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WORSHIP FOR AUGUST 4, 2024
ELEVENTH 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.

“Let all the world in every corner sing, My God and King!
The church with psalms must shout; No door can keep them out.
But above all, the heart must bear the longest part.
Let all the world in every corner sing, My God and King!
--George Herbert, 1633

PRELUDE Lord, I Want to Be a Christian – arr. Cindy Berry

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Tina Koepnick, Liturgist

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord;
Let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.

**Let us come before God with thanksgiving—
With music and song!**

It is good to sing praise to you, O God
And make music to your name, O most high.

**For your unfailing love lasts forever;
Your faithfulness is as enduring as the heavens above.**

*HYMN #486 “When the Morning Stars Together”

**those that are able may stand.*

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.

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.

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.

*OPENING PRAYER

**O God, in whom we live and move and have our being,
we have gathered in your presence to sing your praise.
Gather up the prayer of each heart into one harmony of worship
and service, that we might truly be one body in Christ.
Accept the words of our mouths and the thoughts of our hearts,
for we are yours in Christ Jesus. Amen.**

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (#229, LASST UNS ERFREUEN)

**Eternal are Thy mercies, Lord;
Eternal truth attends Thy word:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore,
Till suns shall rise and set no more,
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

SOLO "I'll Fly Away" Kevin Koepnick Albert Brumley
arr: Amy Potter

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 O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee – Setting by John Carter

*Response

**We give Thee but Thine own,
Whate'er the gift may be;
All that we have is Thine alone,
A trust, O Lord, from Thee.**

*Prayer of Dedication

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SCRIPTURE LESSON I Chronicles 16:7-11, 36

Then on that day David first appointed the singing of praises to the Lord by Asaph and his kindred. O give thanks to the Lord, call on his name, make known his deeds among the peoples! Sing to him, sing praises to him, tell of all his wonderful works! Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice! Seek the Lord and his strength, seek his presence continually!

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting!" Then all the people said "Amen!" and praised the Lord.

PSALM 46 – HYMN 191 “God Is Our Refuge and Our Strength”

SCRIPTURE LESSON Colossians 3:12-17

As God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

MESSAGE “A Hymn Sing”

464 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee (v. 1 & 3)
487 When Morning Gilds the Skies (v. 1 & 4)
554 Let All Things Now Living (v. 1 & 2)

372 Lord I Want to Be a Christian (v. 1 & 2)
324 Open My Eyes That I May See (v. 1 & 3)
315 Every Time I Feel the Spirit (v. 1 & 2)

357 O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee (v. 1 & 4)
543 Abide with Me (v. 1 & 4)
339 Be Thou My Vision (v. 1 & 2)

555 Now Thank We All Our God (v. 1 & 3)
526 For All the Saints (v. 1 & 2)
420 God of Grace and God of Glory (v. 1 & 5)

*HYMN 264 “When In Our Music God Is Glorified”

*BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE - HYMN 540, v. 1 “God Be With You”

**God be with you till we meet again;
Loving counsels guide, uphold you,
With a Shepherd’s care enfold you:
God be with you till we meet again.**

POSTLUDE When in Our Music God Is Glorified – Setting by Robert A. Hobby

Worship Service TODAY 10:15 am

Board of Christian Education TUESDAY 6:30 p.m.

Worship Service NEXT SUNDAY 10:15 am

BILL LOVIN IS AWAY THIS SUNDAY. He will be back at the church on Monday and will be preaching next Sunday, August 11.

THANK YOU to Tina Koepnick and Ethel Bloesch for planning today’s hymn sing!

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY ARE FROM the celebration of the lives of Ken Kuntz and Nancy Kuntz, given in memoriam by Ruth.

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

THE AUGUST NEWSLETTER will be posted online later this coming week.

AS OF JULY 28TH WE HAVE RAISED \$550 from individual donations for the Shelter House "Beat the Heat" drive. Thank you! We matched and exceeded the \$500 given from our Mission Board Discretionary Benevolences. These funds go toward the additional expense for air conditioning in the heat and humidity of the summer months at the Shelter House.

PLASTIC BAG UPDATE: We have had a wonderful response to the request for plastic bags to be woven into mats for the homeless! Thank you all so much!! However, joining with the church in Riverside and St. Mark's church in Iowa City, we have received enough to keep the looms going for awhile. We will not need to collect more bags at this time. I will let you know when our supply is depleted. Thanks again for your generosity!! -Edie Roberts