

First Congregational United Church of Christ
“Where No One Is a Stranger”
315 S. Moore Street – Algona, IA 50511
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Transfiguration Sunday
February 27, 2022

PRELUDE

RINGING OF THE BELL

GREETINGS, GOOD NEWS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, JESUS ENCOUNTERS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

(read responsively)

One: Mighty Ruler.

Many: Most High.

One: Lover of Justice.

Many: Mystery Hidden Cloud.

One: Great Sovereign.

Many: Forgiving God.

One: Enthroned One.

Many: Mountain Dweller;

One: You are exalted over all people.

Many: We praise your great and awesome name!

One: We worship at your holy mountain.

Many: For you, God, are holy!

*OPENING SONG

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

#48

*OPENING PRAYER

(prayed together)

Holy God, bring us to your mountaintop this morning. We come to talk with you. We come to listen to what you have to say. We come to sense your glory—a glory that can transform our lives. May Jesus, your Son, your chosen one, and the Spirit of freedom and glory, shine upon us and cause us to shine like the sun. Amen.

TIME FOR THE CHILDREN AND YOUNG AT HEART

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(prayed together)

We admit that we are often afraid to come near you, Glorious Creator. For if we do, you might see how our faces darken with anger as we speak hurtful words, or whiten with

fear of those who are different, or reddened from the depths of our desires. We can spend so much time gazing in the mirror of our longings, that we are unable to see the faces etched with loneliness, hollowed by hunger, overshadowed by hopelessness. You reveal the mystery of your grace, Holy One, by pouring out mercy upon us. As you bend down to listen, may we speak your love to all those around us. As you call us into your presence, you send us out to do your justice which brings hope to the world. This we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, our Savior, our Love, our Justice. Amen.

SILENCE FOR PERSONAL REFLECTION AND CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

(read responsively)

One: On mountaintops and in valleys, in our hopes and in our hearts, God knows us better than we know ourselves, and God forgives us when we cannot forgive ourselves!

Many: By God's mercy, we are forgiven; by God's mercy, we are made whole; by God's mercy, we are equipped to serve others. Thanks be to God! Amen.

SHARING THE FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 34: 29-35

*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

Luke 9:28-36

shared from the *New International Version*

MESSAGE

“It's Good To Be Here”

Pastor Chris

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRESENTING OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY

Words #44

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

(prayed together)

Bless our gifts of every kind, God -- our energy, our talent, our treasure, our mission. May your light shine through them, that our world may be transformed by your power. Amen.

***CLOSING SONG**

“You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd”

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GOING FORTH WITH THE PEACE OF CHRIST

POSTLUDE

*Indicates all who are able please stand

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

Birthdays: Feb. 27-Leo Navarro; 28 – Charlie Hines; March 1- Scott Buchanan

Today, February 27: 10:00 am. – Worship
Sunday School
Coffee

Tuesday, March 1: 9:30 – 11:30 am.- Pastor Chris at Feed Mill
2:30 – Good Sam Bible Study

Wednesday, March 2: 7pm. – Ash Wednesday Service

Friday, March 4: 1:30pm. - World Day of Prayer at Methodist Church

Sunday, March 6: 10:00 am. – Worship with Sacrament of Communion
Sunday School
Coffee
Food Pantry

A radio sponsor is needed for September.

“Our Daily Bread” devotion for March, April and May is here. It may be picked up in the Fellowship entry.



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