

First Congregational United Church of Christ  
Algona, Iowa  
Fifth Sunday after Epiphany  
February 10, 2019

## PRELUDE

## RINGING OF THE BELL

## GREETINGS, GOOD NEWS, ANNOUNCEMENTS

**FIRST SCRIPTURE READING** 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 from the *Good News Bible*

**\*OPENING SONG:** “Holy God, We Praise Your Name” #138

## SHARING JESUS' PEACE

**CALL TO WORSHIP** (read responsively)

One: From fishing fleets and busy harbors,

**Many: God gathers simple sailors.**

One: Through persecution and injustice,

**Many: God calls brave prophets.**

One: When we least expect it,

**Many: Jesus gathers us in, and calls us to follow him.**

*Everyone: We gather here to worship, to listen, to pray, and to answer Christ's call.*

**OPENING PRAYER** (read together)

Holy God, we gather to sing your praise and hear your word. Speak to us now, that we may be wise enough to perceive your call. Strengthen us now, that we may be brave enough to answer your call. Guide us now that we may follow where you would have us go. Amen.

## TIME FOR CHILDREN AND THE YOUNG AT HEART

## CALL TO CONFESSION

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (read together)

God of wonder and joy, we look in the mirror and do not see holiness reflected back. We long to be sisters and brothers with others, but don't want to be an intrusion in our friends' lives. We yearn to be more compassionate, yet it is often spite and malice we offer to someone else. We are so busy listening to those internal i-pods, that we have trouble hearing the cries of loneliness coming from those around us.

Forgive us, God who longs to be enthroned in our hearts. You call us to different lives, so we might make a difference for all who hurt. You invite us into your kingdom, so we might show the others the way. You challenge us to take a risk by following Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, so we might become your children once again. Amen.

A MOMENT FOR SILENT REFLECTION AND REPENTANCE

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE** (read responsively)

One: The One who alone is Holy became wholly human so we might see the face of grace. The One who is seated in the heavens endured the cross so we might see the face of salvation. This is our good news: we are forgiven!

**Many: By God's grace, with God's grace, we are who we are meant to be: forgiven, restored, called people. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

**SECOND SCRIPTURE READING** Isaiah 6:1-8

**\*MIDDLE SONG:** “Your Servant Comes This Hour” #566

**\*AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (read together)

We belong to God, eternal and infinite, Creator of all things and all that is to come.

We follow Christ, who comes to us from God, and reveals God to us. He heals people and transforms lives, and calls us to join in his ministry. He was crucified, died, and was raised again by God, and reigns over all Creation; and he bids us to die and rise with him in the service of the healing of the world.

We are moved by the Holy Spirit, together with the communion of saints, as members of the Body of Christ, God's holy universal church.

We are confident in the forgiveness of sin, the power of resurrection and the reality of eternal life. In all things it is our desire to follow Christ, by the grace of the Holy Spirit, for God's glory. Amen.

**GLORIA PATRI** #734

**FOCUS SCRIPTURE** Luke 5:1-11 from *The Message*

MESSAGE: "Deep Water Disciples"

Pastor Burtnett

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**OFFERING**

**\*DOXOLOGY**

Words #44

**\*DEDICATION OF OFFERING**

**\*CLOSING SONG** "Jesus Calls Us o'er the Tumult"

#345

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

The Call to Worship (adapted) and Opening Prayer are from *The Abingdon Worship Annual-2019* edited by Mary J. Scifres and B. J. Beu. The Call to Confession, Prayer of Confession, Words of Assurance, and Offering Prayer of Dedication (adapted) are from *Lectionary Liturgies* by Thom M. Schuman. The Affirmation of Faith is by Steve Garnaas-Holmes.

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

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February Radio Sponsor: Chris and Pam Burtnett

Birthdays: 2-13 Wayne Clegg, Bridget Schlievert

Wednesday, the 13<sup>th</sup>, Fellowship will meet at 5:30

On Friday, the 15<sup>th</sup>, Pastor Burtnett will be conducting Care Center worships in the morning.

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