

First Congregational United Church of Christ
Algona, Iowa
Trinity Sunday
June 7, 2020

PRELUDE

RINGING OF THE BELL

GREETINGS, GOOD NEWS, ANNOUNCEMENTS

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 8 read from the *Good News Bible*

***OPENING SONG:** “All Creatures of Our God and King” #23

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

CALL TO WORSHIP (read responsively)

Leader: In the name of the Creator, the Christ and the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Leader: In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

Many: In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God and the Word was God.

Leader: In the beginning the Spirit of God swept over the face of the waters.

People: In the beginning God said, “Let us make humankind in our image.”

Leader: And so we came into being, created by God who exists in community.

People: We are here as God’s community to worship the Source of our being.

OPENING PRAYER (read together)

Holy Mother you have birthed us into life, Holy Father you have nurtured us along our way. In you we have live and move and have our being. To you we bring our offering of praise and thanksgiving. We open ourselves to your presence in this time of worship. Fill us with resolve and purpose, to be your community and to expand our boundaries until all of creation is renewed and all people are welcomed and blessed. This we ask through the risen and ascended Christ who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Leader: All that God has created is labeled “very good.” Life in all its forms is complex and interrelated. Human life is precious and marvelously linked. Let us confess our neglect and

irresponsibility in relation to all creation and to one another as we pray together our prayer of confession.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (read together)

Holy God, we were created in your image, an image of mutuality and respect for one another; an image of a dance ever moving, ever in tune one with others; an image of community with shared blessing and mission. You have given us dominion over the work of your hands. You have charged us to be fruitful and multiply, to make disciples of all nations. Forgive us God; we have denied our purpose.

We have abused the earth’s resources for our own selfish gain and the consequences wreak havoc upon the fish of the sea, the birds of the air and every living thing that moves upon the earth. Forgive us God; we have defiled your image.

We have regarded some of your children as “other” and therefore, beyond the reach of your love and care because their professed faith in you, or lack thereof, is different from our own. Forgive us God; for we have sinned. Amen.

SILENCE FOR PERSONAL REFLECTION AND CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE (read responsively)

Leader: God desires to see broken relationships restored and has heard our prayer. In the name of Jesus the Christ and in the power of the Holy Spirit, we are forgiven.

People: Thanks be to God!

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 28:16-20

***MIDDLE SONG:** “Come, Thou Almighty King” #148

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

We are God’s. We belong to The One who creates all things, in whose image all people are made.

We are Christ’s. He has loved us, healed us, called us and anointed us with his Spirit.

We belong to his death and resurrection and ministry.

We are the Spirit’s. We belong to the church, the Body of Christ.

God gives us the gifts of forgiveness, resurrection, and eternal life, and the gift of participating in the healing of the world by God’s grace.

As God’s beloved, we devote ourselves to God and to God’s will, wholly, joyfully and with the help of Christ. Amen.

GLORIA PATRI #734

FOCUS SCRIPTURE Genesis 1:1-2:4a read from *The Message*

MESSAGE: "Marvelously Linked"

Pastor Burtnett

GATHERING AT THE 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

For the beauty of creation, the gift of life and your presence with each of us, even though we are physically distanced, we give you thanks, God. Work through us so that we might be channels of your mission in the world, to build your community on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.

OFFERING

***DOXOLOGY**

Words #44

***DEDICATION OF OFFERING PRAYER**

Receive these gifts and our very lives for your service, God. Multiply them and our effort to meet the need. We are yours. Use us we pray, Amen.

***CLOSING SONG "Sent Forth By God's Blessing"**

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***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

The Call to Worship (adapted), Opening Prayer, Prayer of Confession (adapted), Words of Assurance, Communion Prayer of Thanksgiving, (adapted), and Offering Prayer of Dedication (adapted) are from *Worship Ways-Worship Resources for the United Church of Christ*. The Call to Confession is from *Taught By Love-Worship Resources for Year A* by Lavon Bayler. The Affirmation of Faith is by Steve Garnaas-Holmes

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Organist: Liz Reynolds

Lector: David Burrow

Worship Leader: Pastor Burtnett

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June Radio Sponsor: John and Helen Scuffham in celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary

Birthdays: 6-7 Ashley Grindberg, 6-8 Anita Secrease, 6-10 Tim Boyd, 6-12 Luke TerHark,

6-13 Shelly TerHark

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