, Karen DeMay

Ushers This Morning:

Live Stream This Morning: Steve Brooks

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

Sept 19 John Gilbert

Sept 20 Jack Berry

Sept 21 Nataelee Mullen

Sept 22 Mickey Ely & Sally Clancy

Sept 23 Kathi Nevin, Cathy Payne & Debbie Lyon

Sept 24 Logan Piorkowski

Prayer List

Ancy & Kira (Fred Henry's friend); **Steve Beck** (Heidi Schwarz's brother); **Keith Blaker; Brad Bliss; 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); **Betsy Dresser; Brian Fuscald** (Mara Huberlie's nephew); **Bob Graumann** (Don DeSmith's friend); **Carin Herren; Barb Iglewski; Peter Ingalls** (Jean Ingall's son); **Jim and Carolyn** (Amy Ogden's friends); **Family of Dennis Kllermeyer** (Nancy Parson's brother); **Jim Kolesar** (George & Carin Herren's friend); **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); **Donald Morgan** (George Herren's friend); **Liz Nelson** (Kathy Ward's friend); **Norman** (Jennifer Maxfield's uncle); **Pia** (Jim & Connie Malone's friend); **Nancy Parsons** (at the loss of her brother); **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); **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)

Calendar

Mon Sept 20 - Bridge 6:00

Tues Sept 21 – Men's Grp 8:00; Rughookers 10:00; Council 7:00

Sun Sept 26 - Choir 9:00; Worship In Person & Live stream 10:30; Sunday School;
Social Action 11:45

Saturday Oct 2 – Chicken BBQ - TJMaxx Plaza 11-? Haiti fund raiser

Sunday Oct 3 – World Communion Sunday, SCR Bus tour 12-2

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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.