

First Congregational United Church of Christ
Algona, Iowa
Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 26, 2019

PRELUDE

RINGING OF THE BELL

GREETINGS, GOOD NEWS, ANNOUNCEMENTS

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 67 from the *Common English Bible*

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

SHARING JESUS’ PEACE

CALL TO WORSHIP (read responsively)

One: Come to this place of prayer; God is calling us.

Many: **We have come to hear God’s Word.**

One: Let voices of praise greet the one who calls us. Be glad and sing for joy!

Many: **We will join our voices in thankful prayers and praise!**

One: God reigns among us and fills the word with light.

Many: **We are here to make our home with the living God. Let’s worship!**

OPENING PRAYER (read together)

Maker of all things, Ruler of all people of the earth, we bring our prayers of thanksgiving and praise. You provide the water of life for our baptism. You feed us with the fruit of the earth and nourish us through your Word. Meet us here this morning in the joyous encounter of worship, lest we forget the source of all we have and all that we are. May all the people of the earth praise you, God; let all the people praise you! Amen.

TIME FOR CHILDREN AND THE YOUNG AT HEART

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (read together)

Because you dwell in our hearts, Eternal God, you know how the anger, the pain, the bitterness of our lives try to crowd you out. The noise of the world deafens us to that Word which can heal us. We want our children to be good, kind, and gentle to others, and then they hear us call others names, and speak of them with demeaning words. Our desire for revenge towards those who have hurt us shows that your peace, indeed, is not in us.

You promise a new heaven and a new earth, so create new spirits and new lives within us, Healing God. Shattered by our sin, your heart can still heal our brokenness. Your Spirit, living deep within our souls, can teach us faithful ways. Your Word, Jesus Christ our Lord, whispers to us of your mercy, your hope, your love. Amen.

A MOMENT FOR SILENT REFLECTION AND REPENTANCE

WORDS OF ASSURANCE (read responsively)

One: The Word, which can transform, us is not some idle gossip, but good news for us. It fills us with forgiveness, equips us for service, and sends us forth to love others as God loves us.

Many: **In our midst, the Holy Spirit teaches us all we need to know, gives us what we need in order to be faithful, and fills us with peace. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Acts 16:9-15

*MIDDLE SONG: “Shall We Gather at the River” #522

*AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (read together)

We believe in God above us, Creator of all things, sustainer of all life.

We believe in Christ beside us, Companion and friend, redeemer of all the broken pieces of our universe.

We believe in Spirit deep within us, Advocate and guide, who lives with us eternally.

We believe in God’s resurrection created world, where all things are fixed, and all creation fits together in vibrant harmonies.

We believe in God above, beside, within, God yesterday, today and forever, the three in one, the one in three. We believe in God. Amen.

GLORIA PATRI #734

FOCUS SCRIPTURE John 14:23-29 read from the *Common English Bible*

MESSAGE: “Reminders” Pastor Burtnett

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING

***DOXOLOGY**

Words #44

***DEDICATION OF OFFERING**

***CLOSING SONG** "Savior, Again to Your Dear Name"

#711

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

The Call to Worship, Opening Prayer, and Offering Prayer of Dedication (all adapted) are from *Gathered By Love- Worship Resources for Year C* by Lavon Bayler. The Call to Confession, Prayer of Confession and Words of Assurance are from *Lectionary Liturgies* by Thom M. Shuman. The Affirmation of Faith is from *Journey into Wholeness* written by Christine Sine. .

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

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May Radio Sponsor: Ginny Buchanan
Birthdays: 5-27 Greta Grindberg

Wednesday, the 29th, Adult discussion will meet at 7 pm at Chuck West's.
The deadline for the June and July newsletter will be May 28th. Please share any news and pictures you think others would be interested in.
A reminder that the second Trash, Treasure and Bake Sale will take place on May 31st and June 1st. Bakers and volunteers will be needed to make this sale successful. Thanks for the time you give.
The new Our Daily Bread for June, July and August are in the Fellowship hall entry.
The sign-up sheet for the July Meals on Wheels is in the parlor. Please consider giving of your time and driving skills to help.
Next Sunday we will honor the Mahana scholars during church and at a reception afterwards in the parlor.

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