

First Congregational United Church of Christ
Algona, Iowa
Seventh Sunday of Easter
June 2, 2019

PRELUDE

RINGING OF THE BELL

GREETINGS, GOOD NEWS, ANNOUNCEMENTS

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 47 from the *Common English Bible*

***OPENING SONG:** “Let All Creation Bless the Lord” #25

SHARING JESUS’ PEACE

CALL TO WORSHIP (read responsively)

One: Clap your hands, all you people. Sing praises to God, sing praises!

Many: We have come to celebrate the immeasurable greatness of God!

One: We are called to be a witnessing people, who will testify to God’s loving purpose in Jesus.

Many: Jesus is head of all things for the church. We gather here to celebrate his resurrection and ascension.

One: Worship this morning with the eager anticipation of empowerment.

Many: We look forward to the promised coming of the Holy Spirit. This is a day for revelation and renewal. Let’s worship God!

OPENING PRAYER (read together)

Most High God, Mother and Father of Glory, we seek to know you more fully in this time of worship. Reveal yourself to us here. Grant us knowledge beyond words. A presence that transcends description, a hope that empowers faithful service. With your praise on our lips, we reach out with longing hearts to know the power of the Spirit which you have promised to Christ’s church. Amen.

TIME FOR CHILDREN AND THE YOUNG AT HEART

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (read together)

Enslaved to those things which separate us from you, we cannot see the lives we lead, God of Glory. Each day, and every day, there are those times when we ignore you and your dreams for us. Each week, and every week, we find the time to ridicule others, when we could have affirmed them. Each moment, and every moment, though we do not want to admit it, we seek our own way rather than skipping down your path of joy and obedience.

We come asking forgiveness for our foolish lives, Eternal Blessing. Deliver us, and break the chains of sin and death which hold us captive. Open us to that grace you offer, and give us the gift of the Spirit so we may live as people of the Risen Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.

A MOMENT FOR SILENT REFLECTION AND REPENTANCE

WORDS OF ASSURANCE (read responsively)

One: In the beginning was God, and at the end will be God, and in every moment in between, there is God: creating, redeeming, and sustaining us.

Many: And through Jesus, gracious love is poured into our empty souls; through the Spirit, peace becomes the gift we can share with those around us. Thanks be to God. Amen.

RECOGNITION OF MAHANA SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Luke 24:44-53

***MIDDLE SONG:** “A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing!” #322

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE (read together) inside front cover of hymnal

GLORIA PATRI #734

FOCUS SCRIPTURE Acts 1:1-11 read from *The Message*

MESSAGE: “Taking Care of Business” Pastor Burtnett

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

OFFERING

***DOXOLOGY**

Words #44

***DEDICATION OF OFFERING**

***CLOSING SONG** "As a Fire Is Meant for Burning"

#551

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

The Call to Worship (adapted) and Opening Prayer) 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 Offering Prayer of Dedication (adapted) is from *The Abingdon Worship Annual 2019* edited by Mary Scifres and B. J. Beu.

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

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June Radio Sponsor: Todd and Shelly TerHark
Birthdays: 6/3 Karen West, 6/5 Becky Bibler, 6/7 Greta Grindberg, 6/8 Anita Secrease

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.

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