

First Congregational United Church of Christ  
315 S Moore St.  
Algona, Iowa  
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Sixth Sunday of Easter  
May 22, 2022

## PRELUDE

## RINGING OF THE BELL

## GREETINGS, GOOD NEWS, ANNOUNCEMENTS

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

(read responsively)

#### \*Call to Worship

One: Jesus dwells among us, teaching us to believe in his name.

Many: **Let's offer God our thanks.**

One: The Spirit Dwells among us, guiding us down the paths of life.

Many: **Let's offer God our praise.**

One: God dwells among us, beckoning us to worship.

Many: **Let's offer God our worship.**

### \*OPENING SONG

“Holy God, We Praise Thy Name”

#138

### \*OPENING PRAYER

(read together)

Loving companion, you give your peoples visions, allowing us to believe in your words. We come to you this morning to keep our word, profess our love, and proclaim our faith. Nurture our hearts with your teachings, and nurture our minds with your grace. Amen.

## TIME FOR CHILDREN AND THE YOUNG AT HEART

## CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(read together)

Because you dwell in our hearts, Eternal God, you know how the anger, the pain, the bitterness of our lives try to crowd you out. The noise of the world deafens us to that Word which can heal us. We want our children to be good, kind, and gentle to others, and then they hear us call others names, and speak of them with demeaning words. Our desire for revenge towards those who have hurt us shows that your peace, indeed, is not in us.

Forgive us, Healing God. You promise a new heaven and a new earth, so create new spirits and new lives within us. Shattered by our sin, your heart can still heal our brokenness. Your Spirit, living deep within our souls, can teach us faithful ways. Your Word, Jesus Christ our Lord, whispers to us of your mercy, your hope, your love. Amen.

## SILENCE FOR PERSONAL REFLECTION AND CONFESSION

### WORDS OF ASSURANCE

(read responsively)

One: The Word which can transform us is not some idle gossip, but good news for us. It fills us with forgiveness, equips us for service, and sends us forth to love others as God loves us.

Many: In our midst, the Holy Spirit teaches us all we need to know, gives us what we need in order to be faithful, and fills us with peace. Thanks be to God. Amen.

### FIRST SCRIPTURE RADING

John 14:23-29

### \*AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

(read together)

We believe in God, creator of all things, ruler of all that is and all that is to come. God is transforming the world into the place of God's justice and mercy.

We follow Jesus, who taught and healed, who died and rose, revealing God's abundant grace. He sent disciples out into the world to heal, to proclaim the good news of your grace, and to participate in the Reign of God in all that we do. He reigns in love over all Creation, and holds all accountable to their faithfulness to God's rule of grace.

We rely upon the unfailing grace of God, the presence of the Holy Spirit, the community of the church as the Body of Christ, the unity of all believers, the power of forgiveness, the reality of resurrection and the alluring blessing of eternal life.

Therefore, we devote ourselves to lives of daily prayer, study, service and reflection, following Jesus as our Master, for the sake of the transformation of the world by the grace of God. Amen.

### GLORIA PATRI

#734

### FOCUS SCRIPTURE

Acts 16:9-15

shared from the *Common English Bible*

### MESSAGE:

“A Place for Prayer”

Pastor Burtnett

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and LORD'S PRAYER

### PRESENTING OUR GIFTS

### OFFERTORY

### \*DOXOLOGY

Words #44

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION** (prayed together)  
We bring these gifts to you, God, in order to share our bounty as you have shared yours with us. May they be used to build the Beloved Community through our hands of service, in the power of the Holy Spirit, and in the name of Jesus, our Messiah. Amen.

**\*CLOSING SONG** "Come and Find the Quiet Center" #477

**\* GOING FORTH WITH THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

**POSTLUDE**

\*Indicates all who are able please stand

The Call to Worship (adapted) and Opening Prayer (adapted) are by Catarina Paton from *The Abingdon Worship Annual-2022*, edited by Mary Scifres and B.J. Beu. The Call to Confession, Prayer of Confession (adapted) and Words of Assurance are from *Lectionary Liturgies* by Thom M. Shuman. The Offering Prayer of Dedication (adapted) is by Catarina Paton from *The Abingdon Worship Annual-2022*, edited by Mary Scifres and B.J. Beu and *Worship Ways-Worship Resources for the United Church of Christ*. The Affirmation of Faith is by Steve Garnaas-Holmes.

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Organist: Liz Reynolds  
Lector: David Burrow  
Worship Leader: Pastor Burtnett  
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May Radio Sponsor: Meredith Hines and Family in Memory of Julie Buchanan

Birthdays: May 22: Ginny Buchanan, Mick Schlievert; 23: Aaron Burtnett; 25: Marge Person; 26: Sandra Williams; 27: Greta Grindberg

Sunday, May 22: 10:00 am.- Worship  
Coffee

Tuesday, May 24: 9:30-11am. - Pastor Chris Coffee at Feed Mill

Sunday, May 29 10 am - Worship  
Coffee

Sunday, June 5: Worship - we will receive the 5 for 5 special offering for Strengthen the Church. reception for the Mahana Scholarship recipients and families.

Sunday, June 12: Worship with Sacrament of Communion  
Coffee

Pastor Chris will be on vacation May 23 - 27. Karen Dearchs will be on call. If you need pastoral assistance, please call Mick Schlievert at 515-341-1727 and he will contact Karen.

The *Our Daily Bread* June/July/August devotional is available on the cart in the entry way to the Education/Office/Fellowship Hall building.

Please have your June/July Newsletter articles into the office by May 31<sup>st</sup>.

First United Methodist Church is having a Ladies Guest Day Salad Luncheon at noon on June 2. Please RSVP if you are going by May 23, phone: 515-295-2779 or [dkcrail@gmail.com](mailto:dkcrail@gmail.com).



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