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WORSHIP FOR JULY 10, 2022  
FIFTH 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.*

PRELUDE   Prelude to the 1st Suite for Unaccompanied Cello, J.S. Bach

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS                      Chuck Connerly , Liturgist

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

You, O God, have been our dwelling place,

**When we felt lost in the world.**

You, O God, have been our spiritual home,

**When we felt all alone.**

You, O God, have been our hiding place,

**When we were afraid.**

You, O God, have been our shepherd,

**When our hearts were seeking for meaning.**

You, O God, have been a faithful God in all generations,

**When we felt insecure about faith.**

Let us worship God with all our hearts and minds.

**Praise be to God.**

\*HYMN 386   O For A World

*\*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.

**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](mailto:uccicadmin@uccic.org).

**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](http://table2table.org)), contact them at [volunteer@table2table.org](mailto:volunteer@table2table.org) or at 319-337-3400.

**\*OPENING PRAYER**

**Gracious and loving God, you embrace us in the morning with your steadfast love, so that we may rejoice and be glad all day long. May we also express your love, your beauty, and your creativity as we give expression to them in our work, service, and play. May others see you and know you through our words and actions. May we be caring witnesses o your vast, mysterious, loving, and creative presence in our world. Amen.**

SOLO Be Thou My Vision, arr. Phillip Keveren  
Joan O'Kones, piano

**SERVICE OF GIVING**

Invitation

Offertory Allemande from the 1st Unaccompanied Cello Suite - J.S. Bach

\*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** Relay Race  
(At this time, children are dismissed to attend Children's Church.)

**PSALM 107**

O give thanks to God, for God is good;

**for God's steadfast love endures forever.**

Let the redeemed of the Lord say so,

**those God redeemed from trouble and gathered in from the lands,  
from the east and from the west,  
from the north and from the south.**

O give thanks to God, for God is good;

**for God's steadfast love endures forever.**

**SCRIPTURE LESSON** Hebrews 12:1-3

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, <sup>2</sup>looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God. <sup>3</sup>Consider him who endured such hostility against himself from sinners, so that you may not grow weary or lose heart.

SERMON "Relax! It's in the Cloud"

\* HYMN 434 Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Fugue in C Major, BWV 952 – J.S. Bach

**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. BOB MOLSBERRY TO OUR WORSHIP THIS**

**MORNING.** Bob is a "retired" UCC minister, currently serving as the interim conference minister for the Tri-Conference (Iowa, Nebraska, and South Dakota). The Rev. Ann Molsberry will be our guest preacher next Sunday, July 17.

**THANKS TO JOAN O'KONES** for her piano solo this morning. **AND TO DAVID CAMPBELL** for playing the cello this morning.

**BILL LOVIN IS ON VACATION THROUGH JULY 24.**

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR! Come enjoy a Beatles sing-along worship service Sunday, July 17<sup>th</sup>. Get your tie-dyed T-shirt out of the mothballs! Come dressed for the 60's and 70's!**

Why the Beatles? It's the year 2022, the year of my 50<sup>th</sup> high school reunion--1972. The Bible's John and Paul preached the importance of love in the New Testament. In the 60's and 70's another John and Paul (Ringo and George) shared the importance of love in another century and in another cultural venue. In the spirit of love, we will offer a very much needed experience of Beatles' love in the context of a worship service. There are many spiritual (and appropriate social justice) aspects of the Beatles music. Common threads of love, helping each other, and living in peace are universal in their music and in our belief as followers of Christ. Their music touched on longing, joy, community, and sorrow. (*cont'd*)

It would be appropriate to reflect on the ways their songs entered our consciousness...the consciousness of our nation and our own consciousness, as believers. For some of us, these great songs and their messages spoke to our lives and changed us for the better. Can the sacred and secular, classical and popular find intersection in our lives? We say "YES". Music is a wonderful way to express our shared human emotions and spiritual connection. As people of faith, we would like to come together and celebrate God through the music of the Saints John, Paul, Ringo, and George. We hope that this music—familiar to so many of us—will help connect us once again to who we are, who we once were, and who we want to be in the future.

**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 MEN'S BREAKFAST WILL BE HELD THIS COMING SATURDAY, JULY 16:**

The July Men's Breakfast will be held at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, July 16, at the Waterfront Hy-Vee. All Congregational UCC men who eat breakfast are invited. This is a great way to catch up with old friends and meet new friends.

**THE WOMEN'S LUNCH WILL BE HELD ON JULY 21,** at 12:45 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 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](mailto: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.