

First Congregational United Church of Christ
Algona, Iowa
First Sunday after Pentecost/ Trinity Sunday
June 11, 2017

PRELUDE

RINGING OF THE BELL

GREETINGS, GOOD NEWS, ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTRODUCTION OF MAHANA SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

THE FIRST READING FROM SCRIPTURE

Psalm 8
read from the *Good News Bible*

OPENING SONG: “All Creatures of Our God and King”

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SHARING JESUS’ PEACE

CALL TO WORSHIP

(read responsively)

Leader: In the beginning was God.

People: In the beginning, the Spirit brooded.

Leader: In the beginning a Word was spoken.

People: The rest is history.

Leader: And it was good!

People: It was very Good! Let’s worship God joyfully!

OPENING PRAYER

(read together)

Holy God, you have birthed us into life, you have nurtured us along our way. In you we live, move, and have our being. To you we bring our offering of praise and thanksgiving. We open ourselves to your presence in this time of worship. Fill us with resolve and purpose, to be your community and to expand our boundaries until all of creation is renewed and all people are welcomed and blessed. This we ask through the risen and ascended Jesus who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

TIME FOR CHILDREN AND THE YOUNG AT HEART

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(read together)

The more we learn of your creation, God, the more we are filled with awe and wonder. Yet, our vision narrows to our limited concerns, and we forget the immense reach of the stewardship to which you appoint us. We have not taken good care of your planet, Earth, which is our home. We have not cared well for one another as sisters and brothers. Our doubts outweigh our obedience. Forgive us, God. Help us fulfill our baptism and claim our discipleship. Amen.

A MOMENT FOR SILENT REFLECTION AND REPENTANCE

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

(read responsively)

Leader: By God’s grace, our chaotic choices become creative grace for others; our foolishness can be transformed by God’s goodness; our lives can become new by the Spirit of our God.

People: The good news is as true as it was on creation’s first morning: Creator God is the redeeming Word who is the Breath of life for all people, even us. Thanks be to God for forgiveness and grace in our lives. Amen.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 28:16-20

MIDDLE SONG: “We Are Called to Be God’s People”

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AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

(read together)

We believe in God above us, Creator of all things, sustainer of all life.

We believe in Christ beside us, companion and friend, redeemer of all the broken pieces of our universe.

We believe in Spirit deep within us, Advocate and guide, who lives with us eternally.

We believe in God’s resurrection created world, where all things are fixed, and all creation fits together in vibrant harmonies.

We believe in God above, beside, within, God yesterday, today and forever, the three in one, the one in three.

We believe in God. Amen.

GLORIA PATRI

#734

FOCUS SCRIPTURE

Genesis 1:2-4a
read from *The Message*

MESSAGE: “Who’s Responsible?”

Pastor Burnett

***DOXOLOGY**

***DEDICATION OF OFFERING**

CLOSING SONG: “This Is My Father’s World”

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***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

The Call to Worship (adapted) is from *The Abingdon Worship Annual 2017* edited by Mary J. Scifres and B. J. Beu. The Opening Prayer (adapted) is from *Worship Ways-Worship Resources for the United Church of Christ*. The Prayer of Confession (adapted) is from *Taught By Love-Worship Resources for Year A* by Lavon Bayler; The Call to Confession, and Words of Assurance, are from *Lectionary Liturgies* by Thom M. Shuman. The Prayer of Dedication is adapted from *Taught By Love-Worship Resources for Year A* by Lavon Bayler and *Lectionary Liturgies* by Thom M. Shuman. The Affirmation of Faith is from the Lenten series *Journey into Wholeness* written by Christine Sine.

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Organist: Liz Reynolds
Lector: David Burrow
Worship Leader: Pastor Burnett

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June Radio Sponsors: Pastor Chris and Pam Burnett

Birthdays: 6-12 Luke TerHark, 6-13 Shelly TerHark, 6-15 Julia Hines

Welcome Mahana Scholars.

Today at 6 pm the Christian Education committee will be hosting a cookout and movie. All are welcome to come.

Tuesday, the 13th, the Missions and Memorial committee will meet at 5 pm at VanBurren Terrace.

Next Saturday, Pastor Burnett will be at Pilgrim Heights for a board meeting.

Next Sunday the Strengthen the Church offering will be taken.

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Morgan Lanndorf	Amber Lenz
Trevor Loeschen	Alyssa Mechler
Madison Miller	Khusbu Patel
Austin Petersen	Michaela Priebe
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