

First Congregational United Church of Christ  
Algona, Iowa  
Seventh Sunday after Pentecost  
July 8, 2018

## PRELUDE

## RINGING OF THE BELL

## GREETINGS, GOOD NEWS, ANNOUNCEMENTS

**THE FIRST READING FROM SCRIPTURE** 2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10 read from *The Message*

**OPENING SONG:** “All Creatures of Our God and King” #23

## SHARING JESUS' PEACE

**CALL TO WORSHIP** (read responsively)

One: Holy is our God, who calls us to worship in holiness.

**Many: Mighty is our God, who calls us to lead courageously and to follow faithfully.**

One: Loving is our God, who calls us to live lives of service to others.

**Many: Let's worship God!**

**OPENING PRAYER** (read together)

Shepherding God, lead us in the way you would have us go. Lead us into your presence this day. Guide us in our time of worship, that we may hear your Word and answer your call. In your light and your truth, we pray. Amen.

## TIME FOR CHILDREN AND THE YOUNG AT HEART

## CALL TO CONFESSION

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (read together)

You know how stubborn we can be, Holy God. You call us to serve others, but we stay in the coolness of our own homes. You would send us to where the hopeless live, but we are reluctant to leave the comfort of our complacency. You would feed us on the peace and joy of your word, but we pull our chairs up to the tables of those who serve false promises.

Forgive us, Guiding God. Transform our defiance into discipleship, and our rejection of others into the resurrection of welcoming all people as sisters and brothers in Christ. Help us to love as faithfully as you have always loved us, and send us forth to take the good news of Jesus Christ to everyone we meet. Amen.

## A MOMENT FOR SILENT REFLECTION AND REPENTANCE

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE** (read responsively)

One: We open our lips and confess our hearts. God hears our words and make us new, sending us out to bring hope and joy to all the world.

**Many: We hear the good news, we believe the good news, we will live out the good news. Thanks be to God. Amen!**

**SECOND SCRIPTURE READING** Ezekiel 2:1-5

**MIDDLE SONG:** “Your Servant Comes This Hour” #566

**AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (read together)

We believe in God, who creates us, who sustains us each moment, who is our life and our breath.

We follow Christ, who showed us God. He received and shared God's grace. He trusted God in everything. He let go of things so that he might cling to Life. He let go of life, so that he might hold onto Love. He gave of himself, even his very life, for the sake of the healing of the world. Though he was crucified, God have him life again; and he rose and is still among us in a new way.

We live by the Holy Spirit, which alone gives us life. We rejoice in the church, the Body of Christ, and in the oneness of all life, the gift of forgiveness, the reality of resurrection, and the mystery of eternal life.

By the power of that Holy Spirit, and in the name of Christ, we devote ourselves to give generously of all that we receive, for the sake of the healing of the world, and the eternal glory of God. Amen.

**GLORIA PATRI** #734

**FOCUS SCRIPTURE**

Mark 6:1-13

read from *The Message*

**MESSAGE:** “Jump Up!”

Pastor Burtnett

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

**OFFERING**

**\*DOXOLOGY**

Words #44

**\*DEDICATION OF OFFERING**

**CLOSING SONG** “Sent Forth by God’s Blessing”

#712

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

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Organist: Liz Reynolds

Lector: David Burrow

Worship Leader: Pastor Burtnett

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July Radio Sponsor: Arlen Benschoter

Birthdays: 7-11 Ken Beaver, Sheryl Huffman

Today we will be taking the donation for the Sundance meal.  
Tuesday, the 10<sup>th</sup>, Pastor Burtnett will be in Calumet in the morning. DAR will meet here at 1 pm, and the nativity and angel display will be setting up from 3-6 pm.  
Wednesday, the 11<sup>th</sup>, Bible study will meet at 2 pm.  
Saturday, the 14<sup>th</sup>, we will host the nativity and angel display from 1-4 pm.

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