

First Congregational United Church of Christ  
Algona, Iowa  
Sixth Sunday after Epiphany  
February 11, 2018

## PRELUDE

## RINGING OF THE BELL

## GREETINGS, GOOD NEWS, ANNOUNCEMENTS

## THE FIRST READING FROM SCRIPTURE

Psalm 50:1-6

read from the *Common English Bible*

## OPENING SONG: "When Morning Guilds the Skies"

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## SHARING JESUS' PEACE

## CALL TO WORSHIP

(read responsively)

Leader: God summons us from the sun's rising to its setting. God has summoned us here.

**People: We have come to listen for God's voice, for the mighty One speaks to us and does not keep silent,**

Leader: God gathers those faithful to the covenant.

**People: We will be quick to respond to God's invitation. We come looking for a vision to claim our souls.**

Leader: Open your ears to the good news of the gospel. Open your eyes to the glory of God.

**People: We have come to share the knowledge of Jesus. We gather, seeking transformation and empowerment.**

## OPENING PRAYER

(read together)

Speak to us, mighty God, for we are eager to listen. Bless us, as we call out to you for strength and vision. You have acted in the past to save your people. Save us now. You have sent prophets to change the world. Change us now. You have granted us light in Jesus. Shine on us now. Let us see your glory. Lift us to the mountaintop in this time of worship. Stay close to us to melt away our doubts, and do not leave us, we pray, through Christ. Amen.

## TIME FOR CHILDREN AND THE YOUNG AT HEART

## CALL TO CONFESSION

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(read together)

The radiance of your grace is poured out in every moment, Shaper of mountaintops, but we dull its luster by living in the shadows. We indulge in fantasy games and watch shows which claim to be 'real,' but we have trouble simply sitting in your presence, in your healing silence. We can become so infatuated with your love for us, we overlook those who hunger for acceptance and hope.

Revealer of mystery, forgive us. In silence, may we hear your whispers of grace. In mercy, may we feel your forgiveness lifting the burden of guilt from us. In trust, may we go forth to serve your world, filling it with the light and love of the One who is the Light of the World, Jesus Christ. Amen.

## A MOMENT FOR SILENT REFLECTION AND REPENTANCE

## WORDS OF ASSURANCE

(read responsively)

Leader: The promise is true--God's Light has come into the world, and into our lives. We are graced with glimpses of God's glory, even as we are filled with mercy and forgiveness.

**People: Here we find the peace and quiet we need; here we are set free from all that keeps us from serving; here we are given mercy and hope. Here we give thanks to our God. Amen.**

## SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

2 Corinthians 4:3-6

## MIDDLE SONG: "Arise, Your Light Is Come"

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## AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

(read together)

We trust in God, Spirit of life, Creator of all that is and all that is to come; who surrounds us and fills us; who speaks the Word of life in us; and so we listen.

We listen to Jesus, Revealer of God, our brother and teacher; who lived in prayer and in love.

Listening to God's voice and doing God's will, he gave his life in love; but God raised him to life that is eternal; and so we follow him.

We follow in the power of the Holy Spirit, God alive in us, for the sake of the healing of the world.

We trust in the power of forgiveness, the reality of resurrection, the gift of the universal Church as the body of Christ, and the mystery of eternal life. Amen.

**GLORIA PATRI**

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**FOCUS SCRIPTURE**

Mark 9:2-9  
read from the *Common English Bible*

**MESSAGE:** “In a Different Light”

Pastor Burnett

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER**

**OFFERING**

**\*DOXOLOGY**

Words #44

**\*DEDICATION OF OFFERING**

**CLOSING SONG:** “We Are Singing, for the Lord Is Our Light”

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**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

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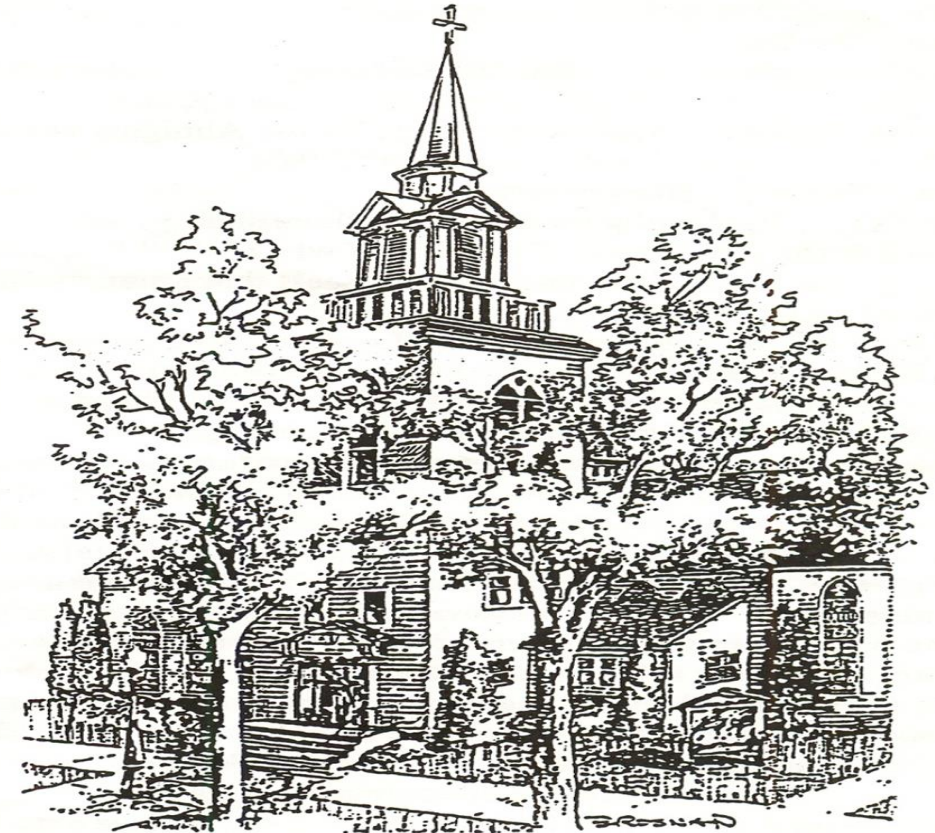
A reminder that this coming Wednesday we will meet at 5:30 pm for a soup supper followed by the Ash Wednesday service.

Next Sunday is Karen Dearchs 80<sup>th</sup> birthday and she has invited us to come to the Methodist church to have some cake.

Happy Birthday also to Father Taylor.

The radio sign-up sheet needs more sponsors. Please consider taking a month.

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