

First Congregational United Church of Christ
Algona, Iowa
Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
July 2, 2017

PRELUDE
RINGING OF THE BELL
GREETINGS, GOOD NEWS, ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE FIRST READING FROM SCRIPTURE Psalm 63:1-8, 11b
read from from the *Common English Bible*

OPENING SONG: “Morning Has Broken” #35

SHARING JESUS’ PEACE

CALL TO WORSHIP (read responsively)

Leader: Gracious God of All, we move now to worship you in this space, made holy by your life-giving presence.

People: From the North, the South, the East and the West we bless your holy name!

Leader: Gracious God of All, we long for your healing presence, to make us whole where we are broken.

People: From the North, the South, the East and the West we bless your holy name!

Leader: Gracious God of All, we welcome your Spirit to transform this place.

People: From the North, the South, the East and the West we bless your holy name!

Leader: Gracious God of All, we have come to worship you!

People: You are Creator, Christ and Spirit—One. Hallelujah!

OPENING PRAYER (read together)

Wellspring of Grace, Teacher of Truth, Breath of Resurrection, you welcome us into your life, and invite us to welcome others with a cup of water, a bite of bread, a moment of conversation. As we drink from the overflowing spring of your endless love, fill our hearts with thanksgiving and joy, that we may become the body of Christ pouring our lives into a world that yearns to be filled. Amen.

TIME FOR CHILDREN AND THE YOUNG AT HEART

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (read together)

Welcoming One, who knows us each by name, we call ourselves righteous. We name ourselves as your disciples. We believe that we’ve been sent to offer your welcome, but we haven’t asked the names of those pains and sorrows. We haven’t considered those pleas and protests. We have only heard our own answers. Welcoming One, forgive us. Forgive us for the cup of water we didn’t offer. Forgive us for the name we didn’t ask. Forgive us for the generosity we didn’t share. Cool our tempers by speaking our names So that we know that we are prophets of your welcome. Trust in us to offer the hope that we have found in you. Amen.

A MOMENT FOR SILENT REFLECTION AND REPENTANCE

WORDS OF ASSURANCE (read responsively)

Leader: Broken, we are made whole; thirsty, we are filled with living water; longing for a renewed relationship with God, we are welcomed with open arms by the One who forgives us.

People: Without a doubt, God's love never comes to an end. We will tell our kids and grandkids of the grace and peace which is ours. Thanks be to God, we are forgiven! Amen.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Revelation 22:1-7

MIDDLE SONG: “For the Healing of the Nations” #621

AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH inside back cover of hymnal

GLORIA PATRI #734

FOCUS SCRIPTURE Matthew 10:40-42
read from the *Good News Bible*

MESSAGE: “Hospitality Street” Pastor Burnett

GATHERING AT JESUS’ TABLE

Invitation, Communion Prayer, Words of Institution, Consecration Prayer, Lord’s Prayer, sharing the bread and cup

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

O Christ, our Host, we thank you for your welcome and your presence with us today at this table. We go forth from here gladdened and strengthened to witness to your love and work for a just world for all. Amen.

CLOSING SONG: "Will You Let Me Be Your Servant"

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***DOXOLOGY**

***DEDICATION OF OFFERING**

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

The Call to Worship (adapted) is from our General Synod Closing Worship. The Opening Prayer is from *The Abingdon Worship Annual 2017* edited by Mary J. Scifres and B. J. Beu. The Call to Confession, Words of Assurance, and Prayer of Dedication (adapted) are from *Lectionary Liturgies* by Thom M. Shuman. The Prayer of Confession (adapted) is from *Worship Ways-Worship Resources for the United Church of Christ*. The Communion Liturgy and Prayer of Thanksgiving are adapted from our General Synod Sunday Communion Service.

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

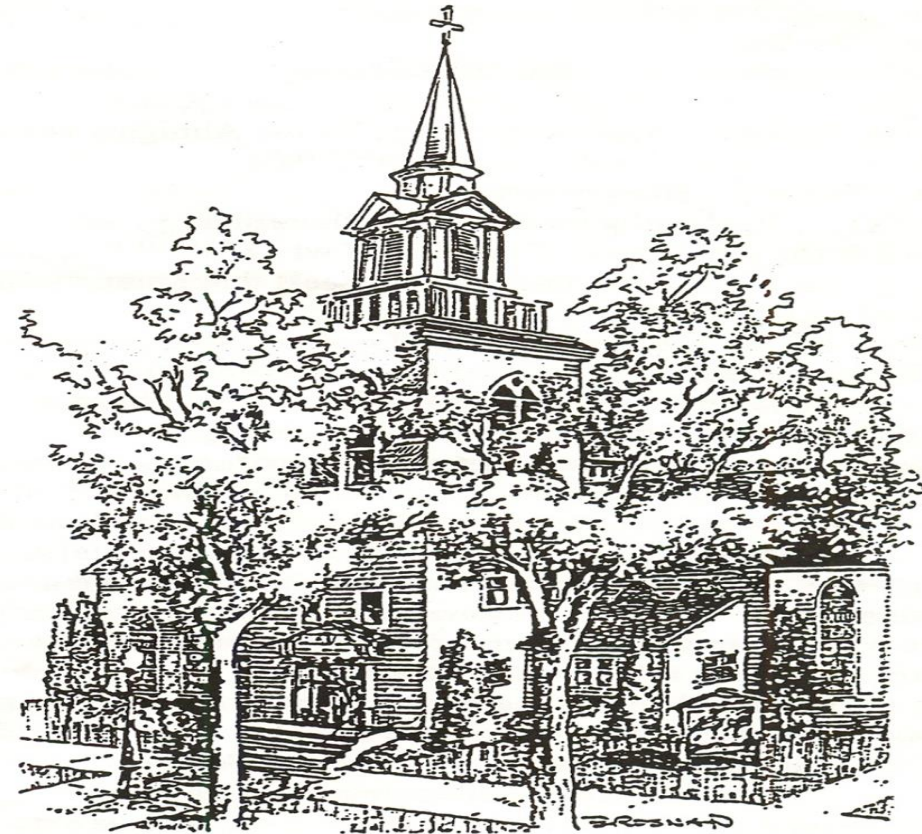
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July Radio Sponsor: Arlen Benschoter

Birthdays: 7-5 Arlen Benschoter

This coming Wednesday afternoon we will set up the nativities. The display will be open to the public on Friday from 3-6 pm.

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"Where No One Is A Stranger"

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