

First Congregational United Church of Christ
Algona, Iowa
Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
July 1, 2018

PRELUDE

RINGING OF THE BELL

GREETINGS, GOOD NEWS, ANNOUNCEMENTS

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING 2 Corinthians 8:7-15 read from *The Message*

***OPENING SONG:** “Gather Us In” #649

CALL TO WORSHIP (read responsively)

One: Come among us, Healing God; we wait for you.

Many: We come, hungry for your Word to bless us.

One: Come among us, Compassionate Christ; we hope in you.

Many: We come, hungry to be filled with the Bread of Heaven.

One: Come among us, Restoring Spirit; we wait and hope in you.

Many: We come, eager to rest in your peace.

OPENING PRAYER (read together)

Faithful God, you yearn to be so close to us that we can know you in every breath, in every hope, in every relationship. You long for us to trust in your power to bring to life new possibilities where there has been no hope. Meet us here today and teach us to recognize the ways of life and hope into which you are leading us. So may our desires become your desires, our work become your work, and our community the place where you are sought and found. In Jesus’ name we pray, Amen.

TIME FOR CHILDREN AND THE YOUNG AT HEART

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (read together)

We want to touch the hem of your garment, God; forgive us for being afraid to touch those who come to us for hope; we want to love the whole world: forgive us for ignoring our neighbor; we long for peace: forgive us for the pain we inflict on our families and friends; we want to share with those we love and like: forgive us for walking past those who need you most.

Forgive us, Loving God, for we do not excel in everything you call us to do. Give us grace: to touch those who frighten us; to carry the Bread of Life to the hungry; to offer the blessings of the kingdom to everyone we meet, even as you have graced us in Christ Jesus, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

A MOMENT FOR SILENT REFLECTION AND REPENTANCE

WORDS OF ASSURANCE (read responsively)

One: Listen to the Good News! Hope in God, for God's love has no ending; God fills us with grace and hope, this day, and forever.

Many: God hears our voice, and listens to our prayers, redeeming us from all our sins. Thanks be to God, we are forgiven. Amen.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 130

***MIDDLE SONG:** “When Our Confidence Is Shaken” #412

***AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (read together) inside back cover of hymnal

GLORIA PATRI #734

FOCUS SCRIPTURE Mark 5:21-43 read from the *Common English Bible*

MESSAGE: “Risky Faith” Pastor Burtnett

GATHERING AT THE TABLE

Invitation, Communion Prayer, Sanctus, Words of Institution, Consecration Prayer, Lord’s Prayer, Sharing the Bread and Cup,

SANCTUS (read together)

Holy, holy, holy, God of love and majesty, the whole universe speaks of your glory, O God Most High. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of our God! Hosanna in the highest!

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

(read together)

Dear God, we thank you that in this place, at this table, we have touched, we have tasted, and we have heard the signs of your love for us. Grant that we may go from this place filled with our love for you and overflowing with your love for those who are around us and who share our lives. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

OFFERING

***DOXOLOGY**

***DEDICATION OF OFFERING**

***CLOSING SONG:** "Christ Beside Me"

#425

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

The Call to Worship, Call to Confession, Prayer of Confession, and Words of Assurance are from *Lectionary Liturgies* by Thom M. Shuman. Opening Prayer and Offering Prayer of Dedication (adapted) are from *Worship Ways-Worship Resources for the United Church of Christ*. The Affirmation of Faith is a version of our *United Church of Christ Statement of Faith*. The Communion Prayer of Thanksgiving is by David L. Beebe from *Touch Holiness-Resources for Worship* edited by Ruth C. Duck & Maren Tirabassi.

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Organist: Liz Reynolds

Lector: David Burrow

Worship Leader: Pastor Chris Burtnett

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July Radio Sponsor: Arlen Benschoter

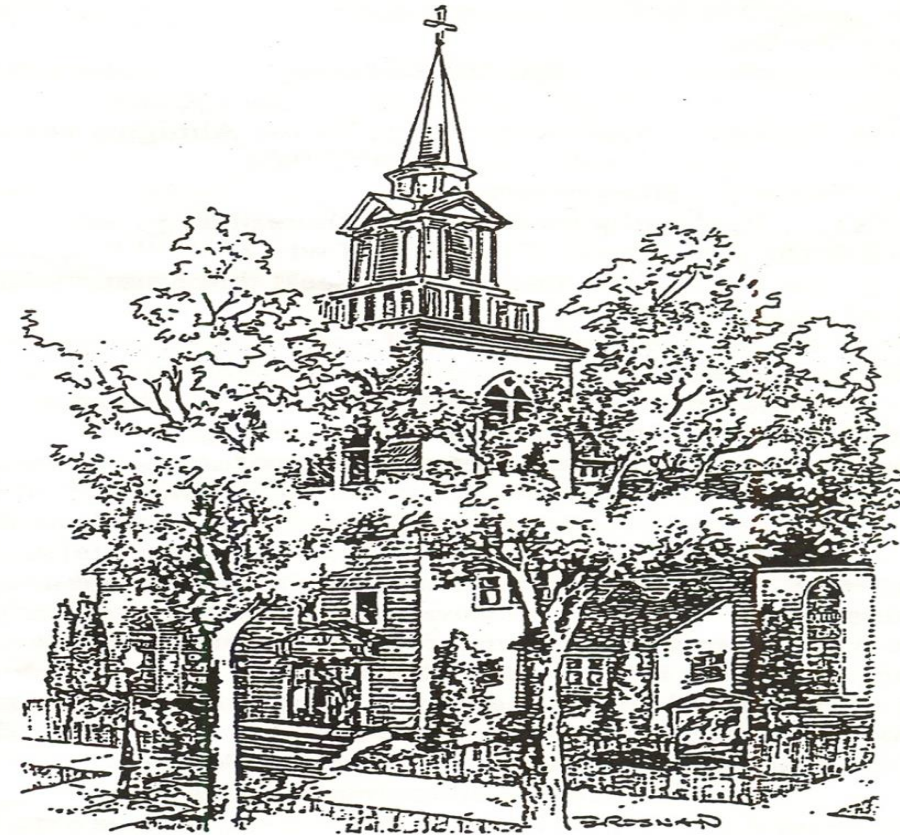
Birthdays: 7-5 Arlen Benschoter

Tuesday, the 3rd, Pastor Burtnett will be at the Chocolate Season from 9:30 to 11:30 am

Nativities set up will be held at 1 pm on Tuesday, July 10th.

Special Mission Opportunity : Sundance from July 25th through the 29th. More information will be in the Week Ahead. A donation dedication will be held next Sunday, the 8th.

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