

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
ALGONA, IOWA
Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost
10:00 A.M. – October 30, 2022

PRELUDE

RINGING OF THE BELL

GREETING, GOOD NEWS, JESUS ENCOUNTERS, & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, let us sing for joy to God, who forgives our sins and offers us the New Covenant.

Let us come with thanksgiving and extol our God with songs of praise.

God is exalted throughout the earth.

Let us praise the great and awesome name of God.

And what does our God require of us?

To act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with our God.

* OPENING HYMN: “We All Are One in Mission” #552

OPENING PRAYER

Dear God. We thank you for guiding us here today to hear your word and worship you. Help us to be the people you would have us be, to do your work for peace and justice. We offer our prayers in the name of Jesus. Amen.

BRIEF REFLECTION

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, you created us in your image and you call us to love you and love our neighbors. We confess that we often forget your great commandment. We fail to love you above all else, and we find excuses to avoid serving others. Forgive us, dear God, and guide us to remember your commandment and renew our covenant with you. Be with us as we work to truly be your people. Amen.

SILENCE FOR PERSONAL REFLECTION AND CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God loves us and looks beyond our faults to offer full and genuine compassion. Through the work of Christ our sins are forgiven.

Thanks be to God.

FIRST READING:

Jeremiah 31:31 – 34

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:

Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is the one true Church, apostolic and universal, whose holy faith let us now declare:

We believe in the one God, maker and ruler of all things, creator of all humanity, the source of all goodness and beauty, all truth and love.

We believe in Jesus Christ, God manifest in the flesh, our teacher, example, and redeemer, the Savior of the world.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, God present with us for guidance, for comfort, and for strength.

We believe in the forgiveness of sins, in the life of love and prayer, and in grace equal to every need.

We believe in the Word of God as the sufficient rule of both faith and practice.

We believe in the Church as a community for worship and for service of all who are united in the living God.

We believe in the kingdom of God as the divine rule in human society and in a family of all humanity under the leadership of God.

We believe in the final triumph of righteousness, and in the life everlasting. Amen.

* GLORIA PATRI: “Glory Be to the Father ...” #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.

SECOND READING:

Matthew 22:34 - 40

MESSAGE: “Living the New Covenant”

David Burrow

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Respond: Hear our prayer.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (with debts/debtors)

PRESENTING OUR GIFTS – OFFERTORY

*** DOXOLOGY:** “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow” #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**

God of new life, out of the abundance of our lives we offer these gifts to you. Through your blessing and our willingness to share, may these offerings become a source of hope and love in this church family and in the community beyond us. In the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

*** HYMN:** “Called as Partners in Christ’s Service” #581

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

POSTLUDE

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Organist: Vicki Merchlewitz
Worship Leader: David Burrow
Pastor: Rev. Chris Burnett
October Radio Sponsor: Todd & Shelly TerHark
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Call to worship from the United Reformed Church of Great Britain, opening prayer by Debbie McDaniel – Crosswalk Church, Houston, TX, Prayer of Confession & Assurance of Pardon from the Book of Common Prayer of the Anglican Church of Canada, Affirmation of Faith is the Korean Creed from the Book of Worship of the United Methodist Church, Prayer of Dedication from Rev. Nikau Moana – Cook Islands Christian Church

Sunday, October 30: 10:00 am.- Worship
Sunday School
Coffee

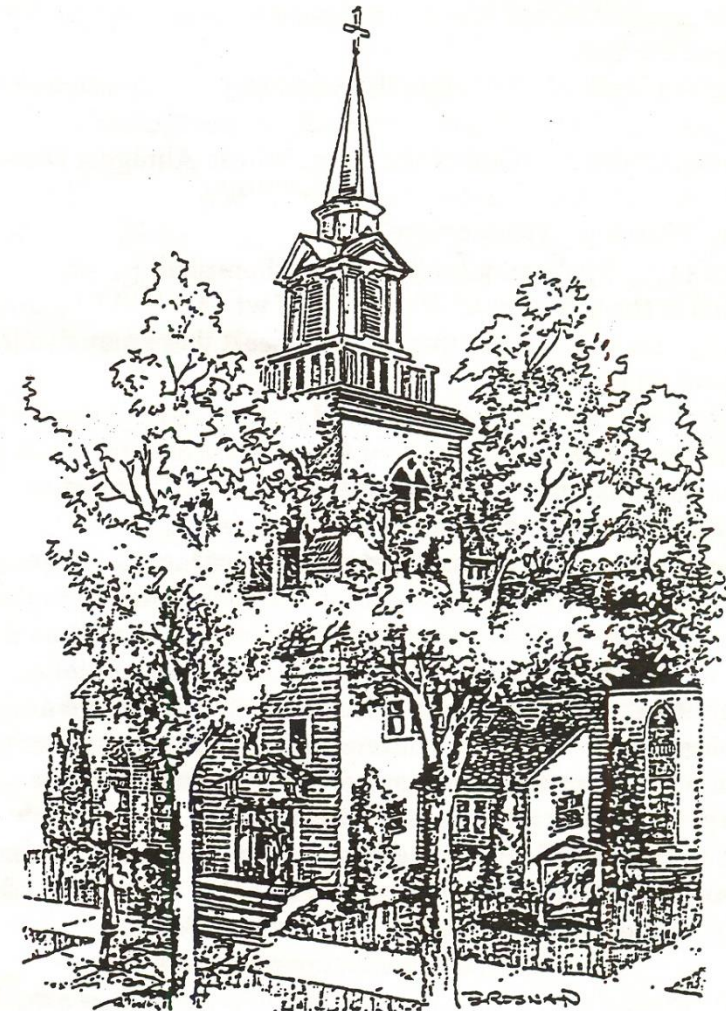
Monday, October 31: 5:15-7pm. - Trunk or Treat

Tuesday, November 1: 9:30-11am. - Pastor Chris at Feed Mill

Saturday, November 5: Remember to set your clocks back

Sunday, November 6: 10 am – Worship – Sacrament of Communion
Sunday School
Coffee
Food Pantry
Mission and Memorial Committee Meeting after worship
Church Fall Clean-up Day

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“Where No One Is A Stranger”