

First Congregational United Church of Christ
Algona, Iowa
Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost
Stewardship Sunday
November 10, 2019

PRELUDE

RINGING OF THE BELL

GREETINGS, GOOD NEWS, ANNOUNCEMENTS

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 145:1-5, 17-21

read from *The Message*

*OPENING SONG: "When Morning Guilds the Skies"

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SHARING JESUS' PEACE

CALL TO WORSHIP

(read responsively)

One: We are gathered here this morning.....

Many: to worship the God of the living.

One: We are gathered to bring honor to the Holy One.....

Many: bringing our hearts of hope and love.

One: We are gathered to worship God on High.

Many: We will worship in trust and faith this day.

OPENING PRAYER

(read together)

Living, loving God, breathe among us this morning. Breathe new life into our midst, that we may remember and reclaim our place as children of the resurrection. As we sing our praises and offer our prayers, speak courage and hope to us, that our voices may grow in confidence and our hearts may grow in faith. In your living presence, we offer our prayers and praise. Amen

TIME FOR CHILDREN AND THE YOUNG AT HEART

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(read together)

We are so easily confused by what the world tells us, Watching God, that we forget the stories of faith we heard as children. We are so fearful of tomorrow, we are not aware of your Spirit with us today. We are so busy wondering 'what if?' or 'suppose?' - we cannot hear the promises you whisper to us.

So once again, Gracious God, have mercy on us. You know our hearts so well - touch them with your grace. You see our deepest fears - heal them with your peace. You hear our secret longings - speak to them of your hope. This we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

A MOMENT FOR SILENT REFLECTION AND REPENTANCE

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

(read responsively)

One: The One who searches our broken hearts has found the way to mend them and make us new people. The good news is that everything God has done in Christ is for us, that we might be made whole.

Many: With kindness and with justice, God makes us new people. We will sing our thanks through all eternity. Great is God and greatly to be praised! Amen.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 20:27-38

*MIDDLE SONG: "Children of the Heavenly Father"

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*AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

(read together)

We believe in one God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

We proclaim Jesus Christ, the crucified and risen One, confessing him as Lord to the glory of God the Father. In the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, We acclaim Jesus as the Lord of the church, the Head over all things, the beginning of a new creation.

We acknowledge that we live and work between the time of Christ's death and resurrection

and the final consummation of all things which he will bring.

We are a pilgrim people, always on the way towards the promised goal; on the way, Christ feeds us with word and sacrament, and we have the gift of the Spirit in order that we may not lose the way. We will live and work within the faith and unity of the one holy catholic and apostolic Church, bearing witness to that unity which is both Christ's gift and his will.

We affirm that every member of the church is engaged to confess the faith of Christ crucified. Together with all the people of God, we will serve the world for which Christ died,

and we await with hope the day of the Lord Jesus. Amen.

GLORIA PATRI

#734

FOCUS SCRIPTURE Haggai 1:15b-2:9

read from *The Message*

MESSAGE: "Get to Work"

Pastor Burtnett

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING

*DOXOLOGY

Words #44

*DEDICATION OF OFFERING

*CLOSING SONG "God of The Ages, History's Maker"

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*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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

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November Radio Sponsor: Gregg and Julie Buchanan

Birthdays: 11-10 Laura TerHark Odland, 11-12 Liz Reynolds

Fellowship will meet this Wednesday at 5:30 pm.

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