



Picnic Sunday

CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
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WORSHIP FOR JUNE 23, 2024
FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

“Summer afternoon—summer afternoon; to me those have always been the two most beautiful words in the English language.”

Henry James

PRELUDE “Preludio” (A Minor) Antonín Dvořák

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Bea Hicks, Liturgist

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

Fling wide the doors.

Invite the people in.

Open wide our hearts.

Let the beauty of God’s works enter in.

Let loose our voices.

And sing praises to the Lord.

***HYMN 475 (vs. 1-3) “O That I Had a Thousand Voices”**

**O that I had a thousand voices
To praise my God with thousand tongues!
My heart, which in the Lord rejoices,
Would then proclaim in grateful songs
To all, wherever I might be,
What great things God has done for me.**

**O all you powers that God implanted,
Arise, keep silence now no more;
Put forth the strength that God has granted!
Your noblest work is to adore.
O soul and body, join to raise
With heartfelt joy our Maker’s praise.**

**You forest leaves so green and tender
That dance for joy in summer air,
You meadow grasses, bright and slender,
You flowers so fragrant and so fair,
You live to show God’s praise alone.
Join me to make God’s glory known.**

***OPENING PRAYER**

Glorious God, we give thanks for all the gifts of this summer beginning: for long days filled with light, for closer contact with other living creatures of your world, for fair temperatures and warm breezes. We are grateful that during this season, time can slow and we can stretch ourselves out into the fullness of our being. In this time of expansiveness, let us find room as well to spread out the worries and anxieties and all that we have kept tightly wrapped inside of us. In the beauty and the light of your presence, let us take time to unwind our cares and worries. Let us find, with your grace, how to see all these things in perspective. Amen.

* CONGREGATIONAL REPOSE (#475, vs. 4)

**All creatures that have breath and motion,
That thron through the earth, the sea, the sky,
Come share with me my heart's devotion,
Help me to sing God's praises high!
My utmost powers can never quite
Declare the wonders of God's might!**

SOLO "I Will Sing New Songs of Gladness" Antonín Dvořák
 Marie Von Behren

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 "Cantique" Flor Peeters

*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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

(The children are dismissed to Children's Church)

SCRIPTURE LESSON Song of Solomon 2:10-13

PSALM HYMN 248 "You Are Before Me, Lord" (Ps. 139)

SCRIPTURE LESSON Mark 13:28-33

SERMON "Many Things on Our Minds"

*HYMN "The Summer Days Are Come Again" Samuel Longfellow
 Tune: FOREST GREEN--#292 in hymnal

The summer days are come again;

**Once more the glad earth yields
Its golden wealth of ripening grain,
And breath of clover fields,
And deepening shade of summer woods,
And glow of summer air,
And winging thoughts, and happy moods
Of love and joy and prayer.**

**The summer days are come again;
The birds are on the wing;
God's praises, in their loving strain,
Unconsciously they sing.
We know God gives us all the good
That does our cup o'erbrim;
For summer joy in field and wood
We lift our joyful hymn.**

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Preludio" (G Major) Antonín Dvořák

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Minister:	The Rev. Bill Lovin
Organist:	Bill Crouch
Choir Director	Dr. Chris Nakielski
Office Manager	Jenn Harden

TODAY

- ❖ Worship Service 10:15 am
- Church Picnic 4-7 pm

TUESDAY

- ❖ Church Council 7:00 pm

SATURDAY

- ❖ David Schoonover Memorial Service 1:00 pm

NEXT SUNDAY

- ❖ Worship Service 10:15 am

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

IT'S TIME FOR THE CHURCH PICNIC! Bring your family, bring your friends, and join us this afternoon at Shelter 12 in Lower City Park from 4-7 p.m. Restrooms and parking are near the shelter. Our Membership Board will provide drinks and dessert. Please bring a dish to share and your own plates and tableware. You're welcome to bring games and play equipment, musical instruments, lawn chairs, and anything else that will make for a happy gathering.

A MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR DAVID SCHOONOVER will be held at the church on Saturday, June 29, at 1:00 p.m.

HOPE LODGE: Our next Hope Lodge meal will be Monday, July 15. Please see the signup sheet in Rockwood Hall if you would like to provide food for the dinner.

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.



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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.