



CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
30 N. CLINTON ST.
IOWA CITY, IA 52245
319-337-4301

WORSHIP FOR FEBRUARY 13, 2022
SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

PRELUDE "Air" Herbert Howells

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL INTROIT

*CALL to WORSHIP

We gather in the presence of God and one another.

The love of God gives us our place.

We gather here in the presence of mystery.

The love of God gives us our place.

We gather here in the presence of Jesus
and all those who have traveled this way before us.

The love of God gives our place.

Let us worship God.

*HYMN 343 "Called as Partners in Christ's Service"

Called as partners in Christ's service,

Called to ministries of grace,

We respond with deep commitment

Fresh new lines of faith to trace.

May we learn the art of sharing,

**Side by side and friend with friend,
Equal partners in our caring
To fulfil God's chosen end.**

**Christ's example, Christ's inspiring,
Christ's clear call to work and worth,
Let us follow, never faltering,
Reconciling folk on earth.
Men and women, richer, poorer,
All God's people, young and old,
Blending human skills together
Gracious gifts from God unfold.**

**Thus new patterns for Christ's mission,
In a small or global sense,
Help us bear each other's burdens,
Breaking down each wall or fence.
Words of comfort, words of vision,
Words of challenge, said with care,
Bring new power and strength for action
Make us colleagues, free and fair.**

**So God grant us for tomorrow
Ways to order human life
Then surround each person's sorrow
With a calm that conquers strife.
Make us partners in our living,
Our compassion to increase,
Messengers of faith, thus giving
Hope and confidence and peace.**

***OPENING PRAYER**

**O God, in you we live and move and have our being.
With you we are always at home.
Help us, through Christ, to know and experience this reality
with every cell in our bodies,
so that with Christ and in Christ
we might love you and worship you
with all our hearts,
and be equipped to share your love
with a hurting world.**

ANTHEM "Nunc Dimittis" Herbert Howells

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 "Air" Jonathan Battishill

*Response

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God, all creatures here below,
Praise God above, you heavenly hosts
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*Prayer of Dedication

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

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

SCRIPTURE LESSON Luke 4:16-19

PSALM 111

Praise the Lord!

I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart in the company of the upright in the congregation.

Great are the works of the Lord, studied by all who delight in them.

He has gained renown by his wonderful deeds; the Lord is gracious and merciful.

He provides food for those who fear him; he is ever mindful of his covenant.

**He has shown his people the power of his works,
in giving them the heritage of the nations.**

The works of his hands are faithful and just; all his precepts are trustworthy.

**The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom;
all those who practice it have a good understanding.
His praise endures forever.**

SCRIPTURE LESSON Ephesians 2:11-18

SERMON What's Your Tribe?

*HYMN 386 "O For A World"

**O for a world where everyone
respects each other's ways,**

**where love is lived and all is done
with justice and with praise.**

**O for a world where goods are shared
and misery relieved,
where truth is spoken, children spared,
equality achieved.**

**We welcome one world family
and struggle with each choice
that opens us to unity
and gives our vision voice.**

**The poor are rich, the weak are strong,
the foolish ones are wise.
Tell all who mourn, outcasts belong,
who perishes will rise.**

**O for a world preparing for
God's glorious reign of peace,
where time and tears will be no more,
and all but love will cease.**

BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE

COMMISSION "Dropkick Me Jesus" Bobby Bare/Paul Craft Dave Roth

"Called as Partners in Christ's Service" Words - ©1981 Presbyterian Publishing/Westminster John Knox/Geneva Press Contributor: Jane Parker Huber. Reprinted with permission under ONE LICENSE #A-715458. All rights reserved.

"O for a World" Words - ©1990 Medical Mission Sisters. Contributor: Miriam Therese Winter. Reprinted with the kind permission of the Medical Mission Sisters. All rights reserved.

Minister:	The Rev. Bill Lovin
Director of Children's Programs:	The Rev. Ann Molsberry
Organist:	Bill Crouch
Choir Director	Chris Nakielski
Office Manager	Jenn Harden

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. While there is no coffee hour, worshippers may talk with each other in Rockwood Hall as they leave.

WE WELCOME THE REV. BOB MOLSBERY TO OUR PULPIT THIS MORNING.

Bob grew up here in Congregational UCC and is known to many. He recently retired after 40 years of ministerial service in the UCC. Most recently, he was the pastor at St. Paul's United Church of Christ in Donnellson since the fall of 2016. A graduate of the University of Iowa and Yale Divinity School, his career has led him from six years in Central America, serving with the Peace Corps and the Mennonite Central Committee, to pastor churches in Iowa, Illinois, and Missouri, to UCC Conference Minister for the Ohio Conference. Bob is married to the Rev. Ann Molsberry, our Director of Children's Programs.

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.

FLOWERS FOR WORSHIP SERVICES—If you would like to contribute flowers for the worship services on upcoming Sundays please call the office to let Jenn know or sign up on the sheet in Rockwood Hall.

WE WELCOME YOUR HELP WITH THIS YEAR'S LENTEN DEVOTIONAL. The Lenten season for reflecting and rejoicing is coming! As we prepare, the opportunity for individuals and/or families to consider a Biblical text and share your related thoughts is available. Patte Henderson, Bryan Clemons, and Bill Lovin are coordinating the development of a Lenten Devotional Book similar to those from years past. We're inviting members and friends to write a short reflection on a particular Biblical text—we'll provide the text, you provide the reflection. If you are interested in being a part of this or have any questions, please contact Bill at uccicrev@uccic.org or call the church office at 337-4301 or call Patte at 594-7185.

BILL LOVIN WILL BE ON VACATION from February 7 through February 20. The Rev. Bob Molsberry will be preaching on February 13 and 20.

THE SHELTER HOUSE BOOK SALE is scheduled for March 26-27. Book donations and volunteer sorting will begin February 14, at the Old Antique Car Museum – 860 Quarry Road, Coralville.

Our church has historically been a strong supporter of this sale. At the last sale we earned \$21,000 for Shelter House, working side by side with many other community volunteers. Please begin to get your book donations ready and drop them off beginning February 14. If you need someone to pick up your donations, someone from the volunteer team can come to your home. Donations can be dropped off at Rockwood Hall and a volunteer can take them to the sale site. John Fieselmann and Donna Hirst are members of the Planning Committee and can answer any questions you have.

THE ANNUAL EVENT, NIGHT OF 1000 DINNERS, organized by the Johnson County Chapter of the United Nations Association celebrates International Women's Day, March 8, 6:00 on zoom. This virtual event will feature multicultural music, dance, art, and spoken-word presentations and will honor three local women-led organizations advancing the UN Sustainable Development Goals. They are Inside Out Reentry Community, Iowa City Compassion, and Open Heartland. All proceeds will benefit these groups plus the UN High Commissioner for Refugees.

Tickets are \$25 and may be purchased only at johnsoncountuna.org or by sending a check payable to JCUNA plus email address to JCUNA, 308 E. Burlington Street, #245, Iowa City, IA 52240.

Church Board Opportunities There are still some opportunities to serve the church on one of our boards. There are openings on the Membership and Stewardship boards. Please contact Barb Sisley at (319) 430-2694 or sisleywebb@aol.com if you are interested in or want more information about any of these opportunities.

PETITION FOR AMENDMENTS TO IOWA'S NEW VOTING LAWS: The League of Women Voters of Iowa and eight Iowa-based co-sponsors will present petitions to the leadership of the 89th General Assembly at Iowa's Capitol. The petition, which contains signatures of Iowa voters, urges legislators to repeal sections of the newly-enacted voting laws. Iowa's new voter laws make voting harder, disqualifies voters more easily, shortens the voting time by 31%, makes elections more difficult to administer, and invites interference by political parties in elections. [Registered voters can sign the petition online.](#)

Co-sponsors of the petition include: League of Women Voters of Iowa; Common Good Iowa; Des Moines Chapter, The Links, Incorporated; Episcopal Diocese of Iowa; Iowa Chapters of Delta Sigma Theta, Inc.; Iowa Coalition Against Sexual Assault; Iowa Federation of Labor, AFL-CIO; Interfaith Alliance of Iowa Action Fund; and Sierra Club Iowa Chapter.

EVENT TO ADDRESS DISCRIMINATION IN LEGISLATION

One Human Family of the QCA, along with the American Association of University Women (AAUW) of Iowa, the Interfaith Alliance of Iowa & Action Fund and Progress Iowa, is sponsoring a free statewide "Iowa is Better Than This" event at 5 p.m. Feb. 16.

The hybrid event will include live and online participation from people at different sites around the state who will "highlight how the discriminatory actions of the Iowa Legislature, many of which were signed into law by the governor, will negatively impact state residents," according to a news release.

Among issues to be addressed during the event: LGBTQ+ issues, voting rights, gun accessibility, housing discrimination, educational curriculum, the right to peaceful protest and treatment of immigrants

To take part in the free event, register at OneHumanFamilyQCA.org.



Want to give online? Scan the QR code for our giving app.
Your giving makes a world of difference.



We're joining with CommUnity Crisis Center to Spread the Love this month. Bring your donations of PB&J, etc., and put them in the BIG JIF JAR in Rockwood Hall. Thanks again!