

First Congregational United Church of Christ  
Algona, Iowa  
Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost  
August 5, 2018

## PRELUDE

## RINGING OF THE BELL

## GREETINGS, GOOD NEWS, ANNOUNCEMENTS

**FIRST SCRIPTURE READING** John 6:24-35 read from *The Message*

**\*OPENING SONG:** "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" #501

**CALL TO WORSHIP** (read responsively)

One: There is one body, one spirit, one Lord of all.

**Many: We are one body in Christ, bound together in holy love.**

One: There is one hope, one faith, one Father of all.

**Many: We are one family in God, blessed with gifts of one Spirit.**

One: There is one baptism, one true home, one Mother of all.

**Many: We are one people, nourished by God with the food of eternal life.**

**Everyone: Come! Let us worship!**

**OPENING PRAYER** (read together)

Life Sustainer, we have come to worship you and to receive the things you desire to offer us today and each new day! Grant us wisdom and openness to your Word and use its teachings to energize our bodies and spirits. Amen.

## TIME FOR CHILDREN AND THE YOUNG AT HEART

## CALL TO CONFESSION

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (read together)

Compassionate One: like David, it is not easy for us to confront those deeds which do not please you. We are so busy looking for the miracles we desire, we cannot see the gift of your presence in others. We are so intent on indulging our appetites and slaking our thirsts, we cannot taste that Bread which gives life. We spend so much of our lives bemoaning the acts of others, we have no time to look in the mirror and see our secret faces.

Forgive us, Steadfast Love. Grace us with your mercy, so we might be made whole. Touch our inner being and heal us, so we might know joy and gladness. Create new hearts within us, so they might beat as one with each other, and with your Son, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

## A MOMENT FOR SILENT REFLECTION AND REPENTANCE

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE** (read responsively)

One: Despite knowing our sin, God chooses to forgive us; seeing our emptiness, God chooses to feed us; holding our shattered hearts, God chooses to heal us. This is the good news: God loves us.

**Many: God has graced us with mercy and created new life from our brokenness. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

**SECOND SCRIPTURE READING** Psalm 51:1-12

**\*MIDDLE SONG:** "Spirit of the Living God" #492

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

**GLORIA PATRI** #734

**FOCUS SCRIPTURE** Ephesians 4:1-16 read from the *Common English Bible*

**MESSAGE:** "One Body" 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)

Thank you, God, for renewing us at your table by the presence of our Christ. Thank you for your eternal love, the Bread of Life, that sustains all creation. We pray that you might continue to love us in our faithful acts and by that love discourage us in our unfaithful acts, that we might rejoice as your servants to the world. Amen.

**OFFERING**

**\*DOXOLOGY**

**\*DEDICATION OF OFFERING**

**\*CLOSING SONG:** “One Bread, One Body” #689

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

The Call to Worship and Offering Prayer of Dedication (adapted) are from *The Abingdon Worship Annual-2018* edited by Mary J. Scifres and B. J. Beu. The Opening Prayer (adapted) is from *Worship Ways-Worship Resources for the United Church of Christ*. The Call to Confession, Prayer of Confession, and Words of Assurance are from *Lectionary Liturgies* by Thom M. Shuman. The Affirmation of Faith is our United Church of Christ Statement of Faith. The Prayer of Thanksgiving is by John W. Riggs from *Flames of the Spirit-Resources for Worship Like Bread for the Journey* edited by Ruth C. Duck

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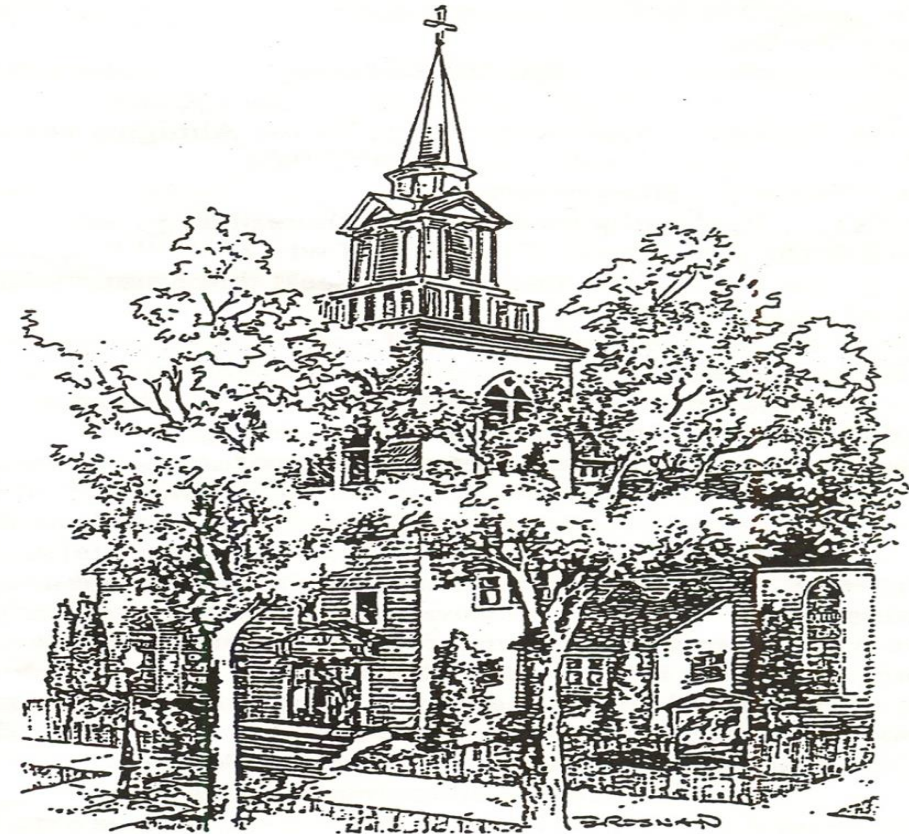
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August Radio Sponsor: Chuck West and Becky Bibler

Birthdays: 8/5 Connie Parsons, 8/6 Judy Boyd, 8/8 Chris Burtnett, 8/10 Todd TerHark, 5/11 Angela Cother

The Christian Education committee will meet today after worship.  
Karen Dearchs will be on call while the Burtnetts are on vacation from August 6th through the 13<sup>th</sup>.

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