



CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
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WORSHIP FOR JUNE 11, 2023
SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

“God said to me: ‘I am bigger than the church.’”
Bishop Mary Glasspool

PRELUDE “Andantino” Edgar Tinel

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Kathi Koegle, Liturgist

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, you who are looking for God in the world and in your life
and you who tremble at what you see or who have given up the search.

**Whoever we are and wherever we are
we offer each other hope and receive the support of one another.**

Come, you who are listening for the Word of God
and you who are troubled by what you hear or despairing in the silence.

**With mind and soul, body and spirit
we will seek God while God may be found
and call upon God, who is near.**

Bring your songs and your sighs.

Peace, restoration, and new strength awaits.

We will worship the God who creates, redeems and sustains.

***HYMN 473 “For the Beauty of the Earth” (vs. 1-4)**

**For the beauty of the earth
For the glory of the skies,
For the love which from our birth
Over and around us lies
Lord of all, to Thee we raise
This our hymn of grateful praise.**

**For the wonder of each hour
Of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale and tree and flower
Sun and moon and stars of light,
Lord of all, to Thee we raise
This our hymn of grateful praise.**

**For the joy of ear and eye,
For the heart and mind’s delight,
For the mystic harmony
Linking sense to sound and sight,
Lord of all, to Thee we raise
This our hymn of grateful praise.**

**For the joy of human love,
Brother, sister, parent, child,
Friends on earth and friends above
For all gentle thoughts and mild,
Lord of all, to Thee we raise
This our hymn of grateful praise.**

***OPENING PRAYER**

**God of Love, we gather to worship in your name.
We come as a church family.
We aren’t alike.**

**We don’t look alike.
We don’t think alike.
We don’t act alike
and we don’t all like the same things.
Despite all our diversity
and our faults
we are all made in your image.
May we never forget whose image we reflect.**

**We pray for an inclusive church
and yet we don’t always like each other.
It is hard to accept**

**Against you only have I sinned
and done what is evil in your sight.**

And so you are justified when you speak
and upright in your judgment.

**Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.**

Cast me not away from your presence,
and take not your holy Spirit from me.

**Give me the joy of your saving help again
and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.**

Open my lips, O Lord,
and my mouth shall proclaim your praise.

**Had you desired it, I would have offered sacrifice,
but you take no delight in burnt-offerings.**

The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit;
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

**Be favorable and gracious to Zion,
and rebuild the walls of Jerusalem.**

SCRIPTURE LESSON Mark 9:38-41

SERMON “Walls and Welcome”

*HYMN 554 “Let All Things Now Living”

**Let all things now living
A song of thanksgiving
To God our Creator triumphantly raise;
Who fashioned and made us,
Protected and stayed us,
By guiding us on to the end of our days.
God's banners are o'er us,
Pure light goes before us,
A pillar of fire shining forth in the night:
Till shadows have vanished
And darkness is banished,
As forward we travel from light into Light.**

**By law God enforces.
The stars in their courses,
The sun in its orbit obediently shine;
The hills and the mountains,
The rivers and fountains,
The depths of the ocean proclaim God divine.
We, too, should be voicing
Our love and rejoicing
With glad adoration, a song let us raise:**

**Till all things now living
Unite in thanksgiving,
To God in the highest, hosanna and praise.**

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE “Maestoso” M.G. Fischer

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TODAY

❖	Sunday Worship	10:15 am
	Children’s Church	During Worship
	Coffee Hour in Rockwood Hall	After Worship

WEDNESDAY

❖	Women’s Lunch @ Monica’s	Noon
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SATURDAY

❖	Men’s Breakfast @ Waterfront Hy-Vee	8:00 a.m.
❖	Pride Parade and Festival	Noon

NEXT SUNDAY

❖	Sunday Worship	10:15 am
	Children’s Church	During Worship
	Coffee Hour in Rockwood Hall	After Worship

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

THE REV. ANN MOLSBERY WILL BE PREACHING NEXT SUNDAY, JUNE 18, as Bill Lovin takes a weekend off. Bill will be at the church from Monday through Wednesday of this coming week.

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE RECOGNITION: Ben Hofer graduated from West High and will attend The University of Iowa starting in August, planning to study engineering. **There is still the opportunity to share your thoughts and good wishes with Ben by writing them in the book in Rockwood Hall.** May and June bring other graduations as well. If you or someone you know is graduating from college, please let the church office know so that we can include this information in the church newsletter.

JOHNSON COUNTY JUNETEENTH COMMEMORATION EVENTS are being held between now and June 20. For a full list of events, please visit: https://icjuneteenth.com/?page_id=20.

MISSION BOARD MEMBERS ARE INVITING YOU TO PARTICIPATE WITH THEM AND OTHER CHURCH MEMBERS AT THE IOWA CITY PRIDE FESTIVAL EVENTS NEXT SATURDAY, JUNE 17. There will be a sign-up sheet on a clipboard circulating in Rockwood Hall during coffee hour with opportunities to be in the *parade* and work at the *booth*. Please join us! As LGBTQ people and their Allies and consistent with our welcoming and affirming commitment, a display in Rockwood Hall continues to present timely opportunities and information supporting our efforts. If you have ideas, interest or concerns, visit with any of the subcommittee members: Hope Spragg, Linda Muston, Rebecca Weatherford, Julie Wittig, Paula Forest, Martha Ann Crawford, or Dianne Atkins.

FOR PENTECOST, HOPE SPRAGG CREATED A SPECIAL INSTALLATION of the Holy Spirt using the Storyteller's Tree that was first presented to our congregation at our Christmas Pageant. The tree is now on display in Rockwood Hall.

OUR MISSION BOARD IS SPONSORING AN ALL-CHURCH FOOD DRIVE THROUGHOUT THE MONTH OF JUNE. The need for food at the CommUnity Food bank continues to increase. Members and friends may bring the needed items to the church and place them by the big peanut butter jar in Rockwood Hall. Items will be taken to the food bank during the week. Alternatively, you may take the food yourself to the back door of the CommUnity Food Bank in Pepperwood Mall. Monetary donations at CommUnity are also welcome.

The most-needed items include:

- Financial Donations
- Canned Fruit in Juice
- Peanut Butter
- Canned Meat
- Baby Diapers
- Baby Formula
- Rice and Pasta
- Hearty Soups and Stews
- Toilet Paper
- Laundry Detergent

Our last food drive effort was wildly successful, so let's do our part once again to help meet this need.

ALL CHURCH PICNIC—SUNDAY, JUNE 25: Summer is here and it's time for the Church Picnic. Bring your family, bring your friends and join us at SHELTER 12 IN LOWER CITY PARK from 4-7 p.m. Restrooms and parking are near the shelter. Our Membership Board will provide drinks and dessert. Please bring a dish to share and your own plates and tableware. You're welcome to bring games and play equipment, musical instruments, lawn chairs, and anything else that will make for a happy gathering. The Mission Board invites you to bring a contribution for the CommUnity food and diaper drive along with everything else. This will be the last chance to participate in June!

OUR SUMMER JAZZ WORSHIP SERVICE WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAY, JULY 2, the final day of the Iowa City Jazz Festival. We'll mark this occasion with a jazz worship service at 10:15 a.m. Our good friends in the Dick Watson quartet will provide the music. Join us—and bring a friend!

DO YOU HAVE A CHURCH KEY? We have recently made new keys and are working at getting a better list of people who have keys. If you have a key to the church, please contact Trustee Chairperson, Kevin Richards, at (608) 807-7195 or at kdrichards1958@gmail.com. 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 or Trustee Chairperson, Kevin Richards, know right away. You can reach Kevin at (608) 807-7195 or at kdrichards1958@gmail.com. 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.

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.