

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

**When in our music God is glorified,
and adoration leaves no room for pride,
it is as though the whole creation cried:
Alleluia!**

**How often, making music, we have found
a new dimension in the world of sound
as worship moved us to a more profound
Alleluia!**

**So has the Church, in liturgy and song,
in faith and love, through centuries of wrong,
borne witness to the truth in every tongue,
Alleluia!**

**Let every instrument be tuned for praise,
let all rejoice who have a voice to raise,
and may God give us faith to sing always:
Alleluia! Amen.**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Life-giving God, you alone are the resurrection and the life.
Too often we listen to the myriad of alarms in the world around us and are shaken to our cores.
We see brokenness and death that cause us to doubt your power to restore life.
Like the Sadducees of old, we say there is no resurrection.
Help us to trust again in your power to bring life out of death.
Give us the confidence to claim the strength of love in the face of fear.
Remind us again, O God, that we are children of the resurrection.
We are the fruits of your salvation. Amen.**

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (#416, vs. 2-3)**

**To this temple, where we call you, come, O Lord of Hosts, today;
With your wonted loving kindness hear your people as they pray,
And your fullest benediction shed within its walls always.**

**Here bestow on all your servants what they ask of you to gain,
What they gain from you forever with the bless-ed to retain,
And hereafter in your glory evermore you to regain.**

ANTHEM “My Shepherd Will Supply My Need” Mack Wilberg

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.

Choral Response

SERVICE OF GIVING

Invitation

Offertory “New Songs of Celebration Render”

David Cherwien

*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

(The children are dismissed to Children's Church)

SCRIPTURE LESSON Haggai 2:1-9

PSALM 98

Sing to the Lord a new song,
for the Lord has done marvelous things.

**The right hand and the holy arm of the Lord
have secured the victory.**

The Lord has made known this victory
and has openly showed righteousness in the sight of the nations.

**The Lord remembers mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel,
and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.**

Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands;
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.

**Sing to the Lord with the harp,
with the harp and the voice of song.**

With trumpets and the sound of the horn
shout with joy before the Sovereign, the Lord.

**Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it,
the lands and those who dwell therein.**

Let the rivers clap their hands,
and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord,
who is coming to judge the earth.

**In righteousness shall the Lord judge the world
and the peoples with equity.**

SCRIPTURE LESSON Luke 20:27-38

[The children are dismissed to Children's Church]

SERMON “We are Beholden; Be Holding”

*HYMN 218 “New Songs of Celebration Render”

New songs of celebration render

To God who has great wonders done;

Love sits enthroned in ageless splendor;

Come and adore the Mighty One.

God has made known the great salvation

Which all his friends with joy confess.

**God has revealed to every nation
Truth and unending righteousness.**

**Joyfully, heartily resounding,
Let every instrument and voice
Peal out the praise of grace abounding,
Calling the whole world to rejoice.
Trumpets and organs, set in motion
Such sounds as make the heavens ring;
All things that live in earth and ocean,
Sound forth the song, your praises bring.**

**Rivers and seas and torrents roaring,
Honor the Lord with wild acclaim;
Mountains and stones look up adoring,
And find a voice to praise God's name.
Righteous, commanding, ever glorious,
Praises be sung that never cease;
Just is our God, whose truth victorious
Establishes the world in peace.**

***BENEDICTION AND CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

POSTLUDE “When in Our Music God Is Glorified” Timothy Albrecht

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Organist:	Bill Crouch
Choir Director	Dr. Chris Nakielski
Children’s Choir Director	Rachel Burchett
Office Manager	Jenn Harden

TODAY

❖ Choir Rehearsal	9:00 am
Christian Education for all ages	9:15 am
Worship Service	10:15 am
Coffee Hour in Rockwood Hall	After Worship
AWE	After Worship

TUESDAY

❖ <i>Reading Genesis</i> (Oaknoll)	10:00 am
Gentle Yoga	Noon

WEDNESDAY

❖ New Member Class	7:00 pm
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	THURSDAY
❖ Prairie Piffari Rehearsal	6:30 pm
	NEXT SUNDAY
❖ Choir Rehearsal	9:00 am
Christian Education for all ages	9:15 am
Worship Service	10:15 am
Coffee Hour in Rockwood Hall	After Worship
Choir Rehearsal	After Worship
AWE	After Worship
Confirmation Class	4:00 pm

WE WELCOME THE REV. CRAIG HENDERSON to our pulpit this morning. Craig is an ordained UCC minister and a member of our congregation. Bill Lovin has this weekend off and will be at the church on Monday.

WE'RE GLAD THAT YOU HAVE JOINED US FOR WORSHIP THIS MORNING. Everyone is invited to Coffee Hour in Rockwood Hall after worship.

READING GENESIS: A group is reading and discussing together Marilynne Robinson's *Reading Genesis*. We'll meet at Oaknoll from 10:00-11:30 on Tuesday mornings. If you would like to be a part of this group, talk with Bill Lovin or Chuck Dayton or sign up on the sheet in Rockwood Hall. If you are interested in *Reading Genesis* but would like to meet at a different time, please talk with Bill or Chuck as well.

HOPE LODGE: Our next Hope Lodge dinner will be tomorrow, Monday, November 10 at 6:00 p.m. You are welcome to help provide and serve dinner, and visit with the Hope Lodge residents. If you would like to contribute food, see the signup sheet in Rockwood Hall. If you have questions, see Sue Dayton.

MISSION BOARD FOOD DRIVE IN NOVEMBER: The government shutdown resulted in a suspension of SNAP benefits starting Nov 1, leading to significant problems for those depending on these benefits to purchase food. In addition, food banks have been very stressed as the price of food has risen considerably. The Mission Board is sponsoring a food drive in November to respond to this crisis. Please bring stable shelf items to the church on the Sundays in November and the MB will deliver to the local food banks. If you prefer a monetary gift, just place it in the offering plate and it will be sent. As you consider the items to donate, be aware that many boxed items require additional ingredients such as butter and milk for mac and cheese boxes, and meat for hamburger helper. If those items are not available, the food is not useful. Protein sources, such as tuna, canned chicken and peanut butter are often requested.

AFTER WORSHIP ENCOUNTER (AWE) meets today and on the Sundays that the choir meets after worship to rehearse for the Christmas Music Sunday on December 7. We are using *Living the Questions-The Wisdom of Progressive Christianity*. In this study we will be meeting progressive theologians such as: Borg, Crossen, Spong, Pagels. This is a beginning class that will introduce you to Progressive Christianity. Rev. Ann Molsberry will be leading the discussions. See you after worship in the library.

CAN YOU PROVIDE BREAKFAST for our children & youth? We have a few more opportunities before the holidays: Nov. 23, Dec. 7, Dec. 14 & Dec 21. Thank you to all who have provided breakfasts for Sunday School! They love it and parents appreciate one less thing to worry about on a Sunday morning. Instructions: Please provide 12 servings that can be shared or cut into more, if needed. Bring to the kitchen by 9 AM or place in the freezer/refrigerator in advance labeled "CE Sunday School". We ask that you consider no peanut, low (not no) sugar and not individually wrapped options. Sign-up is in Rockwood Hall.

SOME MEMBERS AND FRIENDS ARE STILL INTERESTED IN PROVIDING A MEAL FOR TORI AND NATHAN after the birth of their daughter. If you'd like to do so, you can sign up on the Meal Train site at <https://www.mealtrain.com/trains/vd120w>. As you can see on the meal train, for those who do not want to cook, they are also happy to receive gift cards for various restaurants. Nathan and Tori thank everyone who has delivered a meal.

A NEW MEMBER CLASS WILL BE HELD from 7:00-8:30 p.m. on Wednesday, November 12 and 19. If you are interested in joining Congregational UCC or would like more information about who we are, please contact Bill Lovin at uccicrev@ucc.org or 319-337-4301.

INCOME FROM SHARE THE HARVEST IS NEARING \$1200! Thanks to Kathy Fait and John Fuller for leading this effort and to all who shared their harvest this summer and fall. All proceeds will go to the CommUnity Food Pantry in Iowa City.

HELPING OTHER MEMBERS: There are times when a helping hand is needed by a member to get groceries, run an errand, get a ride to an appointment, etc. If you would like to occasionally help out in this way, please see the signup sheet in Rockwood Hall.

CHURCH PHOTO DIRECTORY: Our Membership Board is pursuing plans to create an "in house" photo directory to help everyone put names and faces together. If you have a photo that you would like us to use, please email it to Jenn Harden at uccicadmin@uccic.org. John Johnson will be taking photos after worship again this morning.

PLEASE PLAN TO VISIT ROCKWOOD HALL AFTER WORSHIP ON NOVEMBER 23, AND DECEMBER 14 FOR OUR ALTERNATIVE CHRISTMAS GIVING FAIR! There will be Heifer Project gift cards bearing Ginny Clemons' graceful calligraphy and Church World Service "ornaments." Proceeds from cards, jewelry, and gift baskets donated by artists and craftspeople in our congregation will go to local community agencies. You can trim the Mitten Tree with your new or gently used mittens, scarves, and hats for the Joan Buxton School project. And the Angel Tree will have toy request cards from the Salvation Army and envelopes for a holiday meal donation to be distributed by CommUnity. Contact John Reitz at 319-333-9588, john-reitz@uiowa.edu for information. Come have a cup of coffee and browse!

DR. JAMES ZOGBY JOINS VETERANS FOR PEACE ARMISTICE DAY OBSERVANCE: On Tuesday, Nov. 11, 2025, beginning at 11 a.m., the local chapter of Veterans For Peace will hold three public events in Iowa City to re-dedicate ourselves to the work of peace. Members of the public are encouraged to attend. Beginning at 10:45 a.m., we will assemble at the Iowa City Ped Mall. Bells will ring at the 11th hour, 11th day, 11th month, as is tradition. Dr. James Zogby will make brief remarks. Immediately following the outdoor observance, Veterans For Peace will host a free luncheon at the Iowa City Public Library. At 6:30 p.m., Veterans For Peace will sponsor a screening of the film "Earth's Greatest Enemy," a film by Abby Martin at Film Scene. This is the sole Armistice Day observance in the State of Iowa.

SING OUT!—JOIN THE CHOIR: Do you enjoy singing? Our volunteer choir rehearses at 9:00 a.m. and sings during the 10:15 worship service. Whether you're a long-time member or the new kid on the block, WE WANT YOU! The Congregational UCC choir is a wonderful group of people who work hard at making great music. You'll be sure to enjoy this experience. Questions? Please get in touch with our choir director Dr. Chris Nakielski at cnakielski@cornellcollege.edu.

GENTLE YOGA every Tuesday at noon! This 45-minute class is appropriate for beginners, experienced or anyone wishing to focus on body awareness, increased mobility, and relaxation. The \$10 suggested donation goes directly to the Immigrant Welcome Network. More information and sign-up are available in Rockwood Hall.

CYCLING WITHOUT AGE AT THE BIKE LIBRARY offers free e-assisted bike rides originating from the Ashton House and looping through City Park. If you or someone you know would benefit from this "ride through the park" as a passenger, see the sign-up in Rockwood Hall or talk to Hope Spragg to arrange a ride. More info available at: <https://icbikelibrary.org/cycling-without-age!>

CARBON OFFSET HELPS HABITAT FOR HUMANITY: Have you ever wanted to compensate for CO2 emissions from a flight or other carbon intensive activity? Carbon offsets are a recognized way to make an activity carbon neutral. Carbon offsets are also often viewed with skepticism due to concerns about whether the money given is truly decreasing carbon emissions and whether the action would have happened without the donation.

Those concerns can be assuaged with a donation to put solar arrays on Habitat for Humanity homes. The homeowners do not have the resources to make an upfront investment in a solar array and once installed the system is likely to stay in place for the lifetime of the panels. In addition to reducing CO2 emissions the donor would be helping a low income Iowa family with their energy bills.

To estimate your flight emissions and send an offset to Iowa Valley Habitat for Humanity go to www.habitatsolar.org/. Please contact Jamie McCoy or see the bulletin board in Rockwood Hall for more information.

USED MEDICINE BOTTLES NEEDED FOR REUSE IN CLINICS: 100 Grannies, a local environmental activist group, is sending used plastic medicine bottles to Africa to assist clinics in distributing medication. Donna Hirst is in charge of this project and would be pleased to have participation from members of the congregation. If you are interested, Donna can provide a very brief orientation to bottle preparation (donna-hirst@uiowa.edu). Donna will pick up bottles on Sundays.

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.



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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/1547852>. The recordings remain up permanently, so you can watch past worship services at your convenience or recommend them to a friend.