

First Congregational United Church of Christ  
"Where No One Is A Stranger"  
Seventh Sunday after Pentecost  
July 7, 2024

## PRELUDE

## RINGING OF THE BELL

## GREETINGS, GOOD NEWS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, JESUS ENCOUNTERS

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

(read responsively)

One: God awakens the sun to guide us into the new day.

Many: God's name, like God's praise, sings in every person.

One: God speaks God's Word to guide us into God's realm.

Many: God's hope, like God's joy, echoes in every soul.

One: God guides us to those who are looking for God.

Many: God's love, like God's name, fills the emptiness of every heart.

One: Let's worship God!

### \*Opening Song:

"Come, We That Love the Lord"

#67

### \*OPENING PRAYER

(prayed together)

Powerful One, we come into this gathering humbled by your presence among us, grateful for the companionship of your people, and eager to worship your name. As we tell your story anew, we enter your story as the objects of your attention, love, and care. May we know you more deeply and clearly. May we be transformed and transfixed by the mystery of you. May we be inspired by your deeds of power to be instruments of your reign in the world. Empower us, Holy One. Amen.

## TIME FOR CHILDREN AND THE YOUNG AT HEART

## CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(prayed together)

You know how stubborn we can be, Holy God. You call us to serve others, and we stay in the coolness of our own homes. You would send us to where the hopeless live, but we are reluctant to leave the comfort of our complacency. You would feed us on the peace and joy of your word, but we pull our chairs up to the tables of those who serve false promises.

Forgive us, Guiding God. Transform our defiance into discipleship, and our rejection of others into the resurrection of welcoming all people as sisters, brothers, and siblings in

Christ. Help us to love as faithfully as you have always loved us, and send us forth to take the good news of Jesus to everyone we meet.

## A TIME FOR SILENT REFLECTION

### WORDS OF ASSURANCE

One: We open our lips and confess our hearts. God hears our words and makes us new, sending us out to bring hope and joy to all the world.

Many: We hear the good news, we believe the good news, we will live out the good news. Thanks be to God. Amen!

### SHARING THE FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10

### \*AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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(read together)

### \*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

Mark 6:1-13

read from *The Message*

### MESSAGE:

"Exercising Our Power"

Pastor Chris

### Communion Song:

"With the Body That Was Broken"

#691

### GATHERING AT CHRIST'S TABLE

Invitation, Communion Prayer, Sanctus, Words of Institution, Consecration Prayer, Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors), Sharing the Bread and Cup

### SANCTUS

Holy, holy, holy God of love and majesty, the whole universe speaks of your glory, O God Most High. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of our God! Hosanna in the highest!

### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING:

Bountiful God, we give you thanks that you have refreshed us at your table by granting us Jesus' presence. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world with courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

### PRESENTING OUR GIFTS

### OFFERTORY

**\*DOXOLOGY**

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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**

Creator, all we have emanates from you and your creation. Receive these gifts we give  
with thanksgiving and hope for a shared future without lack, disparities, and unmet  
needs. Amen.

**\*Closing Song:**

“Sent Forth by God’s Blessing”

#712

**\*Going Forth with the Peace of Christ**

**POSTLUDE**

**\*Indicates all who are able please stand**

Other Lectionary Scripture Readings: Ephesians 2:11-22

The Call to Worship (adapted), Call to Confession, Prayer of Confession (adapted), and Words of Assurance are from *Lectionary Liturgies* by Thom M. Shuman. The Opening Prayer and Offering Prayer of Dedication are by the Rev. Dr. Cheryl A. Lindsay who serves as Minister for Worship and Theology for the United Church of Christ. from *Worship Ways-Worship Resources for the United Church of Christ*. The Communion Prayer of Thanksgiving (adapted) is from *Book of Worship-United Church of Christ*. The Affirmation of Faith is a version of our United Church of Christ Statement of Faith

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Worship Leader:

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July Radio Sponsor:

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Birthdays: July 9-Faatu Tennih; 11-Ken Beaver

Sunday, July 7: 10:30am – Worship with Sacrament of Communion

Coffee

Food Pantry

Tuesday, July 9: 9:30am- Pastor Feed Mill

Thursday, July 10: 5:00pm. -Party in the Park -Mobile Mission

Saturday, July 13: 9:00am. – Mobile Mission Founder’s Day Kid’s Bash

Sunday, May 12: 10:30am – Worship

Coffee

Algona’s Founder’s Days are July 11-14.



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