

First Congregational United Church of Christ  
315 S Moore St.  
Algona, Iowa  
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Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost  
October 16, 2022

## PRELUDE

## RINGING OF THE BELL

## GREETINGS, GOOD NEWS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, JESUS ENCOUNTERS

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP (read responsively)

One: We have gathered in God's holy presence, the One who etches grace on our hearts.

Many: **This is the place where God will transform us into disciples.**

One: We glorify our God, who yearns for justice, not just for a favored few, but for the least of our world.

Many: **This is the place where God will write compassion on our souls.**

One: We give thanks to God for unceasing grace; we remember God's persistence in saving us.

Many: **This is the place where God will breathe the Word into our lives.**

One: Let's worship God!

### \*OPENING SONG "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" #48

### \*OPENING PRAYER (read together)

**We come into your powerful presence with hope in our hearts, God. May we pray with the same focus and strength with which you receive our prayers. Flow through our prayers and our worship this morning that we may discover childlike trust, even as we mature in faith. Amen.**

## TIME FOR CHILDREN AND THE YOUNG AT HEART

## CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION (read together)

Your words are given to us, Author of Life, so we might be reformed, but we are intent on changing others. Your words are offered to us so we might be transformed, but we are focused on conforming to our culture. Your words are spoken to lead us into new life, but we hold our old ways tight to our chests.

Forgive us, God of Wonder. Do not remember our sins, but continue to touch us with your steadfast mercy. Show us how to be persistent in living out our faith, even as you

were so tenacious in offering us your grace and life in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

## SILENCE FOR PERSONAL REFLECTION AND CONFESSION

### WORDS OF ASSURANCE (read responsively)

One: Jesus reminds us that we are to be resolute in our lives of faithfulness and service. The good news is that God is steadfast in filling us with love and grace.

Many: **We are forgiven people. May we live as sisters and brothers in Christ, God's children in word and deed, in hope and joy. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

### SHARING THE FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Jeremiah 31:27-34

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

**In faith, we acknowledge that God has acted in the past, in a holy history. In faith, we confess that God seeks to rule in our lives today. In faith, we affirm that God continues to send prophets and speak through willing vessels to guide the course of all history toward its end. In faith, we imagine that end to be characterized by the traits we find in Jesus: compassion, justice, and love. In faith, we long to be part of that purpose. Amen.**

### GLORIA PATRI #734

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world with-out end. A-men, A-men.**

### FOCUS SCRIPTURE 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5 shared from the *Common English Bible*

MESSAGE: "But As For You..." Pastor Chris

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and LORD'S PRAYER (using debts/debtors)

## PRESENTING OUR GIFTS

## OFFERTORY

### \*DOXOLOGY #34

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, you heavenly host; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

### PRAYER OF DEDICATION (prayed together)

**Bestow your power and strength on these gifts that we now return to you, God. Multiply them as they go forth to serve your church and your world. Amen.**

**\*CLOSING SONG**

“O Word of God Incarnate”

#670

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

**POSTLUDE**

\*Indicates all who are able please stand

The Call to Worship (adapted), Call to Confession, Prayer of Confession, and Words of Assurances are from *Lectionary Liturgies* by Thom M. Shuman. The Opening Prayer, and Offering Prayer of Dedication (adapted) are by Mary Scifres from *The Abingdon Worship Annual 2022* edited by Mary Scifres and B.J. Beu. The Affirmation of Faith is by James T. Fatzinger from *Touch Holiness-Resources for Worship* edited by Ruth C. Duck and Maren C. Tirabassi.

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Organist:	Vicki Merchlewitz
Lector:	David Burrow
Worship Leader:	Pastor Burtnett
October Radio Sponsor:	Todd & Shelly TerHark

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Sunday, October 16: 10:00 am.- Worship  
Sunday School  
Coffee

Tuesday, October 18: 9:30-11am. - Pastor Chris at Feed Mill

Thursday, October 20: 6pm – Pastor at Pilgrim Heights Zoom Meeting

Sunday, October 23: 10 am – Worship  
Sunday School  
Coffee

Trunk or Treat: Donations of sacks of candy are needed. Please leave them in the church kitchen.

Our cookie supply is getting low. Donations of bars or cookies will be appreciated for coffee after worship. Thank you.

I WILL PUT MY LAW WITHIN THEM  
I WILL WRITE IT  
ON THEIR HEARTS



I WILL BE THEIR GOD  
AND THEY SHALL BE MY  
PEOPLE

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