

First Congregational United Church of Christ
Algona, Iowa
Pentecost Sunday
May 31, 2020

PRELUDE

RINGING OF THE BELL

GREETINGS, GOOD NEWS, ANNOUNCEMENTS

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING John 7:37-39 read from the *Good News Bible*

***OPENING SONG:** “Wind Who Makes All Winds That Blow” #333

SHARING JESUS’ PEACE: The Peace of Christ Be with You

CALL TO WORSHIP (read responsively)

Leader: The Peace of God be with you today. Receive with joy the gift of the Holy Spirit.

People: We feel the winds of God blowing among us and empowering us.

Leader: The power God gives us is amazing! The works of our Creator are too many to count!

People: The breath of God fills us with confidence. The Spirit creates new life within and among us.

Leader: God calls us to be dreamers and prophets. God gives us a vision for a world of peace.

People: May the glory of God endure forever. We will sing praises to God as long as we live.

OPENING PRAYER (read together)

Powerful God, whose ways are beyond our knowing, we long to grow spiritually. We are thirsty for the living water you have promised for those who seek. We are eager to catch the Spirit, to be set on fire with confidence and trust to use the gifts you have given. Let Pentecost happen again to us this day. Inspire us to witness to your love and prophecy in your name. Give us the courage to speak of your deeds of power and to take the risks of daring discipleship. Amen.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Leader: Ready or not, the Holy Spirit comes into our lives and we are invited to put into words how things are going in our lives. Let us make our confession to Almighty God as we pray together our prayer of confession.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (read together)

Amazing God, we are bewildered by our continuing inability to make sense out of life. Our visions and dreams far outpace reality and our expectations of ourselves are seldom realized. We don’t do the good we intend, and the evil we thought we had left behind comes back to haunt us. There seems to be no common language to unite us in our relations with others and we resist including everyone in our concerns. Forgive our sluggish responses and our resistance to change. Purify and enliven us by your Spirit at work within and among us. Amen.

A MOMENT FOR SILENT REFLECTION AND REPENTANCE

WORDS OF ASSURANCE (read responsively)

Leader: Receive the Holy Spirit. God, on whose name we have called has acted to save us.

Accept the good news of forgiveness and pass on the gift.

People: God has reached out to us once again, offering salvation, making us whole, drawing us in to the body of Christ. Thanks be to God! We are forgiven!

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Acts 2:1-21

***MIDDLE SONG:** “On Pentecost They Gathered” #334

*** A PENTECOST SUNDAY AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (read together)

We sing of God the Spirit, who from the beginning has swept over the face of creation, animating all energy and matter and moving in the human heart.

We sing of God the Spirit, faithful and untameable, who is creatively and redemptively active in the world.

The Spirit challenges us to celebrate the holy not only in what is familiar, but also in that which seems foreign.

We sing of the Spirit who speaks our prayers of deepest longing and enfolds our concerns and confessions, transforming us and the world.

We offer worship as an outpouring of gratitude and awe and a practice of opening ourselves to God’s still, small voice of comfort, to God’s rushing whirlwind of challenge.

Through word, music, art, and sacrament, in community and in solitude, God changes our lives, our relationships, and our world. Amen.

GLORIA PATRI #734

FOCUS SCRIPTURE 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

read from *The Message*

MESSAGE: “Co-Spirited”

Pastor Burtnett

OFFERING

***DOXOLOGY**

Words #44

***DEDICATION OF OFFERING PRAYER**

We give you thanks, God, for blessing us with so much. May the gifts we share bring dreams and visions to a world in need of hope and direction. Amen.

***CLOSING SONG** “Spirit of the Living God”

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***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

The Call to Worship (adapted) and Opening Prayer (adapted) are from *Taught by Love-Worship Resources for Year A*. The Call to Confession (adapted) and Prayer of Confession are from *Fresh Winds of the Spirit-Liturgical Resources for Year A* by Lavon Bayler. The Words of Assurance are adapted from *Taught by Love-Worship Resources for Year A* and *Fresh Winds of the Spirit-Liturgical Resources for Year A*, both by Lavon Bayler. The Offering Prayer of Dedication (adapted) is from *The Abingdon Worship Annual, 2020* edited by Mary Scifres and B.J. Beu. The Affirmation of Faith is excerpted from *Song of Faith* of the United Church of Canada (2006).

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

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May Radio Sponsor: Mark and Sandra Williams in honor of Pat Bilsborough for Mother’s Day Birthdays: 6-3 Karen West, 6-5 Becky Bibler, 6-7 Ashely Grindberg,

The Board will meet this Wednesday at 7 p.m. via Zoom.
Evangelism and Outreach will meet on Thursday at 10 a.m. via Zoom.
Next Sunday will be communion broadcast.
We will be taking the offering for Strengthen the Church today.
There is one month open for the radio broadcast, October.
The June/July newsletter won’t go out until next Friday, so there is still time to submit articles.

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