

First Congregational United Church of Christ
“Where No One Is A Stranger”
Seventh Sunday of Easter
June 1, 2025

PRELUDE

RINGING OF THE BELL

GREETINGS, GOOD NEWS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, JESUS ENCOUNTERS

*CALL TO WORSHIP (read responsively)

One: Clap your hands! Sing for joy!
Many: God’s glory is all around!
One: Rejoice and praise! Worship and pray!
Many: God’s glory is in each of us!

*Opening Song: “Praise To the Lord, the Almighty” #71

*OPENING PRAYER (prayed together)

God of grace and glory, shine through our worship, that we may know your presence.
Shine through our lives, that we may bring your presence to others. Shine through our
world, that all may come to know you, love you, and glorify your name. Amen.

TIME FOR CHILDREN AND THE YOUNG AT HEART

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (prayed together)

You call us to proclaim a gospel we find difficult to practice, God Most High. We watch
our clocks to make sure we spend more time with ourselves than with you. We are
hesitant to witness to your power from on high, as we are uncertain of your presence in
our lives.
Forgive us, God of Light. Fill us with the healing presence of your Spirit, that we may
proclaim your good news, as we participate in the life and suffering of our world, as did
your Son, Jesus, our Savior. Amen.

A TIME FOR SILENT REFLECTION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

One: Choosing to set aside judgment, God gives us justice; choosing to let go of punishment,
God fills us with peace; choosing to release anger, God's steadfast love rests upon us.
**Many: Forgiven, redeemed, restored – we tell everyone through the lives we lead, what
God has done for us. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

SHARING THE FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Luke 24:44-53

*AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH inside back cover of hymnal (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 John 17:20-26 read from the *Common English Bible*

MESSAGE: “I’m With Ya Jesus!” Pastor Chris

Communion Song: “They’ll Know We Are Christians” #595

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:

God of love, thank you for strengthening us with the Bread of Life. Thank you for
forgiving us and giving us another chance to do what is right. We promise to be the
living Body of Christ, nourished by this special meal. We promise to use our voices,
arms, hands, feet, eyes and ears to follow Jesus and make the world a better place for
everyone. Amen.

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**
Glorious God, we dedicate these gifts to you. Shine through them and through our very
lives, that others may experience the beauty of your love and the power of your
presence. Amen.

***Closing Song:** “As a Fire Is Meant for Burning” #551

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

POSTLUDE

***Indicates all who are able please stand**
The Call to Worship, Opening Prayer (adapted) and Offering Prayer of Dedication (adapted) are by Mary Scifres from *The Abingdon Worship Annual-2025* 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 Affirmation of Faith is a version of our United Church of Christ Statement of Faith. The Communion Prayer of Thanksgiving is by Rev. Stephanie Perdew.

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Worship Leader:	Pastor Chris Burtnett
Lector:	David Burrow
June Radio Sponsor:	Sky Meraz

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Sunday, June 1: 10:30am – Worship with Sacrament of Communion
Coffee
Food Pantry
2pm.- Celebration of Gladys Mahana Scholars from 1993 -2025 in Fellowship Hall

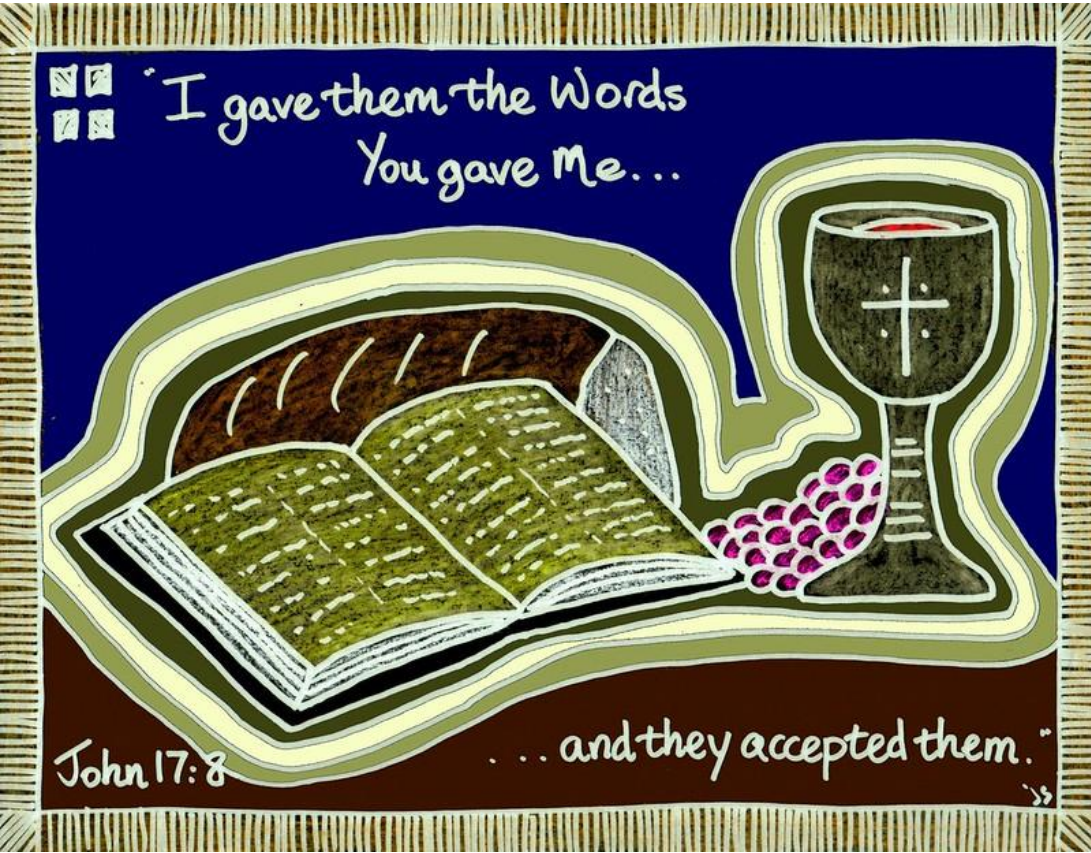
Tuesday, June 3: 10:30am-Pastor at Feed Mill.

Wednesday, June 4: 5:30 pm.-Party in the Park

Sunday, June 8: 10:30am: Worship-Pentecost Sunday- Wear Red
Coffee
Strengthen the Church Offering

Monday, June 2: 12:30-5:30pm.-Algona Community Blood Drive at 1st United Methodist Church

Our Daily Bread June/July/August devotion book may be picked up in the Fellowship Hall entry.



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