

First Congregational United Church of Christ  
Algona, Iowa  
Transfiguration Sunday  
February 14, 2021

## PRELUDE

## RINGING OF THE BELL

## GREETINGS, GOOD NEWS, ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The light of God is shining....

**People: shining around and within.**

Leader: The voice of God is calling....

**People calling not just from ancient texts, but from here and now.**

Leader: The love of God is with us....

**People: flowing around and within us.**

Leader: Let's worship God.

**\*OPENING SONG** "Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above" #56 verses 1 & 4

**OPENING PRAYER** (read together)

Speak to us as we worship and pray today, God. Catch our attention, and keep our focus on the light you would bring on us and the people you want us to help. Open our eyes, our minds, and our hearts so we will be ready for your teaching and responsive to your life-changing purposes. Amen.

### CALL TO CONFESSION

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (read together)

Sovereign God, we confess that we have allowed so many things to come between us and the gospel, that we cannot see the light of Jesus or hear your voice calling us to listen. We have neither the courage nor the faith to respond effectively to your call. We are more concerned for our own safety and comfort than for the triumph of truth. As you forgive us again, lift the veil that blinds us. Save us from perishing, for the sake of Jesus Christ. Amen.

### SILENCE FOR PERSONAL REFLECTION AND CONFESSION

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE** (read responsively)

Leader: God promises light for our nighttime and guidance on our way. In Jesus, God lifts the veil so we can catch a glimpse of glory. There is peace to be found in the midst of turmoil, freedom and quiet, even in our busyness.

**People: We are released from our slavery to things, and lifted up beyond the limitations of our habits. God forgives us and offers new meaning to our lives.! Thanks be to God!**

**FIRST SCRIPTURE READING** 2 Corinthians 4:3-6

**AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (read together)

**Our hope is God, our holy Parent, who makes all things and from whom all blessings flow.**

**God's faithfulness is the anchor of our hope.**

**Our trust is in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. More than a teacher, His life, death, and resurrection giving meaning to our existence. Christ's faithfulness tethers us to holy mystery.**

**Our trust is in the Holy Spirit. Blowing over and through creation, unexpected and untamed. The Spirit stirs forgiveness, fruitfulness, and creates families. The Spirit's faithfulness ties together past, present, and future.**

**Holy Trinity, One God, we believe you transfigure our faith. Amen.**

**GLORIA PATRI** #734

**FOCUS SCRIPTURE** Mark 9:2-9 read from the *Common English Bible*

**MESSAGE:** "We're Transfigured Too!" Pastor Burtnett

### AFFIRMING OUR GIFTS

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

**With our gifts, God, we proclaim not ourselves but Jesus and commit ourselves to follow a way that leads to love and life. Accept and bless them. May they be a witness to our love for each other and for you. Amen.**

**DOXOLOGY** Words #44

**\*CLOSING SONG** "Open My Eyes, That I May See" #480 verses 1 & 3

### GOING FORTH WITH THE PEACE OF CHRIST

### POSTLUDE

The Call to Worship (adapted) and Offering Prayer of Dedication (adapted) are from *The Abingdon Worship Annual, 2020* edited by Mary Scifres and B. J. Beu. The Opening Prayer (adapted), Call to Confession, and Prayer of Confession (adapted) are from *Whispers of God, Liturgical Resources for Year* by Lavon Bayler. The Words of Assurance (adapted) are from *Led By Love, worship Resources for Year B* by Lavon Bayler. The Affirmation of Faith is by *Rev. Julia Seymour, Lutheran Church of Hope, Anchorage, AK*

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

Birthdays- Feb. 17-Pat Beaver, Chancey Taylor; 18-Karen Dearchs; 20-Kris Schlievert

February 17 - Ash Wednesday Service 7pm. via zoom. Watch for an e-mail invite.

We need radio sponsors for the following months: May, June July, September, October, November and December. Please call the church office for a month. Thank you.

The February/March Newsletter will be sent later this week.

If you wish to send condolence cards to Meredith Hines & Geoff Buchanan, their addresses are:  
Meredith & Jeff Hines, 9 College Circle, Mason City, IA, 50401  
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Please send or drop off your offerings to the church!

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