

First Congregational United Church of Christ
Algona, Iowa
Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
August 11, 2019

PRELUDE

RINGING OF THE BELL

GREETINGS, GOOD NEWS, ANNOUNCEMENTS

***OPENING SONG:** “How Firm a Foundation” #411

SHARING JESUS’ PEACE

CALL TO WORSHIP (read responsively)

One: From the rising of the sun to its setting....

Many: God speaks, summoning us.

One: In the perfection of the beauty all around us....

Many: God shines forth, illuminating our hearts.

One: Those who bring thanksgiving as their sacrifice, and those who go the right way, honor God.

Many: They shall receive salvation from our God.

One: Those who worship God with acts of love and mercy.....

Many: God is pleased to give them God’s realm.

Everyone: Come, let our worship be justice and righteousness.

OPENING PRAYER (read together)

Mighty God, dress us for action in a world that needs us to care. You promise that if we turn from our selfish ways, we shall eat of the good of the land, but if we refuse and rebel, we will reap what we sow. Your care and compassion call to us. Your mercy and grace reach out to us. We know it is your good pleasure to give us your realm. As we light candles for worship, light your passion within us, that our true worship may be acts of justice and works of righteousness. Amen.

TIME FOR CHILDREN AND THE YOUNG AT HEART

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (read together)

Almighty God, we confess that we have shaped our own standards and values rather than seeking to know your will. We turn from faith in you and rebel against the agenda of your realm. Our hearts focus on the things we can accumulate more than on your mission in which we can share. Lead us, God, into acts of compassion, that our attitudes may be reshaped and a right relationship with you restored. Amen.

A MOMENT FOR SILENT REFLECTION AND REPENTANCE

WORDS OF ASSURANCE (read responsively)

One: God’s compassion and eternal love brings us back into true relationship with God through God’s boundless forgiveness.

Many: This love is treasured in our hearts. Gathered as this community of believers, we rejoice that we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

SCRIPTURE READINGS Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16; Luke 12:32-40

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE inside front cover of the hymnal

GLORIA PATRI #734

***SERMON HYMN** “Grace Alone” #436

SERMON SCRIPTURE 2 Timothy 4:6-8

SERMON “Living Your Dash” Pastor Karen Dearchs

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

OFFERING

***DOXOLOGY** Words #44

***DEDICATION OF OFFERING**

***CLOSING SONG** ““Make Me a Servant” #576

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

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