

First Congregational United Church of Christ
Algona, Iowa
Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
September 1, 2019

PRELUDE

RINGING OF THE BELL

GREETINGS, GOOD NEWS, ANNOUNCEMENTS

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 81:1, 10-16 from the *Common English Bible*

***OPENING SONG:** “When Morning Guilds the Skies” #111

SHARING JESUS’ PEACE

CALL TO WORSHIP (read responsively)

One: Sing aloud to God our strength and shout with joy:

Many: God, our Host, welcomes us.

One: God reminds us, “I brought you out of the land of Egypt and fed you along the way:”

Many: When we opened our mouths, God filled us with good things.

One: God calls us to walk the path of faithfulness, trusting the promise:

Many: a feast for all--freshly-baked bread, hot from the oven, and sweet honey to satisfy our hunger. Let us worship God!

OPENING PRAYER (read together)

Gracious and sustaining God, we are ready to listen and eager to hear. Speak to us through word and song, prayer and silence, community and communion. Offer us spiritual sustenance that allows us to share with strangers and friends that your love may prevail in every encounter. Amen.

TIME FOR CHILDREN AND THE YOUNG AT HEART

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (read together)

Ever-present God, help us in our weakness. We do not always listen for your voice. We do not always acknowledge the many ways you sustain us in life and faith. We feast on your providence, yet wonder if you are near. Forgive our past indifference, as we pledge to be more attentive to your presence and guidance. Forgive our past selfishness, as we promise to share the feast of your bounty with those in need. For actions and inactions that have hurt your heart and the well-being of others, we seek your forgiveness and grace. Amen.

A MOMENT FOR SILENT REFLECTION AND REPENTANCE

WORDS OF ASSURANCE (read responsively)

One: God chooses not to turn a deaf ear to us, but to listen to our prayers. God chooses not to shame us, but to save us.

Many: This is, indeed, good news for us! We are set free to drink deeply from the waters of life. Thanks be to God! Amen.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Luke 14:1, 7-14

***MIDDLE SONG:** “As We Gather at Your Table” #695

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

GLORIA PATRI #734

FOCUS SCRIPTURE Jeremiah 2:4-13 read from the *Common English Bible*

MESSAGE: “That’s Odd!” Pastor Burnett

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

Faithful God, we are thankful that you have revealed to us the vision of life in covenant with you and one another. We are thankful that you have sent Jesus to invite all people into faithful covenant and that he is present with us in the breaking of the bread and sharing of the cup. Through your Spirit, strengthen us to be faithful in all we do. Amen.

OFFERING

***DOXOLOGY**

***DEDICATION OF OFFERING**

***CLOSING SONG:** “May the Mind of Christ, My Savior”

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***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

The Call to Worship is from *Worship Ways-Worship Resources for the United Church of Christ*. The Opening Prayer and Prayer of Confession are from *The Abingdon Worship Annual-2019* edited by MaryJ. Scifres and B. J. Beu. The Call to Confession, Words of Assurance, and Offering Prayer of Dedication (adapted) are from *Lectionary Liturgies* by Thom M. Shuman. The Communion Prayer of Thanksgiving (adapted) is by Ruth C. Duck from *Bread for the Journey-Resources for Worship*.

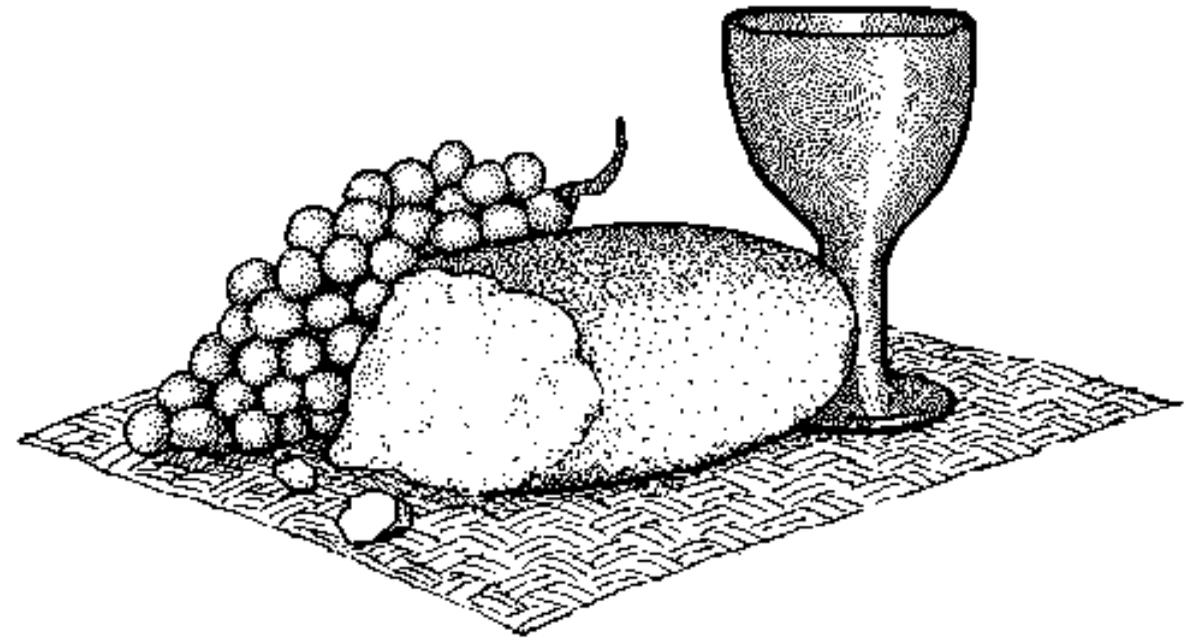
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Organist:	Liz Reynolds
Lector:	David Burrow
Worship Leader:	Pastor Burnett

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September Radio Sponsor: David Burrow
Birthdays: 9-1 Tyler Rochleau

The Board will meet this coming Wednesday, September 4th at 7 pm.
The Rotary Flight Breakfast will be next Sunday.



**THEIR EYES WERE OPENED,
AND THEY RECOGNIZED
THE RISEN CHRIST
IN THE BREAKING
OF THE BREAD.**