

First Congregational United Church of Christ  
Algona, Iowa  
Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
October 13, 2019

## PRELUDE

## RINGING OF THE BELL

## GREETINGS, GOOD NEWS, ANNOUNCEMENTS

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 66:1-12 from the *Common English Bible*

\*OPENING SONG: “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee” #59

## SHARING JESUS’ PEACE

CALL TO WORSHIP (read responsively)

One: Sing and shout for joy,

Many: for the God of hope is with us now.

One: Give thanks and praise to God,

Many: for the God of hope is with us always.

One: Come and see God’s deeds,

Many: and discover the power of unending hope.

*Everyone: Let’s worship!*

OPENING PRAYER (read together)

We stand in awe of you, Most Gracious God. You love your people no matter the circumstance. You want us to live meaningful lives with you at the center. So, we say to you, Loving God - Come! Send your Holy Spirit to dwell with us in our worship. Open our hearts to receive and our minds to be challenged by the teachings of Jesus the Christ. This we pray. Amen.

## TIME FOR CHILDREN AND THE YOUNG AT HEART

## CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (read together)

We cannot sing our praise to you, God. We have dishonored your creation. We use our voices to defame others. We claim for ourselves the honor due to you. We fail to recognize your healing work.

In order that we might sing we need you and nothing else at the center of our lives. Forgive us and place new desires in our hearts so that we sing to you and to you alone. We make this prayer to you, God from the places within our being where a reminder of your love is needed. Amen.

## A MOMENT FOR SILENT REFLECTION AND REPENTANCE

WORDS OF ASSURANCE (read responsively)

One: Even when we feel ourselves exiled and far from God, even when we forget to sing God’s praises, God assures us that God has not forgotten us!

Many: We are comforted by God’s promise of forgiveness and love. Thanks be to God!

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Luke 17:11-19

\*MIDDLE SONG: “O Christ, the Healer, We Have Come” #638

\*AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (read together)

We know that God is in the world—was and is and will be. God made it all, and continues to renew and remake and resurrect.

We know God best in the life of Jesus, who was and is our maker of hope, the one who saves.

We know the power and energy of God in the Holy Spirit.

We are filled with God’s joy and pledged to discipleship and love. We trust in God. We celebrate God. We work together for justice and peace through God.

We are never alone. We are free in the chosen bonds of the ways of Jesus. Thanks be to God. Amen.

GLORIA PATRI #734

FOCUS SCRIPTURE Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7 read from the *Common English Bible*

MESSAGE: “Dealing With Lemons” Pastor Burtnett

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

**OFFERING**

**\*DOXOLOGY**

Words #44

**\*DEDICATION OF OFFERING**

**\*CLOSING SONG** "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

#72

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

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

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October Radio Sponsor: Dennis and Connie Schwab

Birthdays:

The CROP walk will be today at the Methodist Church starting at 2 pm.  
Rev. Dr. Mark Holmer will be on call this week until the 22<sup>nd</sup> of this month. To contact him call either his home phone 295-9537 or his cell 3411514.  
Women's fellowship will meet this Thursday at 1:30 pm.

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