

First Congregational United Church of Christ
Algona, Iowa
Pentecost Sunday of Easter
May 20 2018

PRELUDE

RINGING OF THE BELL

GREETINGS, GOOD NEWS, ANNOUNCEMENTS

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 104:24-34, 35b read from the *Common English Bible*

OPENING SONG: "O Worship the King" #2

SHARING JESUS' PEACE

CALL TO WORSHIP (read responsively)

One: Come, Holy Spirit, come.

Many: Come and move in and through us.

One: Whispers of hope around the corner of despair; shouts of joy at a graduation:

Many: You are around us in every place.

One: The sweet breath of a baby, the remembrances of the elderly:

Many: You speak to us through every person.

One: Soft breezes on a summer's day; bitter winds through frozen trees:

Many: You are with us in every season.

One: The gentle lullabies of a parent; the birds twittering us awake:

Many: You sing glad songs to us.

One: The sudden rush of newness throwing open our sheltered fears; the gale of justice breaking down the walls of oppression:

Many: You sweep us up in your commitment to transform all lives, all places.

One: In every breath, in every song, in every moment, in every tongue:

Many: Come Dance, Enflame, Engulf, Transform us!

OPENING PRAYER (read together)

Great Spirit over all, we come to worship this morning to celebrate the amazing gift of your presence. Breathe on us with life-giving energy, that we might be empowered as your daughters and sons to speak truth to power. Inspire within us dreams and visions. Cause wonders to occur everywhere that your justice may break forth with vibrations of righteousness and love. In the power of your mighty Spirit, we pray. Amen.

TIME FOR THE CHILDREN AND THE YOUNG AT HEART

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (read together)

Your Spirit moves over the waters, Gracious God, but we prefer to splash in the puddles of temptation. You would breathe life into us in every moment, but we hold our breath until we turn blue, wanting to get our way. You would give us the words to bring hope to the despairing, to offer healing to the broken, and to share hope in the places of anger and violence, but we turn them into accusations towards those around us.

In your mercy, forgive us, God of gusty grace. May your Spirit sing in our hearts, so we may invite others to dance in joy with us. May your Spirit be the still, small voice which silences the shouts of fear and worry all around us. May your Spirit sweep us off our feet and into the arms of Jesus Christ, our Brother, our Savior, our Companion. Amen.

A MOMENT FOR SILENT REFLECTION AND REPENTANCE

WORDS OF ASSURANCE (read responsively)

One: In every breath we take, there is the Spirit; in every word we speak, there is the Spirit; in every heart we touch, there is the Spirit; in every person we welcome, there is the Spirit.

Many: In forgiveness, we are given the words to speak; the courage to reach out to others; the open hearts to offer others, the breath of life to share with those around us. Thanks be to God, we are forgiven!

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Acts 2:1-21

MIDDLE SONG: "On Pentecost They Gathered" #334

AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (read together)

We sing of God the Spirit, who from the beginning has swept over the face of creation, animating all energy and matter and moving in the human heart.

We sing of God the Spirit, faithful and untamable, who is creatively and redemptively active in the world.

The Spirit challenges us to celebrate the holy not only in what is familiar, but also in that which seems foreign.

We sing of the Spirit, who speaks our prayers of deepest longing and enfolds our concerns and confessions, transforming us and the world.

We offer worship as an outpouring of gratitude and awe and a practice of opening ourselves to God's still, small voice of comfort, to God's rushing whirlwind of challenge.

Through word, music, art, and sacrament, in community and in solitude, God changes our lives, our relationships, and our world. Amen.

GLORIA PATRI

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FOCUS SCRIPTURE John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15 read from the *Common English Bible*

MESSAGE: “Like the Caress of a Gentle Breeze”

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

OFFERING

***DOXOLOGY**

Words #44

***DEDICATION OF OFFERING**

CLOSING SONG “Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness”

#326

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

The Call to Worship (adapted), Call to Confession, Prayer of Confession, and Words of Assurance are from *Lectionary Liturgies* by Thom M. Shuman. The Opening Prayer (adapted) is from *Worship Ways-Worship Resources for the United Church of Christ* and *The Abingdon Worship Annual-2018* edited by Mary J. Scifres and B. J. Beu. The Offering Prayer of Dedication (adapted) is from *The Abingdon Worship Annual-2018* edited by Mary J. Scifres and B. J. Beu, *Lectionary Liturgies* by Thom M. Shuman, and *Led By Love-Worship Resources for Year B* by Lavon Bayler. The Affirmation of Faith is excerpted from *Song of Faith* of the United Church of Canada (2006).

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

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May Radio Sponsor: Scott and Sandy Buchanan
 Birthdays: 5-22-Ginny Buchanan, Mick Schlievert, 5-23-Aaron Burtnett, 5-25 Marge Person
 Today – 9:00 am. Seekers
 10:00 am. Worship-Pentecost
 10:15 am. Children’s Sunday School
 Potluck

Monday- 11:00 am Exceptional Opportunities
 Tuesday – 9:30-11:30 am. Pastor at Chocolate Season
 Thursday- 7:00 pm. Adult Evening Group at Chuck’s
 Next Sunday- 9:00am. Seekers
 10 am. Worship

The women of the church are invited to Guest Day on Thursday, June 7 for a noon luncheon at Algona United Methodist Church. The program will be by Pastor Walter Reemtsma on his trip to the Holy Land. Please RSVP to 515-295-2779 or e-mail dkcrail@gmail.com by May 28.

Our Daily Bread for June, July and August is available in the Fellowship entry.

