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United Church of Christ
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WORSHIP FOR JULY 28, 2024
TENTH 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.

“I have not lost faith in God. I have moments of anger and protest. Sometimes I've been closer to him for that reason.” Elie Wiesel

PRELUDE Love Divine, All Loves Excelling – David Cherwien

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Chuck Connerly, Liturgist

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Hope, nonetheless.

Hope despite.

Hope regardless.

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Jan Richardson

*HYMN #483 Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

**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.

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

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.

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

**Jesus of love and leftovers,
We struggle with what to share
And how much is enough
Sometimes we are the disciples,
Quietly suggesting you send
The needy crowds away.
Sometimes we are the crowds
Bringing only our desire
To be close to you.
When we have little,
Embolden us to share it.
When we have nothing,
Welcome us to stay and eat.
Every day in many ways
We participate in the miracle of enough.
Thank you, Jesus.**

SPECIAL MUSIC "Brother Sun" Tenielle Neda, Isaac Wardell, Paul Zach, & Liz Vice
Rachel Burchett

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 Trio in F Major – Friedrich Schneider

*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 2 Kings 4:42-44

A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing food from the first fruits to the man of God: twenty loaves of barley and fresh ears of grain in his sack. Elisha said, "Give it to the people and let them eat." But his servant said, "How can I set this before a hundred people?" So he repeated, "Give it to the people and let them eat, for thus says the Lord, 'They shall eat and have some left.'" He set it before them, they ate, and had some left, according to the word of the Lord.

PSALM 19

The heavens are telling the glory of God,
and the firmament^[a] proclaims his handiwork.

² **Day to day pours forth speech,
and night to night declares knowledge.**

³ There is no speech, nor are there words;
their voice is not heard;

⁴ **yet their voice^[b] goes out through all the earth
and their words to the end of the world.**

SCRIPTURE LESSON John 6:1-21

After this Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, "Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, "This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world." When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself. When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. But he said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid." Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going.

SERMON "Leftovers"

*HYMN #376 "Love Divine All Loves Excelling"

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Love Divine, All Loves Excelling – Healey Willan

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 WORSHIPPING 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.