

First Congregational United Church of Christ
Algona, Iowa
Third Sunday after Pentecost
June 25, 2017

PRELUDE
RINGING OF THE BELL

GREETINGS, GOOD NEWS, ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE FIRST READING FROM SCRIPTURE

Genesis 21:8-21
read from *The Message*

OPENING SONG: “The God of Abraham Praise”

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SHARING JESUS’ PEACE

CALL TO WORSHIP

(read responsively)

Leader: People of God, incline your ear, listen to the word of God.

People: We come with open hearts, ready to receive God’s word of forgiveness and love.

Leader: Call on the One who abounds in steadfast love.

People: We are ready to proclaim the good news of God in this place and throughout the earth!

OPENING PRAYER

(read together)

God of love and grace, we gather in thanksgiving and praise. Reassure us once more, that you never leave or forsake us. Empower us by your Holy Spirit, that we may live faithfully as followers of Jesus. Help us leave behind the things that weigh us down, that we may find new life in him. Amen.

TIME FOR CHILDREN AND THE YOUNG AT HEART

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(read together)

We come before you with humble hearts, Compassionate God. There are times in our lives: when we stray from your ways; when we bring conflict to our loved ones; when we become lost in the desert as we flee from your presence; when we allow fear to govern our decisions and actions; when we choose the way of the world instead of the ways of Jesus. Forgive us, God of life. Bless us with faithfulness and courage, that we may walk in Jesus’ ways. We ask these things in your holy name. Amen.

A MOMENT FOR SILENT REFLECTION AND REPENTANCE

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

(read responsively)

Leader: Brothers and Sisters, hear the good news! God forgives, redeems, and restores.

This is good news indeed, so this is what we will do. We will open our hearts to God’s grace and dwell in the promises of Christ!

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Psalms 86:1-10, 16-17

MIDDLE SONG: “I Need Thee Every Hour”

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AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

(read together)

We believe in God, Creator of all things, heavenly father and mother, Soul of infinite love, wisdom, and power, ruler of all that is and all that is to come, who is mystery, yet revealed.

We follow Christ, God’s chosen one, who loved and served humbly, who healed the broken and included the outcast, who chose to suffer rather than harm for the sake of the healing of all Creation, who gave his life for our redemption, and who was raised by God to new life. In his teaching, in his death and resurrection, and in his presence with us in all circumstances, he reveals God to us. He calls us to serve him for the sake of proclaiming God’s grace. We trust that he accompanies us and will help, guide, heal, and defend us through all difficulty and suffering.

We believe the Holy Spirit sustains us, guides us and empowers us as servants of God’s grace.

We live as the body of Christ, in the power of forgiveness and the reality of resurrection, and the light of eternal life. Amen.

GLORIA PATRI

#734

FOCUS SCRIPTURE

Matthew 10:24-39
read from the *Common English Bible*

MESSAGE: "Rest Assured"

Pastor Burnett

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

***DOXOLOGY**

***DEDICATION OF OFFERING**

CLOSING SONG: "Children of the Heavenly Father"

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***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

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Lector:	David Burrow
Worship Leader:	Pastor Burnett

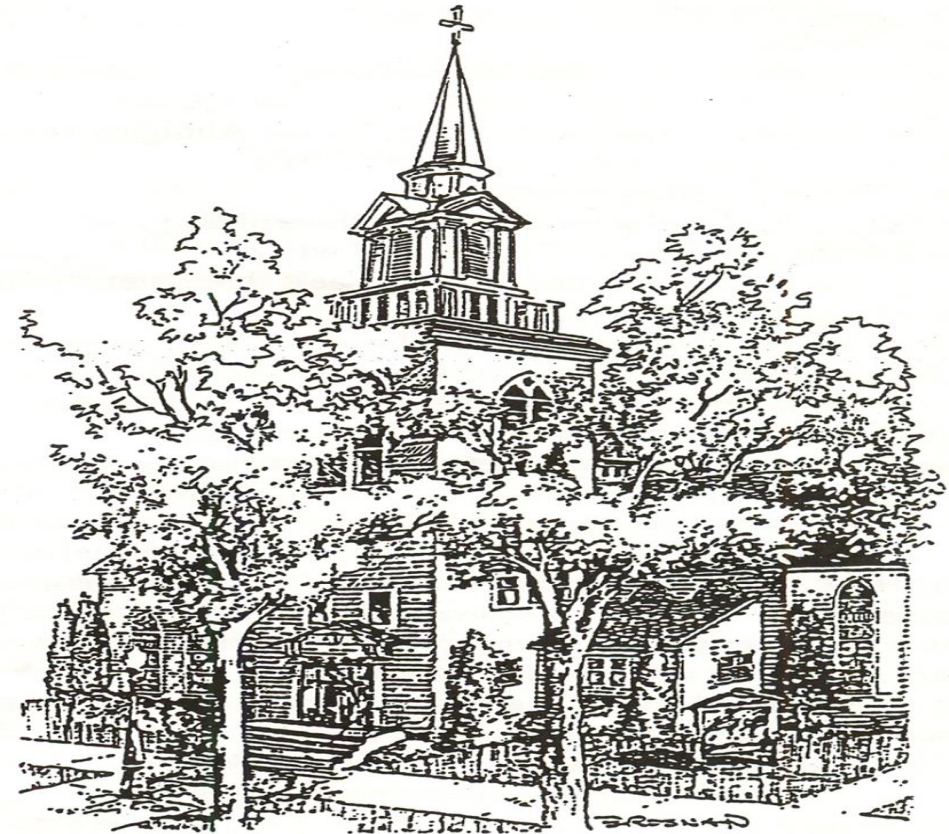
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June Radio Sponsors: Pastor Chris and Pam Burnett

Birthdays: 6-26 Corbin Habeger

The Board will meet Wednesday, the 28th at 7 pm
A reminder that the Founders Day nativity display will be held one week from Friday from 3-6 pm. Set up will be Wednesday July 5th in the afternoon. If you can help, it would be appreciated.
Next Sunday we will celebrate communion and take food pantry donations.

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