

First Congregational United Church of Christ
Algona, Iowa
Second Sunday of Easter
April 28, 2019

PRELUDE

RINGING OF THE BELL

GREETINGS, GOOD NEWS, ANNOUNCEMENTS

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING John 20:19-31

from *The Message*

*OPENING SONG: "Thine Is the Glory"

#310

SHARING JESUS' PEACE

CALL TO WORSHIP

(read responsively)

One: Even in the midst of our questions.

Many: We will praise God.

One: Even with fears of what might be.

Many: We will praise God for God's mighty deeds, according to God's surpassing greatness.

One: We come with faith that is growing in spite of this.

Many: Praise God with song and dance.

One: Let's offer worship and praise to the living God, the Risen Jesus, and the Holy Spirit.

Many: Let everything that breathes praise God!

OPENING PRAYER

(read together)

God of all our beginnings, may this day and every day begin with our praise to you. Let every breath become a witness to your Spirit, dwelling within and among us. Open our hearts to receive your saving gifts. Loosen our tongues to proclaim your unsurpassed greatness. May the noise of our celebration help your people to sense your powerful presence and claim the joy of serving you, in Christ's name. Amen.

TIME FOR CHILDREN AND THE YOUNG AT HEART

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(read together)

How easily we make you a relic of the past, God. We reject you and the one you sent to teach us. Our fears rule us more than our faith, our hostility more than your peace, our failures more than our feelings of accomplishment and victory. Forgive our misuse of the precious days you have entrusted to us. Help us to see the signs of your presence and to witness with joy to our Leader and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen

A MOMENT FOR SILENT REFLECTION AND REPENTANCE

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

(read responsively)

One: Christ comes into every shadowed corner of our lives with the light of Easter. Christ comes into the locked rooms of our faults and gifts us with grace and hope.

Many: Christ comes to fill us with peace, so we may proclaim the good news of mercy and forgiveness for all. Thanks be to God. Amen.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Revelation 1:4-8

*MIDDLE SONG: "Alleluia, Sing to Jesus"

#320

*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

Psalm 150

read from *The Message*

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MESSAGE: "Praise God!"

Pastor Burtnett

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING

*DOXOLOGY

Words #44

*DEDICATION OF OFFERING

*CLOSING SONG "Allelu"

(sung without accompaniment)

Allelu, allelu, allelu, alleluia! Praise ye the Lord!
Allelu, allelu, allelu, alleluia! Praise ye the Lord!
Praise ye the Lord! Alleluia! Praise ye the Lord! Alleluia! Praise ye the Lord! Alleluia!
Praise ye the Lord!

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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