

First Congregational United Church of Christ
Algona, Iowa
Second Sunday in Easter
April 8, 2018

PRELUDE

RINGING OF THE BELL

GREETINGS, GOOD NEWS, ANNOUNCEMENTS

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 133

OPENING SONG: Come, Christians Join to Sing” #87

SHARING JESUS' PEACE

CALL TO WORSHIP (read responsively)

One: This is the day to walk in the light.

Many: This is the day to share signs of peace.

One: This is the day to believe what we have not seen.

Many: This is the day to embrace what we cannot touch.

One: Come! Let us worship the Lord of life.

OPENING PRAYER (read together)

God of manifold blessing, come to us this day. Come and bless us. Come and lead us into light. For we come to you to find peace. We come to discover joy. We come to believe where we have not seen. We come to touch the glory of everlasting life, through the power of your Son. We come to truly live. Amen.

TIME FOR CHILDREN AND THE YOUNG AT HEART

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (read together)

Heart of all hearts, joy of all joys, teach us how to live as one. You offer us your abundant grace, and yet we still long to find rest and peace. You have shown us the light of our salvation, and yet we often lurk in the shadows. You promise us the glory of

everlasting life, yet we settle for the tarnished glow of selfish pursuits. Forgive us. Help us believe where we have not seen; help us walk bravely in the midst of our fear, that we may truly know your peace each and every day. Amen.

A MOMENT FOR SILENT REFLECTION AND REPENTANCE

WORDS OF ASSURANCE (read responsively)

One: In Christ, God has forgiven not only our sins, but the sins of the whole world. Rejoice in the light and peace of the Holy One.

Many: We will rejoice in the blessings of our God. Thanks be to God we are forgiven!

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING 1 John 1:1-2:2

OUR STATEMENT OF PURPOSE inside front cover of hymnal (read together)

GLORIA PATRI #734

FOCUS SCRIPTURE John 20:19-31

SERMON: “Let the Redeemed of the Lord Say So”

SERMON SONG: “Alleluia” #316

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING

***DOXOLOGY** Words #44

***DEDICATION OF OFFERING**

CLOSING SONG: “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” #358

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

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Organist: Liz Reynolds
Lector: David Burrow
Worship Leader: Karen Dearchs
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April Radio Sponsor: Don and Becky Marine

Birthdays: 4-13 - John Scuffham

Today - 9:00 am. Seekers
10:00 am. Worship
10:15 am. Children's Sunday School

Monday- 11:00am Exceptional Opportunities

Tuesday – Pastor at Perky Parrott in the morning
1pm. DAR
2pm Good Sam Bible Study
7pm. Adult Discussion at Chuck West's

Next Sunday- 9:00 am. Seekers
10:00 am. Worship
10:15 am. Children's Sunday School

Trash, Treasure and Bake Sale will be held April 20th and 21st. If you have any treasures you would like to donate, you may bring them anytime.

Pilgrim Heights Camp & Retreat Center theme this year is "Beyond Belief: the Universe of God". Check out the brochure. Camps for kindergarten through adults.

The Call to Worship, Opening Prayer, Prayer of Confession, and Words of Assurance (adapted are from *The Abingdon Worship Annual-2018* edited by Mary J. Scifres and B. J. Beu

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