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WORSHIP FOR FEBRUARY 20, 2022
SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

PRELUDE Trio in F Major, Op. 49, No. 10 - Josef Rheinberger

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL INTROIT

*CALL to WORSHIP (*from Psalm 118 and 95*)

This is the day that God has made;

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

O come, let us worship and bow down;

Let us kneel before God, our maker.

*HYMN 172 “My Shepherd Will Supply My Need”

My Shepherd will supply my need;

Jehovah is His Name:

In pastures fresh He makes me feed,

Beside the living stream.

He brings my wandering spirit back

When I forsake His ways,

And leads me, for His mercy’s sake,

In paths of truth and grace.

**When I walk through the shades of death
Thy presence is my stay;
One word of Your supporting breath
Drives all my fears away.
Your hand, in sight of all my foes,
Does still my table spread;
My cup with blessings overflows,
Your oil anoints my head.**

**The sure provisions of my God
Attend me all my days;
O may Your house be my abode,
And all my work be praise.
There would I find a settled rest,
While others go and come;
No more a stranger, or a guest,
But like a child at home.**

***OPENING PRAYER**

Creator God, you have loved us passionately into being.

**We come today seeking your presence
and to know we are your beloved!
Enter our sanctuary and enter our hearts
that we may look into your loving gaze
and see ourselves reflected there, as you see us.
Let our love for you reflect and mirror your perfect love
as we gather as your Beloved Community.**

ANTHEM "Lead Me On" by Brian A. Schmidt

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 Andante - Friedrich Schneider

*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 Mark 2:1-12

PSALM 121

I lift up my eyes to the hills – from where will my help come?

My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber.

He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.

The Lord is your keeper; the Lord is your shade at your right hand.

The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.

The Lord will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life.

**The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and
forevermore.**

SCRIPTURE LESSON Luke 14:12-14

SERMON “Through the Wreckage”

*HYMN 298 There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

**There's a wideness in God's mercy,
Like the wideness of the sea;
There's a kindness in God's justice,
Which is more than liberty.
There is no place where earth's sorrows
Are more felt than up in heaven;
There is no place where earth's failings
Have such kindly judgment given.**

**For the love of God is broader
Than the measures of the mind;
And the heart of the Eternal
Is most wonderfully kind.
If our love were but more faithful,
We would gladly trust God's word;
And our lives reflect thanksgiving
For the goodness of our Lord.**

BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE

POSTLUDE Maestoso - Johann Erasmus Kindermann

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.

Guest preacher Bob Molsberry will be selling copies of his books, "Blindsided by Grace: Entering the World of Disability" and "Tour de Faith: A Cyclist's Lessons for Living" following worship. "Blindsided" shares his account of injury and disability, and guides the reader to find meaning beyond the oversimplified notion of disability as impairment or deficiency. "Tour de Faith" is a compilation of some of his many RAGBRAI sermons following the annual cross-Iowa bicycle ride, as he uncovers some of life's deepest mysteries on this rolling party. Each book is \$20. Copies of each will be donated to the church library.

BILL LOVIN WILL BE BACK FROM VACATION on Tuesday, February 22.

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.

ASH WEDNESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER! Hosted by the Board of Christian Education on Ash Wednesday, March 2, 2022. Serving 6-7PM. Ash Wednesday service 7PM. REAL Maple Syrup, seating inside OR outside with a bonfire! Come eat breakfast for dinner with your church family. A Free Will Offering will be taken for expenses

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.

THE SHELTER HOUSE BOOK SALE is scheduled for March 26-27. Book donations and volunteer sorting have begun 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. 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.



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A colorful graphic with a light beige background and a green trapezoidal base. On the left, a blue speech bubble contains the text 'Spread the love' in white and yellow. In the center, two anthropomorphic jars are shown: one with orange nut butter and one with pink jelly, both with faces, arms, and legs. To the right is a blue starburst icon. Below the jars, the text 'Spread the Love in February' and 'Donate Nut Butters & Jelly' is written in blue. At the bottom, a green button-like shape contains the text 'Learn more and donate by clicking here!' in white. There are also smaller starburst icons on the green base.

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!