

First Congregational United Church of Christ  
Algona, Iowa  
Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost  
World Communion Sunday

## PRELUDE

## RINGING OF THE BELL

## GREETINGS, GOOD NEWS, ANNOUNCEMENTS

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Luke 17:5-10 from the *Common English Bible*

\*OPENING SONG: "Morning Has Broken" #35

## SHARING JESUS' PEACE

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come.

**People: Let us be God's community.**

Leader: Come with love.

**People: The steadfast love of God never ceases.**

Leader: Come with curiosity.

**People: We are one body, one planet, one Church.**

Leader: Come with hope.

**People: As we gather with the bread and the cup, justice is served.**

*Everyone: Let's worship!*

OPENING PRAYER (read together)

**On this World Communion Sunday, we thank you, God, for the reminder that we are not alone. In every age, people have known joy and struggle. So it is in this moment. Grant us wisdom, courage and discipline, that we might see and testify to this truth. May we weep with those who weep, even as we ourselves have been comforted. We pray in the spirit of grace, mercy and peace. Amen.**

## TIME FOR CHILDREN AND THE YOUNG AT HEART

### CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(read together)

Eternal God of all people and places, we confess to you our lack of oneness with our sisters, brothers, and siblings as we celebrate our unity in Christ today. We have closed our ears to voices of pain and of wisdom when they speak in accents other than our own. We have lacked the vision to see that people living in places we call foreign are as surely your children as we are. Our sensibilities are jarred even by the way our nearest neighbors express their faith in Christ. We cling to the pride of nation and denomination as if we had a special claim on truth and leadership. Forgive us, Gracious God. Renew in us a right spirit within us, a spirit of compassion, understanding, humility, and community. Fill us with the vision of unity in Christ and enable us to incarnate his love, so that we may worthily partake in the body of Christ and the cup of the new covenant. Amen.

### A MOMENT FOR SILENT REFLECTION AND REPENTANCE

### WORDS OF ASSURANCE

(read responsively)

Leader: The good news in Christ is that God is more willing to forgive our sins than we are to acknowledge them.

**People: We will embrace the compassion of our forgiving God and the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus. Thanks be to God! Amen.**

### SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

2 Timothy 1:1-14

\*MIDDLE SONG: "I Come with Joy" #706

\*AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (read together)

Back of the Hymnal

### GLORIA PATRI

#734

FOCUS SCRIPTURE 1 Corinthians 12:12-13, 26-27 read from the *New International Version*

MESSAGE: "Communiority"

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**

God of new life, with joy and gratitude we have received this sacrament of bread and cup, giving you thanks for Jesus, our peace and our hope. Unite your church throughout the world in continuing his ministry of love and servanthood, that your name may be praised in all the earth. Amen.

**OFFERING**

**\*DOXOLOGY**

**\*DEDICATION OF OFFERING**

**\*CLOSING SONG:** "Community of Christ" #615

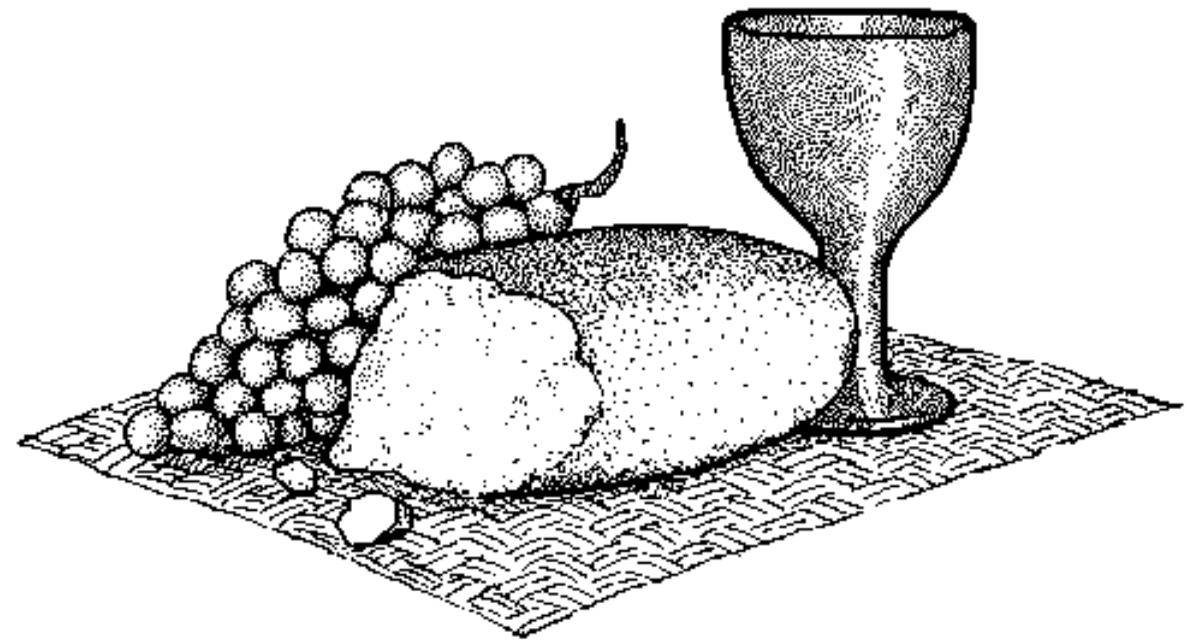
**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

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