

First Congregational United Church of Christ  
Algona, Iowa  
Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost  
All Saints Sunday  
November 1, 2020

## PRELUDE

## RINGING OF THE BELL

## GREETINGS, GOOD NEWS, ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CALL TO WORSHIP

(read responsively)

One: Through stories of faith and acts of grace, we are reminded that God is always here.

**Many: By God's presence, we are guided. Through God's word, we are instructed. With God's Spirit, we are formed.**

*Everyone: We have come to lift our vices in praise, and offer our lives in service to God! Let's Worship!*

**\*OPENING SONG** "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

#501 verses 1 & 3

### OPENING PRAYER

(read together)

**O Holy One, you have created us and placed us in community, complicated, fallible, searching. Open your words of life for us today as we gather to hear your Gospel, and sing your praises; show us the way to justice and peace that we may follow you joyfully into the future you hope for our world. In Jesus' name, Amen.**

## TIME FOR THE CHILDREN AND YOUNG AT HEART

## CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(read together)

**Long ago on a hillside, the Teacher spoke words for our faith, God of foolish people, and we still do not listen. Full of arrogance, we have no need for a home for our spirits.**

**Taught to be strong, we push away your arms of comfort. Seeing how the wealthy and selfish are idolized, we want to inherit their hearts. As we pass the hungry in line at the food bank, we rush to the store to hoard more. Noticing how the kindest of people are mocked, we develop hardened hearts.**

**Have mercy, God who turns stragglers into saints, when we follow the wrong people, listen to words we shouldn't. For it is those who make peace, who know your hope. It is those whose hearts are in rhythm with yours who see the most vulnerable. It is those who care more for others than themselves, who have learned the soul behind the words of the Teacher, who would guide us to your living waters. Amen.**

## SILENCE FOR PERSONAL REFLECTION AND CONFESSION

### WORDS OF ASSURANCE

(read responsively)

One: Lost, we find our way, as we seek God; overwhelmed by loneliness, we are heard when we cry out; stumbling over our foolish choices, we find mercy when we tell all to our God.

**Many: We are no different from all we call saints, for they found life in the mercy and grace of our God. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

### CELEBRATING THE SAINTS

(see insert)

### FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 5:1-12

### \* AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

(read together)

inside back of hymnal

### GLORIA PATRI

(music only, not sung)

### FOCUS SCRIPTURE Joshua 3:7-17

read from the *Common English Bible*

### MESSAGE: "With Both Feet"

Pastor Burnett

### 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 thank you, God for inviting us to this table where we have known the presence of Christ and have received all of Christ's gifts. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and let us show forth your praise in our lives; through Jesus Christ our savior. Amen**

### AFFIRMING OUR GIFTS

### \*DOXOLOGY

(music only, not sung) Words #44

**\* PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

(prayed together)

Living God, we are your people, we carry your presence. Use us and our gifts to accomplish your mission in the world. Multiply our effort to meet every need. This we pray in the name of Christ, whom with you and the Holy Spirit, reign in our hearts and lives, one God now and forever. Amen.

**\*CLOSING SONG** “God of Grace and God of Glory”

#569 verses 1 & 4

**GOING FORTH WITH THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

**POSTLUDE**

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You are invited to read the other two lectionary scriptures for today.  
Mic 3:5-12 and Ps 43

Next Sunday we will have a congregational meeting after worship to vote on the budget.

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