

**FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

Rev. Dawn Garrett-Larsen, Pastor  
Sunday Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
Holy Communion  
Nancy Bidlespacher, Lay Reader

September 5, 2021

Worship 9:30 AM

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *Nimrod from Enigma Variations* by Edward Elgar

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We gather loving and working God, to worship you.

**People: On this Sunday we ask your special blessing on all people who labor, either for pay or as volunteers, in jobs or at school, in the workplace or at home, in the U.S. and around the world.**

Leader: We especially pray for your blessings on workers who do not have jobs and for those whose inadequate pay does not allow them to live the full life you intend for each of us.

**People: Creator God, help us to build a new world in the midst of the old.**

Leader: Help us to create a world where all workers are valued, a world where those who clean houses are also able to buy houses to live in.

**People: We want our world to be one where those who grow food can also afford to eat their fill, where those who serve and care for others are, themselves, also served and cared for.**

Leader: We pray for the coming of a world where all workers everywhere share in the abundance that you have given us.

**People: We ask these things knowing that you give us the courage and strength to live out our faith in the workplace and the marketplace, as well as in the sanctuary. Amen.**

\*HYMN #123 *Fairest Lord Jesus*

INVOCATION

**Dear God, on this Labor Day Weekend, we give you thanks for all those who work in stores and markets, in mines and fields, on ships and planes, in the armed forces, in factories and warehouses, in hospitals and churches, in offices and classrooms. God, we benefit from the labor of so many people, many of whom we never see. Thank You for their good work and faithful service. Be with each of us in all that we do, for we offer you our faithful labor in Jesus' name. Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER (Trespases)

\*GLORIA PATRI

EPISTLE LESSON *James 2: 1-10, 14-17*

\*HYMN #358 *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

MORNING PRAYER

GOSPEL LESSON Mark 7: 24-30

SERMON *The "Other" Trap* Rev. Dawn Garrett-Larsen

OFFERTORY *God Bless America* Irving Berlin  
Soloist: Amy Ogden

\*DOXOLOGY

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**We give because you have been generous to us, gracious God. We give because we need to give in order to realize your image within us. We give to feed the hungers of body and soul that are all around us and deep within. May the ministries of this church meet the needs of our members, our community, and our world. Help us to love our neighbors as ourselves. Amen.**

\*COMMUNION HYMN #695 *As We Gather at Your 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 #14 *Now Thank We All Our God*

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Rigaudon* by Andre Campre

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

*Call to Worship adapted from UCC Worship Ways; Invocation adapted from prayer written by Bill Peel; Unison Prayer of Dedication reprinted from Led By Love by Lavon Bayler*

***Greeters This Morning: Karen & Jim DeMay  
Ushers This Morning: Bill Blaker, Guy Burns, Jean Ingalls, Jean Landes  
Live Stream This Morning: Don Raw, Jr.***

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 5 Daniel Rice  
Sept 6 Putt Moore & Bryan McGuire  
Sept 7 Kurt Rudolph & Matt Schroeter  
Sept 8 Scott Warnshouse

### *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**; **Julie English** (Janet & Kim Tenreiro's friend); **Brian Fuscaldo** (Mara Huberlie's nephew); **Bob Graumann** (Don DeSmith's friend); **Carin Herren**; **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**; **Joan Lacagnina** (Friend of John Maguire); **Michelle List** (JoAnn Reed's friend); **Loren** (Jack Radley's friend); **Lynn** (Joan Ryan's friend); **Betty Lyon**; **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.**; **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 Zeller** (Kathy Ward's son); **Linda Zeller** (Kathy Ward's daughter)

### *Calendar*

Sun Sept 5 - Worship In Person & Live stream 9:30  
Mon Sept 6 - Labor Day, Office Closed  
Tues Sept 7 - Men's Grp 8:00 at Ray's; Rughookers 10:00  
Thurs Sept 9 - Bridge 12:00; Choir Rehearsal 7:00  
Sat Sept 11 - 911 (20<sup>th</sup>) Ecumenical Anniversary Observance 11 am United Church  
Sun Sept 12 - Choir 9:00; Worship In Person & Live stream 10:30; Rally Day

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### We're a Different Kind of Church

- ❖ 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.