

First Congregational United Church of Christ
315 S Moore St.
Algona, Iowa
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Third Sunday after Pentecost
June 26, 2022

PRELUDE

RINGING OF THE BELL

GREETINGS, GOOD NEWS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, JESUS ENCOUNTERS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

(read responsively)

One: The Spirit is here,

Many: inviting us to worship.

One: The Spirit is here,

Many: in each of our lives.

One: The Spirit is here,

Many: in our gathered community.

One: The Spirit is here,

Many: guiding us together in love, peace, and patience.

*OPENING SONG

“Spirit, Working in Creation” #128 (sung to tune of hymn # 358)

*OPENING PRAYER

(read together)

Liberating One, we keep you before us. Our souls rejoice and our hearts are gladdened.

Our very beings find safety and security in your presence. We approach you with thanksgiving and anticipation. Enliven us to be your people in the world. Embolden us to live in freedom. Empower us to be your good news. Stand up in us and show us the path of life. Amen.

TIME FOR CHILDREN AND THE YOUNG AT HEART

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(read together)

Restoring God, too often we accept the conditions of the world around us and impose limitations on what is possible. We bind ourselves to societal conventions, norms, and pressure rather than follow you and your way. We conform to the values of this world rather than pursue the fruit of the Spirit. Forgive us. Show us the path of life and freedom in you. Teach us to plant seeds of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness,

generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. May we perennially bear that fruit. Amen.

SILENCE FOR PERSONAL REFLECTION AND CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

(read responsively)

One: Friends, call to mind what God has done for you; think about how God's love comes in fresh and surprising ways; reflect on the fruit of the Spirit poured out upon you.

Many: We will remember all the wonder, all the joy, all the mercy which is ours. From the rich abundance of the Spirit's fruit, we will serve others. Thanks be to God! Amen.

SHARING THE FIRST SCRIPTURE RADING

Luke 9:51-62

*AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

(read together)

Jesus stays with us in the Spirit, who renews our hearts, moves us to faith, leads us in the truth, stands by us in our need, and makes our obedience fresh and vibrant.

The Spirit's gifts are here to stay in rich variety—fitting responses to timely needs.

We thankfully see each other as gifted members of the fellowship which delights in the creative Spirit's work.

It gives more than enough to each believer for God's praise and our neighbor's welfare. Amen.

GLORIA PATRI

#734

FOCUS SCRIPTURE

Galatians 5:1, 13-25

shared from *The Message*

MESSAGE:

“Seasonal Fruits”

Pastor Burtnett

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and LORD'S PRAYER

PRESENTING OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY

Words #44

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

(prayed together)

Giver of Gifts, receive the resources we bring. May they bless our community and our world. May we be gladdened by giving and rejoice in generosity. Amen.

*CLOSING SONG

“Spirit of the Living God”

#492

*GOING FORTH WITH THE PEACE OF CHRIST

POSTLUDE

*Indicates all who are able please stand

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Lector: David Burrow
Worship Leader: Pastor Burtnett
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June Radio Sponsor: John and Helen Scuffham

Birthdays: June 26: Corbin Habeger; 6-28: Lance Zook

Sunday, June 26: 10:00 am.- Worship
Coffee

Tuesday, June 28: 9:30-11am. - Coffee at Feed Mill

Sunday, July 3: 10 am – Worship with communion
Food Pantry
Coffee

Thank you to everyone who has sent in their directory information. If you haven't sent in your information you may e-mail or drop it off in the office.

July Senior Center Calendar and Meals on Wheels menu are posted on the Mission Bulletin Board.

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

