

First Congregational United Church of Christ
Algona, Iowa
Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
August 2, 2020

PRELUDE

RINGING OF THE BELL

GREETINGS, GOOD NEWS, ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The day breaks.

Many: And God does not let us go.

One: The hour calls.

Many: And God does not let us go.

One: The evening falls.

Many: And God holds us fast.

One: Let us turn to God in worship.

Many: God, who never turns from us.

***OPENING SONG** "I Sing the Almighty Power of God"

#31 verses 1 & 3

OPENING PRAYER

(read together)

Mighty God, pour out your power and strength on us. Grant us the nourishment we need to receive your word. May your presence fill our lives and carry us forth, preparing us to be your people, and equipping us to do your work in the world. In your holy name, we pray. Amen.

TIME FOR THE CHILDREN AND YOUNG AT HEART

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(read together)

God of all mercy: We confess that sin grips us and we cannot break free. The sins in our minds, on our lips, in our acts done or even ignored, stand between us and you. Our hearts are not always yours. Our love of neighbor falls short.

Grant us your renewing forgiveness. Lead us on your paths of righteousness, and we shall delight in you, follow you, and give glory to your holy name. Through Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

SILENCE FOR PERSONAL REFLECTION AND CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

(read responsively)

One: The God who gives, gives all. The God who loves, loves all. The God who forgives, forgives all.

Many: Through Jesus, our sins, every one of them: the sins of commission, the sins of omission, the sins we confessed with contrition – all are forgiven. By the grace of God, we are forgiven. Alleluia!

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 14:13-21

* AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

(read together)

back of hymnal

GLORIA PATRI

(music only, not sung)

FOCUS SCRIPTURE Genesis 32:22-31

read from the *Good News Bible*

MESSAGE: "Claim Your Names"

Pastor Burtnett

GATHERING AT THE TABLE

Invitation, Communion Prayer, Sanctus, Words of Institution, Prayer of Consecration, Lord's Prayer

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

We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us at your table by granting us Jesus' presence. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another and send us into the world with courage and peace to be the church, your servant people, disciples in name and action of our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

AFFIRMING OUR GIFTS

***DOXOLOGY** (music only, not sung) Words #44

*** PRAYER OF DEDICATION** (prayed together)

Generous God, bless and transform our gifts into abundant blessings for those in need. Bless and guide our ministries into avenues for your compassion and grace. In your blessed name, we pray. Amen.

***CLOSING SONG** “Bring Many Names” insert- verses 1 & 6

GOING FORTH WITH THE PEACE OF CHRIST

POSTLUDE

The Call to Worship (adapted), Call to Confession, Prayer of Confession (adapted), and Words of Assurance (adapted) are from *Worship Ways-Worship Resources for the United Church of Christ*. The Opening Prayer and Offering Prayer of Dedication (adapted) are from the *Abingdon Worship Annual* edited by Mary J. Scifres and B. J. Beu. The Communion prayer (adapted) is from the *Book of Worship-United Church of Christ*. The Affirmation of Faith is a version of the United Church of Christ Statement of Faith.

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

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August Radio Sponsor: Chuck West and Becky Bibler

Birthdays: 8-5 Connie Parsons, 8-6 Judy Boyd, 8-8 Chris Burtnet

You are invited to read the other two lectionary scriptures for today.
Isa 55:1-5 and Ps 145:8-9,14-21

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