

First Congregational United Church of Christ
Algona, Iowa
Second Sunday after Pentecost
June 3, 2018

PRELUDE

RINGING OF THE BELL

GREETINGS, GOOD NEWS, ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTRODUCTION OF MAHANA SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

THE FIRST READING FROM SCRIPTURE

Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18
read from the *Good News Bible*

OPENING SONG: "Praise the Lord! O Heavens Adore Him"

#17

SHARING JESUS' PEACE

CALL TO WORSHIP

(read responsively)

One: We gather on this day,

Many: to praise our God, who is our strength.

One: We gather on this holy day,

Many: to join with Jesus in relieving the burdens of others.

One: We gather in this sacred space,

Many: to be fed by the Spirit with grace and hope.

OPENING PRAYER

(read together)

O God who commands us to Sabbath, in the midst of the world you call us deep into your mystery of love. You offer us precious time-out-of-time to immerse ourselves in your abundant life, and refresh us in your vision of wholeness for all. Meet us here as we Sabbath, and show us again the goodness of all you have made. Let our Sabbath restore our hope and strengthen our courage to follow Jesus, your Child who models life-giving Sabbath for all. Amen.

TIME FOR CHILDREN AND THE YOUNG AT HEART

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(read together)

God of mercy, on ordinary days we crush others under the weight of our unrealistic expectations. We knock down friends and neighbors in our rush to get more for ourselves. We bully those around us with stupid words and angry gestures. We worship strange gods - plastic cards, electronic devices, athletes, celebrities - as we turn away from you. We forget how you have set us free, when we turn our backs on the strangers around us.

So on this holy day, Gracious God, we pray for your forgiveness. When we could promote ourselves, let us honor those who care for us in ways we do not notice. Instead of pushing people into the shadows, may we walk with them in your light. May we open our hands to serve others with the grace, hope, and peace poured into us through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

A MOMENT FOR SILENT REFLECTION AND REPENTANCE

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

(read responsively)

One: No longer are we held captive by our foolish choices or our damaging words. On this holy day, as well as all the ordinary days, our God blesses us with hope and mercy.

Many: With every instrument possible, but especially with our hearts and lives, may we praise the One who fills us with forgiveness and grace. Thanks be to God! We are forgiven. Amen.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 8:12-17

MIDDLE SONG: "Lord, Speak to Me"

#593

AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

(read together)

We are God's work of art—each one of us a precious gem, a marvelous melody, a potter's delight.

We are God's handiwork—woven together in love, shaped with infinite compassion, painted with incredible beauty.

We are the church of Jesus Christ—diverse in human qualities, but united in our call to love God with all our heart, mind, soul, and strength, and to love our neighbor as ourselves.

We are the Body of Christ—living in his truth, sharing his peace, carrying his hope, embodying his love, throughout the world he loved so much.

We are here to be reminded once more who we are, whose we are and what our lives are about. We are here to be uplifted, renewed and empowered to live out the miracle of who we are, by the power of God working in and among us.

We open ourselves to God, who makes all things new. Amen.

GLORIA PATRI

#734

FOCUS SCRIPTURE

Mark 2:22-3:6
read from the *Good News Bible*

MESSAGE: “Remember To Sabbath”

Pastor Burnett

***DOXOLOGY**

***DEDICATION OF OFFERING**

CLOSING SONG: “Take Time to Be Holy”

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***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

The Call to Worship, Call to Confession, Prayer of Confession (adapted), and Words of Assurance are from *Lectionary Liturgies* by Thom M. Shuman. The 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 adapted from “God’s Work of Art,” written by the Rev. David Inglis, pastor of Henrietta (NY) United Church of Christ.

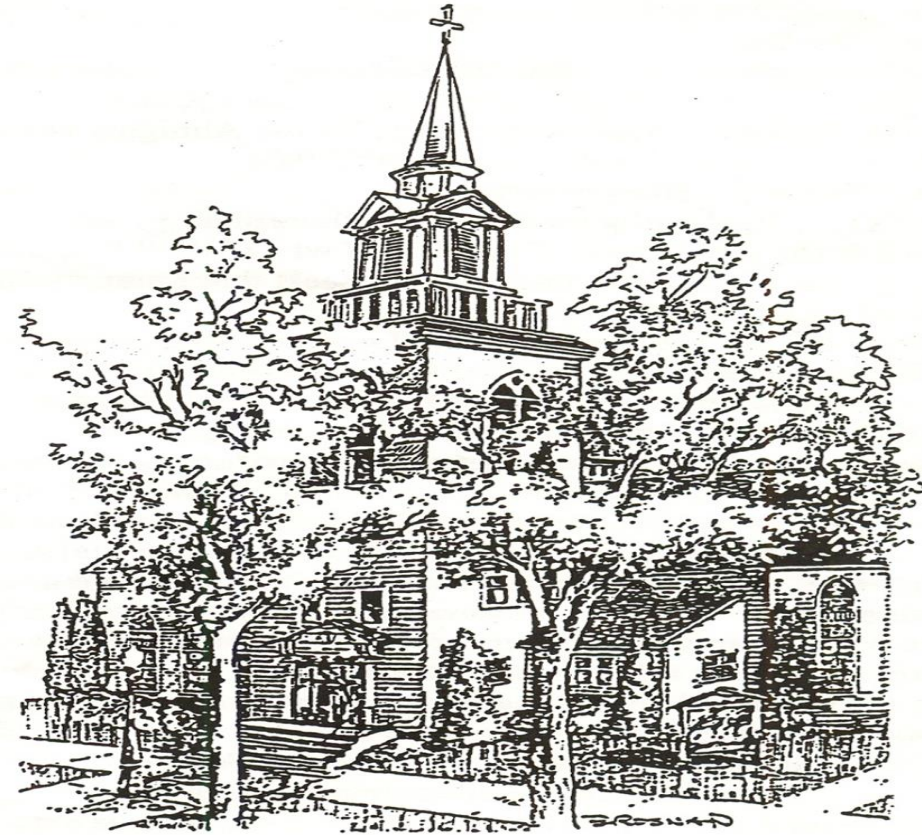
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Organist: Liz Reynolds
Lector: David Burrow
Worship Leader: Pastor Burnett

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June Radio Sponsors: Pastor Chris and Pam Burnett

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Mahana Scholars 2018

2018 Graduates

Trevor Bormann
Tiffany Enisco
Ellie Foertsch
Treyonna Gandy
Nick Goche
Evan Ingalls
Myra Meyer
Ashlyn Richardson
Jayden Richardson
Josh Rickit

Past Graduates

Amanda Hentges - 2017
Faith Kahler - 2017
Cameron Kaltschnee - 2017
Madison Miller- 2017
Ryan Reebenacker- 2017
Xue (Diana) Wang - 2017
Mallory Zwiefel-2017
Addy Foertsch- 2016
Joseph Ingalls - 2016
Trevor Loeschen – 2015
*Megan Eden - 2015
Jeffrey Buchanan – 2014
Amber Lenz – 2013
Clay Collison-2013
Joshua Heisterkamp – 2005

***One Semester Only**

Birthdays: 6/01 Jim Kolp, 6/05 Becky Bibler, 6/07 Ashley Grindberg, 6/08 Anita Secrease

Welcome Mahana Scholars and their families and friends.

The rose on the altar today is in honor of Jaxson Robert Pedersen, son of Jason and Callie Pedersen, who live in Waverly, Iowa. He was born on Sunday, May 27, 2018 and is the great grandson of Don and Kathryn Myers. Life is good!

Tuesday, the 5th, Pastor Burtnett will be at the Chocolate Season in the morning and at a Kossuth Coalition meeting over the noon hour.

Wednesday, the 6th, the Board will meet at 7 pm.

Thursday, the 7th, at noon, the Methodist church will host a women's guest luncheon and a program from Walt Reemtsma about his trip to the Holy Land. Please call their church for a reservation.

Next Sunday, the 10th, we will have communion and take collections for the Food Pantry.

This is a reminder that the church has two e-mail addresses, one for the office and one for the Pastor.

Office: uccalg@netamumail.com Pastor: algucc@netamumail.com

Our Daily Bread booklets are in the front entry to the Fellowship Hall and are free to all who wish to take one.

Pastor Burtnett will be hosting Bible study classes this summer. The sign-up sheet is posted in the parlor.

A big thank you for all of the Meals on Wheels volunteers this past month.

There are two months left open for those who wish to sponsor a radio month. The sign-up sheet is in the parlor.