

**FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**  
**UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
Rev. Dawn Garrett-Larsen, Pastor  
Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
Marty Daniels, Lay Reader

August 30, 2020

Worship 9:30 AM

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WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*Land of Rest*

arr. George Shearing

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Grant me, O God, the heart of a child, pure and transparent as a spring of water;

**People: a simple heart, which never harbors sorrows;**

Leader: a heart glorious in self-giving, tender in compassion;

**People: a heart faithful and generous, which will never forget any good or bear a grudge for any evil.**

Leader: Make my heart gentle and humble, loving without asking anything in return,

**People: large-hearted and undaunted, which no ingratitude can sour and no indifference can weary;**

Leader: a heart penetrated by the love of Jesus whose desire will only be satisfied in heaven.

**People: Grant me, O Lord, the mind and heart of Jesus in all I do and say. Let me worship you today with an open and receptive heart.**

HYMN

*Now Thank We All Our God (Please listen but do not sing)*

*Now thank we all our God,  
with heart and hands and voices,  
who wondrous things has done,  
in whom this world rejoices;  
who from our mothers' arms  
has blessed us on our way  
with countless gifts of love,  
and still is ours today.*

INVOCATION (in unison)

**Holy God, we thank you that you receive us, not according to our failing goodness, but according to your overflowing grace. You receive us as we are. You show us what we can be. You have come to us in Jesus Christ to share our common lot and reconcile us to yourself. Sweep over us with your Spirit, change us by your love, that we may shout for joy before you, and live to your glory in the world. Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER (Trespases)

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

HEBREW BIBLE LESSON

*Exodus 3: 1-15*

MORNING PRAYER

EPISTLE LESSON

*Romans 12: 9-18*

SERMON

*I AM*

Rev. Dawn Garrett-Larsen

OFFERING OF SPECIAL MUSIC *Achieved is the Glorious Work* from "The Creation" by Franz Joseph Haydn, arr. Donald G. Miller; c. 1995 Ensemble Productions  
Matt Bond, trombone

\*DOXOLOGY *(Please listen but do not sing)*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (in unison)

**We give our best, Gracious God, lest in gaining the whole world we lose life itself. As a covenant people, we seek to do our part to witness to your will and way. As we give, help us to perceive more clearly what you would have us do with the wealth entrusted to our management. As we contribute to the needs of the saints, we present ourselves as living sacrifices. Direct us according to your will. Amen.**

HYMN *Give Thanks for Life* *(Please listen but do not sing)*

*Give thanks for life, the measure of our days,  
mortal, we pass through beauty that decays,  
yet sing to God our hope, our love, our praise:  
Alleluiah! Alleluia!*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Give Thanks for Life*

arr. Charles Callahan

*Call to Worship adapted from Living Prayers for Today, compiled by Maureen Edwards, c. 1996 Int'l Bible Reading Assoc; Invocation adapted and reprinted from Touch Holiness, edited by Ruth Duck & Maren Tirabassi, c. 1990 Pilgrim Press; Unison Prayer of Dedication reprinted from Fresh Winds of the Spirit, Book 2, by Lavon Bayler, c.1992 Pilgrim Press*

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

***Greeters this Morning:***

*George Herren, Mike and Nancy Parsons*

***Happy Birthday***

Aug 30 Connie Fredericks-Malone & Carol Peters

Sept 2 Meg Radley

Sept 3 Judy Holcomb

Sept 5 Daniel Rice

### *Prayer List*

**Muriel Allemand** (Jim & Connie Malone's friend); **Steve Beck** (Heidi Schwarz's brother); **Keith Blaker; Brad Bliss; Ruth Bundy** (Cheryl Bootes' friend); **Marjorie Case; Cathy Coots; Peggy & Bob DeSantis** (Dorice & Don Raw, Sr.'s friends); **Don DeSmith; 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); **Gayle Henry; Carin Herren; Jeff Johnson** (Jim & John Johnson's brother); **Barb Kutner; Carol Kober** (Debbie Lyon's neighbor); **Jim Kolesar** (George & Carin Herren's friend); **Sue Kotalik; Laura** (Karen DeMay's sister); **Michelle List** (JoAnn Reed's friend); **Loren** (Meg & Jack Radley's friend); **Lynn** (Joan Ryan's friend); **Scott Lyon** (Betty's son); **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)

### *Rally Day!*

Sunday, September 13 - Noon to 2 p.m.

Come to a Picnic in the Park at Baker Park! Bring the whole family, bring your own lunch! This will be a chance for our church families with children to get back together while maintaining appropriate social distancing.

Questions? E-mail Debbie at [ce@canandaiguachurch.org](mailto:ce@canandaiguachurch.org) . Hope to see you then!

### *Sunday School Update:*

The Christian Education Committee has decided that Sunday School and Youth will meet via Zoom on September 20 and 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*

**Tues Sept. 1** – Men's Group 8 am - Gateway Grille

**Wed Sept. 2** - Small Group 10 am Mickey Ely's

**Sunday Sept. 6** - Worship 9:30 (Last 9:30 Service) Live Streaming and in person Lori Vail Supply  
Preacher, Steve Kane Substitute Organist