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WORSHIP FOR JULY 17, 2022
SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Welcome to Congregational UCC. We are glad that you are here this morning. While we affirm that God speaks to us in many ways, we ask that you silence your cell phone as you enter the sanctuary. Please use the time during the prelude to quietly prepare for worship.

“It matters not who you love, where you love, why you love, when you love or how you love, it matters only that you love”. -John Lennon

PRELUDE “Let It Be”

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Kathi Koegle, Liturgist

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Friends it has been a long, hot summer;

Let us worship God in thanksgiving, for the gifts of the glorious sun!

It is time for the smiles to return to our faces;

Let us worship God in joy, for the leisure we enjoy in the sun!

It is time for the ice of our doubts, our fears, our hopelessness to melt away...

Let us worship in the warmth of the Son who is here among us!

***OPENING SONG “Here Comes the Sun”**

“In the heavens he has set a tent for the sun, which comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy, and like a strong man runs its course with joy.” Psalm 19.4b-5

**those who are able may stand.*



WANT TO GIVE ONLINE? SCAN THE QR CODE FOR OUR GIVING APP.

Your giving makes a world of difference.

WE ARE NOW LIVE STREAMING OUR WORSHIP SERVICES AT 10:15 ON SUNDAY MORNING. You can join us online in real time at <https://vimeo.com/event/1424751>. This streaming address is the same each week.

RECORDINGS OF THE WORSHIP SERVICES are posted after worship on Sunday at <https://vimeo.com/channels/1547852>. The recordings remain up permanently, so you can watch past worship services at your convenience or recommend them to a friend.

"Let It Be" John Lennon/Paul McCartney

"Here Comes the Sun" George Harrison

"With a Little Help from My Friends" John Lennon/Paul McCartney

"Help!" John Lennon/Paul McCartney

"Imagine" John Lennon/Yoko Ono

"Can't Buy Me Love" John Lennon/Paul McCartney

"All You Need Is Love" John Lennon/Paul McCartney

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SPEAKING SACREDLY ABOUT ABORTION--Zoom Webinar on Wednesday, July 20th - 7:00-8:30pm. The Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice (RCRC), in partnership with Spirit of Peace United Church of Christ in Sioux Falls, SD, and the Tri-Conference ministries of the United Church of Christ, present, "Speaking Sacredly About Abortion." After the Supreme Court's ruling on June 24th that overturned a half-century precedent on reproductive rights, many of us are left wondering, "What now?" Many of us (both pastors and laity) are wondering how to speak about abortion with our congregations. Many of us are wondering how to speak about this with friends, family, and neighbors who might not agree with us. As people of faith who have taken up Jesus's calling to work for justice, how do we be the voice that advocates for abortion rights from the perspective of progressive Christianity? If you have been asking these questions, please join us. We will be honored to have the Rev. Dr. Cari Jackson, the Director of Spiritual Care and Activism for the Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice, as our presenter. The topics for the program will include:

- Understanding Reproductive Oppression. Historical overview setting the stage for reproductive oppression today.
- Liberation Gospel. "What kind of society are we called to be?"
- Sacredly Speaking. How to talk about abortion and reproductive dignity with family, neighbors, and coworkers.
- Ways to Be Involved. Practical ways to make a difference now.

Register at https://triconf.secure.force.com/default/CnP_PaaS_EVT_ExternalRegistrationPage?event_id=a2C1U000001Si0gUAC to receive the Zoom meeting information.

VISITING THE DIVERSITY MARKET, Saturdays, 1:00-7:00, June-July 30, is an excellent way to support our South District neighbors. International food, crafts, art, jewelry. Pepperwood Plaza 1067, Hwy 6.

TABLE TO TABLE IS IN NEED OF VOLUNTEERS to help with maintaining their mission of connecting abundance with need in Johnson County. They are incredibly flexible: whatever your schedule is, they can probably work with it! They have volunteers that come in twice a week and volunteers that come in twice a month and both are valuable to the organization. Duties can include: harvesting produce at farms and orchards, driving or riding in T2T vans on routes to pick up and deliver food, helping prep vans for their routes in our shop (move empty boxes around while listening to some tunes!), offering free fresh produce in at-need neighborhoods, and more. If your interest is piqued, check out their website (table2table.org), contact them at volunteer@table2table.org or at 319-337-3400.

*OPENING PRAYER

Gracious God. We have convinced ourselves that we have it all figured out – that alone we can create Your Kingdom, that we are perfect individuals and islands of fortitude. We are wrong. We do indeed “need somebody” and not just anybody, but we need You. When our best plans fail, when our loneliness overcomes our individualism, hear our cry for Help! Forgive us and remind us that it is only through you that it shall be on Earth as it is in Heaven. Amen.

ASSURANCE AND PARDON

L: Friends, we are forgiven every time we seek the kindness of friends...because it is in the heart of friends...we meet God.

All: Thanks be to God!

*REFLECTION SONG “A Little Help from My Friends”

Love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. ~ John 15:12b-14

TIME OF PRAYER

Prayers of the People

Silent Prayer

Prayer of our Savior

SONG OF PARDON “Help!”

I lift up my eyes to the hills— from where will my help come? ~ Psalm 121:1

PRAYER RESPONSE “Let It Be”

Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." ~ Luke 1:38

SONG OF GRACE “Imagine”

He will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away." ~ Revelation 21:4

SERVICE OF GIVING

Invitation

Offertory “Can't Buy Me Love”

Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth...but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven...For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. ~ Matthew 6:19-21

*DOXOLOGY

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Take our gifts, symbols of our devotion, our wordless love, our silent thanks to you for all you have given and all we have yet to receive. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING: 1 Corinthians 13.1-12

If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing. Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known.

SERMON Love, Love, Love

*CLOSING SONG “All You Need Is Love”

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. 8 Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. ~ 1 John 4:7-8

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE “Imagine”

WE’RE GLAD THAT YOU HAVE JOINED US FOR WORSHIP THIS MORNING.

We are putting the safety of both the vaccinated and the unvaccinated in our congregation and the community first. Masks are required for all people in all parts of the building. We will keep social distance in the pews. Everyone is invited to Coffee Hour in Rockwood Hall after worship. Masks are optional in Rockwood Hall during Coffee Hour.

WE WELCOME THE REV. ANN MOLSBERY TO OUR WORSHIP THIS MORNING. OUR MUSICIANS THIS MORNING, Dave and Becca Schroeder, are members at First Congregational UCC of DeWitt, Iowa. The other members of this morning's Fab Four are Rev. Bob Molsberry, Andrew Knapp, and Kevin Koepnick.

THE REV. MARK BUCK will be our guest preacher next Sunday, July 24.

BILL LOVIN IS ON VACATION THROUGH JULY 24.

USHERS, GREETERS, AND HOSPITALITY OPPORTUNITIES: As we continue to reopen, there are new opportunities to greet people coming to worship, to usher, and to provide hospitality during coffee hour after worship. Please sign up on the sheets in Rockwood Hall or call the church office--319-337-4031.

THE WOMEN'S LUNCH WILL BE HELD ON JULY 21, at 11:45 p.m., at Vesta. Call or text Martha Ann Crawford—319-855-8340—to reserve a seat.

THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING ARTICLES FOR THE AUGUST NEWSLETTER is this Wednesday, July 20.

HELP SUPPORT THE SCHOOL KIDS IN THE SOUTH DISTRICT: The Mission Board has signed our church up to provide supper on August 8, 2022 at 5:00 in Wetherby Park. United Action for Youth and the Johnson County Interfaith Coalition are hosting suppers in Wetherby Park in June, July and early August. We will feed approximately 100 people, primarily youth who will have had a strenuous afternoon of structured activities in the park. We are set with food and we welcome everyone to come share this community meal with the South District residents. If you are interested, send a note to Donna Hirst, donna-hirst@uiowa.edu. 2022 has been a very challenging year for kids, and we hope this effort will help the South District kids learn that the community “has their back” and wants their summer to be excellent.

OPEN HEARTLAND COMMUNITY CENTER DIAPER AND WIPES DRIVE; BOTTOMS UP, FOR JUNE AND JULY: The Mission Board is sponsoring a diaper and wipes drive for Open Heartland, a community center for Spanish speaking families here in Iowa City. Please drop off diapers in sizes 2, 3, 4, and 5 and training pullups, as well as wipes in the box in Rockwood Hall. They are particularly in need of the larger sizes. Also, monetary gifts are very welcome so the Mission Board can purchase items in quantity at a discount. Let's delight them with our generosity!

SIGN UP FOR *CHANGE AGENT*: AN ONLINE UCC MISSION BOARD SOCIAL CHANGE BULLETIN BOARD: The Mission Board is responding to requests from the congregation and creating an Online Social Change Bulletin Board. This monthly email publication will be a system that will include notices of rallies, petitions, upcoming legislative or policy actions warranting letters or phone calls, protests, important meetings of the school board or city council, each of which has the potential to increase social justice. Highest priority alerts will be local actions, then state actions and national actions. Notices will not support political candidates or parties. We would be delighted if everyone in the congregation is interested in subscribing. If you would like to receive these monthly mailings send your contact information to Jenn Harden, uccicadmin@uccic.org.