

First Congregational United Church of Christ
Algona, Iowa
Transfiguration
February 23, 2020

PRELUDE

RINGING OF THE BELL

GREETINGS, GOOD NEWS, ANNOUNCEMENTS

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING 2 Peter 1:16-21 read from the *New Living Translation*

***OPENING SONG:** “Be Thou My Vision” #502

SHARING JESUS’ PEACE

CALL TO WORSHIP (read responsively)

One: Come, praise the Lord our god, and worship at God’s mountain.

Many: For the Lord our God is holy, full of compassion and grace.

One: When god’s prophets cried out, God answered them, speaking in a pillar of cloud.

Many: Let all God’s people sing praises to God’s great and awesome name.

One: Mighty God, lover of justice, you establish equity throughout the earth.

Many: Let us worship God from the mountaintops. Let us praise God’s holy name.

Amen

OPENING PRAYER (read together)

Light of God, shine upon us in this hour. We come to you as we are, in our strength and in our weakness. Bless our world, in all its beauty and its pain, with your Spirit’s redeeming power. As you transfigured Jesus on a mountaintop, transform us as we worship you today. Touch us with the presence of your Spirit, that we may shine Christ’s light into a world longing for peace. Amen

TIME FOR CHILDREN AND THE YOUNG AT HEART

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (read together)

Gracious God, we have seen your light and glory in the work of your church, in the faces of loved ones, and in the life of Jesus Christ. Yet our memories are short, and we complain if we no longer feel your presence among us. Forgive us when we descend from life’s mountaintops and turn our minds from the knowledge of how you have loved us. Pardon us when we neglect to seek you in the faces of lonely and suffering neighbors. Open our eyes and our ears, Lord. Teach us to seek you always, and to listen to the call of your call.

A MOMENT FOR SILENT REFLECTION AND REPENTANCE

WORDS OF ASSURANCE (read responsively)

One: The light of God’s grace shines upon us and through us. Knowing us completely, God accepts and loves us still.

Many: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 17: 1-9 from the *New Living Translation Bible*

***MIDDLE SONG:** “Open My Eyes, That I May See” #480

***AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (read together)

The Statement of Purpose in the front of the hymnal

GLORIA PATRI #734

FOCUS SCRIPTURE 2 Peter 1:16

MESSAGE: “Do You Always Need To See To Believe?” David Skilling

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

OFFERING

***DOXOLOGY** Words #44

***DEDICATION OF OFFERING**

*CLOSING SONG “O Worship the King”

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***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

The Call to Worship (adapted), Opening Prayer and Offering Prayer of Dedication (adapted) are from *The Abingdon Worship Annual, 2020* edited by Mary Scifres and B.J. Beu. The Call to Confession, Prayer of Confession, and Words of Assurance are from *Feasting on the Word* Kimberly Bracken Long, editor. The Affirmation of Faith is by Steve Garnaas-Holmes.

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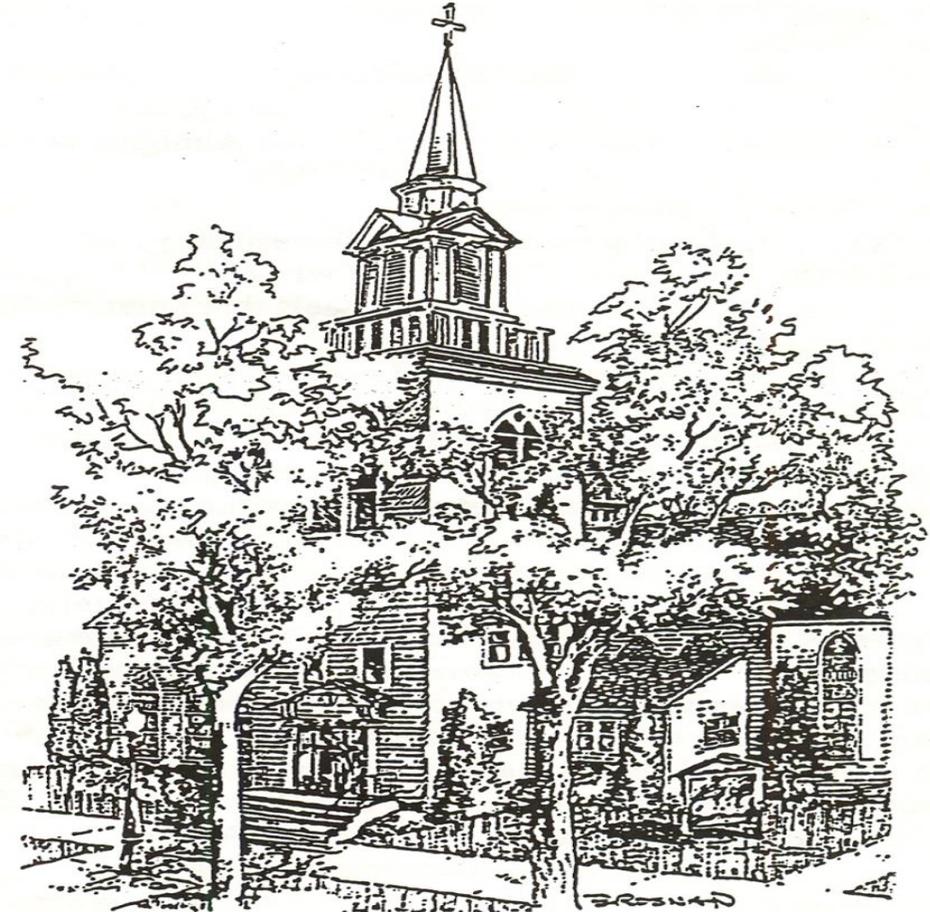
Organist:	Liz Reynolds
Lector:	David Burrow
Worship Leader:	David Skilling

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February Radio Sponsor: David Burrow in memory of George and Betty Burrow and Margaret Sullivan
Birthdays: 2-28 Charlie Hines

This coming Wednesday, at 5:30 pm, we will gather for the fellowship potluck, followed at 6:30 pm by the Ash Wednesday service.

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