

First Congregational United Church of Christ
Algona, Iowa
Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 27, 2020

PRELUDE

RINGING OF THE BELL

GREETINGS, GOOD NEWS, ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Praise the Lord who is our provider.

Many: The Lord is our hope. Our trust is in God.

One: God brought us out of bondage and has made us free.

Many: The Lord is our hope. Our trust is in God.

One: Glorious are the deeds of our God, and mighty are his acts.

Many: The Lord is our hope. Our trust is in God.

***OPENING SONG:** “Open My Eyes, That I May See”

#480

OPENING PRAYER

(read together)
Gracious God, we thank you for being ever present with us. We know that we are never alone. Your mercies have been faithful and rich. Pour out your Spirit upon us, that we might do the work of your will. In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen

TIME FOR CHILDREN AND THE YOUNG AT HEART

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(read together)

Righteous God, we confess that we have not lived as your obedient children. We have honored you with our words, but we have denied you with our actions. We have not pursued the mind of Christ, who took the form of a servant, for we have acted with selfish ambition. We have put our interests before the interests of others and have not regarded them in humility. Forgive us our arrogance, awaken our hearts to sincere repentance, and enable us to will and to work for your good pleasure, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen

A MOMENT FOR SILENT REFLECTION AND REPENTANCE

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

(read responsively)

One: Brothers and sisters, God offers forgiveness of our sin and abundant life to those who repent.

Many: Let us turn, then, and live in Christ, Our Lord. Thanks be to God. We are forgiven. Amen

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 14: 55 – 63 NRSV

*AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

(read together)

Statement of Purpose found inside the back cover of the hymnal.

GLORIAPATRI

#734

FOCUS SCRIPTURE Exodus 20: 16 NRSV

MESSAGE: “Teller of Tales or Seeker of Truth”

David Skilling

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

AFFIRMING OUR GIFTS

*DOXOLOGY

Words #44

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Almighty God, we give your thanks and praise for your love shown to us in Jesus Christ our Lord. Accept the offering of our lives in union with Christ’s offering for us, and make us humble and obedient servants who will work for your good pleasure; through Christ, with the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty God, now and forever. Amen

***CLOSING SONG** "I Love to Tell the Story"

#560

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Today's Liturgy is 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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Birthdays:

Newsletter articles are due into the office by Tuesday, September 29.

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