

First Congregational United Church of Christ  
Algona, Iowa  
Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost  
October 7, 2018  
World Communion Sunday

## PRELUDE

## RINGING OF THE BELL

## GREETINGS, GOOD NEWS, ANNOUNCEMENTS

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 8 from the *Common English Bible*

\*OPENING SONG: "For Beauty of Meadows" #28

## SHARING JESUS' PEACE

CALL TO WORSHIP (read responsively)

One: On this day, we are not a single congregation,

**Many: but part of all believers everywhere, every place.**

One: On this day, we share not just a sacrament,

**Many: but a feast from every time, every place of faith.**

One: On this day, God's people gather in house churches and cathedrals,

**Many: and on sandy beaches and under towering trees.**

*Everyone: On this day, in this place, as in other places around the world, we gather to worship God.*

OPENING PRAYER (read together)

Holy God, as we gather in your glorious presence, come and make us holy. Guide us this day, that we may receive your teachings and walk in your truth, even as we welcome others on the journey with us. Strengthen our holy communion, that we may create a community of belonging, where all are included, and where your grace binds us together in unity and love. Amen.

## TIME FOR CHILDREN AND THE YOUNG AT HEART

## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM FOR ELIZABETH KAY HOWES

## CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (read together)

We confess, God of every person, how easy it is to think that our way of being your church is the one, true way. And so, we believe we have no reason to hear your name spoken in another language. We are sure we don't need to learn songs that have tunes which sound dissonant to us. We believe that our baptism, our communion, our beliefs are the ones closest to your heart, and so we close our hearts, eyes, and hands to those around us.

Forgive us, Gracious God, and have mercy. Remind us that while there may be many types of bread, there is that one Love which has been broken for us. Remind us that while there might be wine or juice offered, there is one Life which has been poured out for us. Remind us that while some remain seated, some come forward, and others dance, there is one Table, offered to us by your grace, through Jesus Christ, our Brother, our Savior. Amen.

## A MOMENT FOR SILENT REFLECTION AND REPENTANCE

WORDS OF ASSURANCE (read responsively)

One: In little churches with wide open windows, in ancient buildings echoing with the songs and prayers of generations, in buildings that do not look like sanctuaries, the same good news is proclaimed: God is love. That love forgives us, redeems us, and restores us.

**Many: In whatever language, in every tongue and dialect, we rejoice and give thanks. We are forgiven by our God of grace and wonder. Amen.**

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12

\*MIDDLE SONG: "God Has Spoken by the Prophets" #667

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

GLORIA PATRI #734

FOCUS SCRIPTURE Mark 10:2-16 from *The Message*

MESSAGE: "Twos" Pastor Burnett

## GATHERING AT JESUS' TABLE

Invitation, Communion Prayer, *Sanctus*, Words of Institution, Consecration Prayer, Lord's Prayer, Sharing the Bread and Cup

**SANCTUS**

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**

God of new life, with joy we have received this sacrament of bread and cup, giving you thanks for Jesus Christ, our peace and our hope. Unite your church throughout the world in continuing Christ’s ministry of love and servanthood, that your name may be praised in all the earth. Amen.

**OFFERING**

**\*DOXOLOGY**

**\*DEDICATION OF OFFERING**

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

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

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

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

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October Radio Sponsor: Gregg and Julie Buchanan

Birthdays: 10-9 Andy Burtnett, Julie Buchanan 10-11 David Burrow 10-12 Misty Bachman  
Today – 10:00 am. Worship with Communion, Food Pantry, Neighbors in Need and Baptism  
Fellowship coffee and cookies

Monday- 11:00 am. Exceptional Opportunities

Tuesday- 9:30-11:30 am. Chocolate Season

Wednesday- 5:30 pm Fellowship night and 7 pm Board meeting

Saturday- Pastor Burtnett in Des Moines for a conference business meeting

Sunday – 9:00a m. Seekers, 2 pm Crop Walk beginning here



**THEIR EYES WERE OPENED, AND THEY  
RECOGNIZED THE RISEN CHRIST IN THE  
BREAKING OF THE BREAD.**