

First Congregational United Church of Christ
Algona, Iowa
Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
August 4, 2019

PRELUDE

RINGING OF THE BELL

GREETINGS, GOOD NEWS, ANNOUNCEMENTS

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 107:1-9, 43 from *The Message*

***OPENING SONG:** “With Grateful Heart I Thank You, Lord” #720

SHARING JESUS’ PEACE

CALL TO WORSHIP (read responsively)

One: God is calling us; God has called us together.

Many: Give thanks to God, for God is good; God’s steadfast love endures forever.

One: God is eager to put loving arms around us. God is waiting to satisfy our hunger and thirst.

Many: God fills the hungry with good things, the thirsty to overflowing.

One: Come, set your minds on things that are above. Abandon your earthly obedience.

Many: God leads us to a new identity and new life. We gather for worship, seeking renewal in the image of our Creator.

OPENING PRAYER (read together)

Loving God, in whose arms we have found our identity, come among us to direct our steps in the ways you would have us go. Teach us to walk with Jesus through the distractions that beckon us in other directions. Turn our vain striving into meaningful service, our foolish greed to the fulfillment of sharing, our confusion to clarity of vision, that we might worship you truly this hour. Amen.

TIME FOR CHILDREN AND THE YOUNG AT HEART

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (read together)

How can we forget them, Calling God, those who have been thrown aside by the world, those whose cries are no longer heard by the powerful? How can we judge them, those who make choices with which we disagree, those who are so different from us? How can we still follow the hurlers of angry words, the purveyors of prejudice?

Continue to teach us better ways of living and doing, God of grace. You gather us from our foolishness, so we might be led into acts of mercy. You redeem us from our mistakes so we might bend down and feed those who hunger for hope. Your compassion, so warm and tender, is gifted to us through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, in whose name we pray. Amen.

A MOMENT FOR SILENT REFLECTION AND REPENTANCE

WORDS OF ASSURANCE (read responsively)

One: Do not be afraid. More than anything else, God would rather turn putrid swamps into pools of crystal clear water; bonds of sin into cords of compassion; sinners into servants.

Many: God loves us. God forgives us. God lifts us to new life. Thanks be to God. Amen.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Colossians 3:1-11

***MIDDLE SONG:** “I Come with Joy” #706

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

GLORIA PATRI #734

FOCUS SCRIPTURE Luke 12:13-21 read from *The Message*

MESSAGE: “Stuff” 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 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, that we, too, may become bread and peace for one another and the world. Amen.

OFFERING

***DOXOLOGY**

***DEDICATION OF OFFERING**

***CLOSING SONG:** "Take My Life and Let It Be" #466

***BENEDICTION**

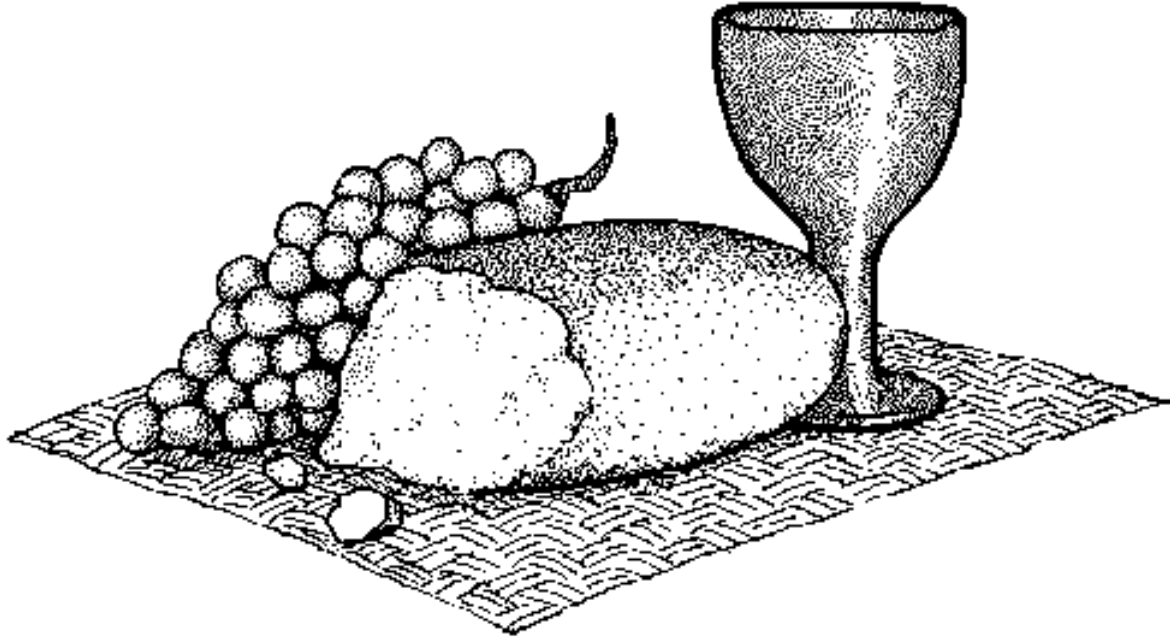
POSTLUDE

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 (adapted) are from *Lectionary Liturgies* by Thom M. Shuman. The Offering Prayer of Dedication (adapted) is from *The Abingdon Worship Annual-2019* edited by Mary J, Scifres and B.J. Beu. The Communion Prayer of Thanksgiving is by Mary Ann Neevil from *Flames of the Spirit-Resources for Worship Like Bread for the Journey* edited by Ruth C. Duck .

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Worship Leader: Pastor Burtnett
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Birthdays: 8-5 Connie Parsons, 8-6 Judy Boyd, 8-8 Pastor Burtnett, 8-10 Todd TerHark

Pastor Chris and Pam will be on vacation this coming week. Karen Dearchs will be on call for pastoral needs. If you need her services, please call Mick Schlievert and he will get in touch with her.



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

Of The Bread.