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United Church of Christ
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WORSHIP FOR JULY 21, 2024
NINTH 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.

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS AND HEARING ASSISTANCE DEVICES ARE AVAILABLE. PLEASE ASK AN USHER.

Play music, learn the word for thank you in three languages.
Learn to knit, and make a hat.
Think of chaos as dancing raspberries,
imagine grief as the outbreath of beauty or the gesture of fish.
Swim for the other side.
Wage peace.

Judyth Hill

PRELUDE Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise – Setting by John Carter

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Chuck Connerly, Liturgist

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Jesus said, Let anyone with ears to hear listen.

**You shall love the Lord your God with all you heart, and with all your soul,
and all your strength, and with all your mind;
and your neighbor as yourself.**

Do this and you will live.

***HYMN #263 Immortal Invisible God Only Wise**

**those that are able may stand.*

WE LIVE STREAM 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/154m7852>. The recordings remain up permanently, so you can watch past worship services at your convenience or recommend them to a friend.

WOULD YOU LIKE A GIVING STATEMENT? PLEASE LET THE CHURCH OFFICE KNOW. We are now half way through 2024. It's the time of year when some people like to see what they have given and to make sure that their giving to our church is current. If you would like a half-year financial giving statement, please contact Jenn Harden in the church office at 319-337-4301 or send her an email at uccicadmin@uccic.org. She'll be glad to send out a statement. And thanks again for your generous giving as we rebuild and move forward!

NAME TAGS: As a welcoming gesture, church members are encouraged to wear their name tag for church services. This helps new members learn names. It also serves as a greeting to visitors. If your name tag is missing or you just can't find it, please contact the church office and ask Jenn to make a new one for you.

PLEASE HELP WITH PARKING IN THE CHURCH LOT: Several people currently have mobility issues and need to park in our small parking lot on Jefferson St. If you are able, please park elsewhere so that the marked and unmarked spaces can be used by those who need them. Thanks.

ANOTHER WAY TO HELP THE HOMELESS: Trinity United Methodist Church of Riverside Iowa has purchased a loom and is using clean, plastic bags to construct Sleeping Mats for the homeless. These are lightweight, waterproof, and easy to pack and carry. By contributing our clean, plastic bags, we can help them help others. Bring your clean, unneeded, plastic grocery bags, or trash bags, any color, any size, here, to Rockwood Hall. We will see to it that they are delivered.

SEE SOMETHING—SAY SOMETHING: If you notice something in the building that needs attention—a leaky faucet, a loose railing, etc.—please let the church office (319-337-4301) know right away. Thanks.

USHERS, GREETERS, AND HOSPITALITY OPPORTUNITIES: There are still some 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.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO SERVE AS A LITURGIST ON SUNDAY MORNING? This is a great opportunity to welcome people and to lead them in worship. Bill Lovin provides the material. You provide the spirit. Contact Bill if you are interested or would like more information.



Want to give online? Scan the QR code for our giving app.
Your giving makes a world of difference.

***OPENING PRAYER**

**God of cosmos and quarks
God of rainbows and roly-polies,
God of electricity and enzymes-
You created the earth and proclaimed it good.
The galaxies and planets are known to you,
Yet also the hairs on our heads.
You cradle all things in the palm of your hand,
Supporting us with love.
We magnify your name for our creation
And for all the blessings of this life.
Sustain in us a spirit of awe
For how you continue to be present in the world,
And help us to act in love
For all that you have created. Amen.** Joelle Friesen

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (276)**

**Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father
There is no shadow of turning with Thee
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not
As Thou hast been, Thou forever will be
Great is Thy faithfulness
Great is Thy faithfulness
Morning by morning new mercies I see
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me**

SPECIAL MUSIC

Open My Eyes That I May See Clara H. Scott
Loralyn Hogue & Anna Mary Mueller

TIME OF PRAYER

Prayers of the People
Silent Prayer
The Prayer of Our Savior
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

SERVICE OF GIVING

Invitation
Offertory Prelude in C Major, Op. 48 No. 1 – Josef Renner
(cont'd)

*Response

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,
Praise Christ, all creatures here below,
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.**

*Prayer of Dedication

SCRIPTURE LESSON Micah 4:3-4

He shall judge between many peoples
and shall arbitrate between strong nations far away;
they shall beat their swords into plowshares
and their spears into pruning hooks;
nation shall not lift up sword against nation;
neither shall they learn war anymore;
but they shall all sit under their own vines and under their own fig trees,
and no one shall make them afraid,
for the mouth of the LORD of hosts has spoken.

PSALM 46

Come, behold the works of the LORD;
see what desolations he has brought on the earth.
**He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;
he breaks the bow and shatters the spear;
he burns the shields with fire.**
“Be still, and know that I am God!
I am exalted among the nations;
I am exalted in the earth.”
**The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our refuge.**

SCRIPTURE LESSON Matthew 5:1-11

When Jesus^[a] saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. And he began to speak and taught them, saying:
“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.
“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.
“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
“Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely^[b] on my account.

SERMON “Becoming a Peacemaker”

*HYMN #538 “Lord, Dismiss Us With Thy Blessing”

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing – arr. Anne Krentz Organ

TODAY

Worship Service 10:15 am

NEXT SUNDAY

Worship Service 10:15 am

WE WELCOME LIBBY CONLEY to our pulpit this morning. Libby is an ordained Mennonite minister. Bill Lovin is on sabbatical for the month of July.

WE’RE GLAD THAT YOU ARE WORSHIPING WITH US THIS MORNING.
Everyone is invited to Coffee Hour in Rockwood Hall after worship.

A MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR KEN KUNTZ AND NANCY KUNTZ will be held at the church on Saturday, August 3, at 11:00 a.m. A reception with a light lunch will follow in Rockwood Hall.

JOIN US SUNDAY, AUGUST 4TH FOR A SERVICE-FILLED WITH HYMNS! We would like to include favorites from the congregation! Please send suggestions this week to: Tina Koepnick at tinaskoepnick@gmail.com.

THE CHURCH HAS RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING PLEA FROM THE SHELTER HOUSE FOR THER BEAT THE HEAT CAMPAIGN: With summer upon us, many understandably rush to enjoy the sunshine, warm weather, and longer days. But without proper protections, summer can be a dangerous time for many. Extreme temperatures, severe weather events, and high levels of humidity make the season especially taxing on individuals experiencing homelessness, as these folks are exposed to the risk of potentially dangerous health problems such as dehydration, sunburn, heat exhaustion, and heat stroke. These heat-related illnesses can cause irreversible damage to the body and are sometimes fatal. It is critically important that we keep people experiencing homelessness in our community safe, cool, and well-hydrated. Your gift to the campaign is crucial to their care. The Mission Board has committed \$500 to this effort by Shelter House. If you would like to make a personal donation to this cause, please write a check to the church, with Beat the Heat on the memo line. Protecting the homeless in our community is an important mission of this church.