

First Congregational United Church of Christ
Algona, Iowa
Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
July 7, 2019

PRELUDE

RINGING OF THE BELL

GREETINGS, GOOD NEWS, ANNOUNCEMENTS

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 30 from the *Good News Bible*

***OPENING SONG:** “Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven” #82

SHARING JESUS’ PEACE

CALL TO WORSHIP (read responsively)

One: Sing praises to our God:

Many: who heals us and makes us whole.

One: Sing praises to our God, faithful people:

Many: whose joy rises in our lives each and every day.

Many: Sing praises to our God, faithful people; give thanks to God's holy name:

Many: God's realm is near to us; God's peace resides in our hearts. Let's worship!

OPENING PRAYER (read together)

Gracious and loving God, we give you thanks for all the blessings we experience— the freedom to worship you without fear, the bounty and diversity of your creation, and the precious gift of unexpected joy. As we draw near to you this hour, may we immerse ourselves in your healing presence. Refresh us and renew us that we might become faithful laborers in your harvest of peace, justice, and joy. We pray in the name of our great Healer, Jesus the Christ. Amen.

TIME FOR CHILDREN AND THE YOUNG AT HEART

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (read together)

Holy One, why is it that we can grow so weary of doing what is right, yet always energetically do that which we know is harmful to us and others? We sow seeds of hurt and anger, and wonder why we harvest so much bitterness. We spend too much time comparing ourselves to those around us, and too few moments in following Jesus’ example.

Rather than letting our sins gloat over us, Healing God, we would open ourselves to your mercy and grace. As you reach out to heal us with your forgiveness, may we embrace your love, your mercy, your grace for our lives. As you pour out your Spirit of gentleness, may we bring the peace of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, to all the world. Amen.

A MOMENT FOR SILENT REFLECTION AND REPENTANCE

WORDS OF ASSURANCE (read responsively)

One: Sing praises to our God, faithful children. God has heard our prayers and made us whole.

Many: We will not be silent, but will sing our joy to the One who has forgiven us and made us a new creation. Thanks be to God. Amen.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Luke 10: 1-11, 16-20

***MIDDLE SONG:** “Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ” #698

***AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (read together) Back of the Hymnal

GLORIA PATRI #734

FOCUS SCRIPTURE Galatians 6:1-16 read from *The Message*

MESSAGE: “Do Good!” Pastor Burtnett

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

We give you thanks, God, because in your own free gift of love you have reached out to us. You have refreshed us at your table, touched our deepest needs, and called us to a life shared in memory and hope. Send us forth with courage and joy in the name of Jesus Christ, that we, too, may become bread and peace for one another and the world. Amen.

OFFERING

***DOXOLOGY**

***DEDICATION OF OFFERING**

***CLOSING SONG:** "Called as Partners in Christ's Service" #581

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

The Call to Worship (adapted), Call to Confession, Prayer of Confession (adapted) and Words of Assurance are from *Lectionary Liturgies* by Thom M. Shuman. The Opening Prayer and Offering Prayer of Dedication are from *Worship Ways-Worship Resources for the United Church of Christ*. The Communion Prayer of Thanksgiving is from *Flames of the Spirit-Resources for Worship Like Bread for the Journey* edited by Ruth C. Duck.

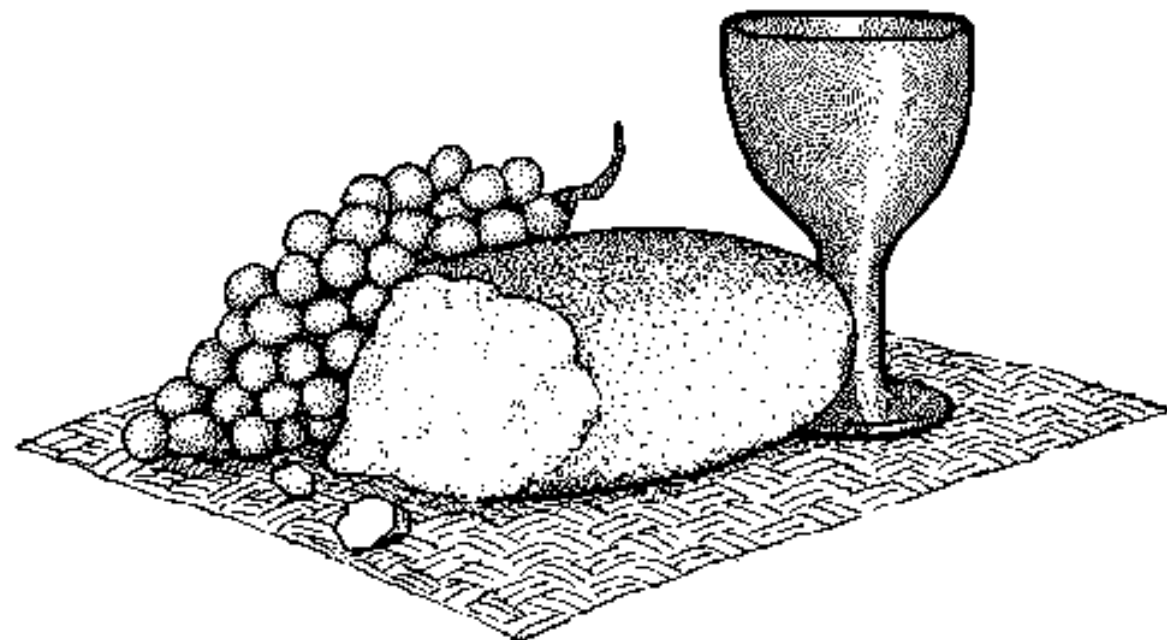
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Organist:	Liz Reynolds
Lector:	David Burrow
Worship Leader:	Pastor Burtnett

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July Radio Sponsor: Arlen Benschoter
Birthdays:

Evangelism and Outreach meets after church today.
Tuesday at 1 pm we will set up the nativities and angels.
Wednesday the Board will meet at 7 pm.
Saturday from 1 to 4 pm the nativities and angels will be displayed and root beer floats will be offered on the lawn. Volunteers are needed for this event.



*Their Eyes Were Opened,
And They Recognized
The Risen Christ*

*In The Breaking
Of The Bread.*