



CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
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WORSHIP FOR JUNE 30, 2024
SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

We, the people, must redeem
The land, the mines, the plants, the rivers.
The mountains and the endless plain—
All, all the stretch of these great green states—
And make America again!

Langston Hughes

RELUDE “Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland” Johannes Eccard

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Kevin Richards, Liturgist

* CALL TO WORSHIP

The Spirit of the living God breathes upon us,
and on all that is finite and fragile.

God is our refuge and our strength,

a help in times of trouble.
Be strong and let your heart take courage.
**In the company of God
and in this company of God's people,
let us take heart.
Let us worship God.**

*HYMN 267 "All Things Bright and Beautiful"

Refrain:

**All things bright and beautiful,
All creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful:
The Lord God made them all.**

**Each little flower that opens,
Each little bird that sings:
God made their glowing colors,
God made their tiny wings. (Refrain)**

**The purple-headed mountain,
The river running by,
The sunset, and the morning
That brightens up the sky, (Refrain)**

**The cold wind in the winter,
The pleasant summer sun,
The ripe fruits in the garden,
God made them every one. (Refrain)**

**God gave us eyes to see them,
And lips that we might tell
How great is God Almighty,
Who has made all things well. (Refrain)**

*OPENING PRAYER

God of all times and places, you are found in the heat of the midday and the cool of the evening. You are found in the quiet of the country as well as in the music of the city. You are open to us at any time, and in any place. And so we come before you, to sing, to pray, and to be sent back into your wider world.

**We come before you remembering the week now past and anticipating the days to come.
Where there is joy, we hope that you will rejoice with us.
Where there is sorrow, we hope that you will tenderly share our sadness.
Where there is regret for what we have done, or failed to do, we seek your forgiveness.**

Lift our hearts with the wings of song, heal our souls with the balm of prayer, and newly enable us to dedicate our strength, our substance, and our service to your work in the world; through Jesus Christ. Amen.

* CONGREGATIONAL REPOSE (#262)

**God of the ages, whose almighty hand
Leads forth in beauty all the starry band
Of shining worlds in splendor through the skies,
Our grateful songs before your throne arise.**

**Your purpose just envisions mortals free;
God, set our path toward human liberty.
Your love and faith within our hearts increase;
with bounteous goodness nourish us in peace.**

ANTHEM “So fahr ich hin zu Jesu Christ” Heinrich Schütz

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 “Clausula de Tono V” Tomás de Sancta Maria

*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

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

(The children are dismissed to Children’s Church)

SCRIPTURE LESSON Amos 9:5-8

*PSALM HYMN #191 “God Is Our Refuge and Our Strength” (Psalm 46)

**God is our refuge and our strength,
Our ever-present aid,**

**And therefore, though the earth remove,
We will not be afraid;**

**Though hills amid the seas be cast,
Though foaming waters roar,
Yea, though the mighty billows shake
The mountains on the shore.**

**Where God abides a river flows;
That city will rejoice.
But nations fear and kingdoms shake
Before God's thundering voice.**

**Since God is in the midst of it,
The city walls shall stand,
Secure and safe with God's sure help,
When trouble is at hand.**

SCRIPTURE LESSON Romans 13:1-7

SERMON “The Perils and Possibilities of Patriotism”

*HYMN (insert) “This Is My Song”
**This is my song, O God of all the nations,
a song of peace for lands afar and mine;
this is my home, the country where my heart is;
here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy shrine:
but other hearts in other lands are beating
with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.**

**My country's skies are bluer than the ocean,
and sunlight beams on cloverleaf and pine;
but other lands have sunlight too, and clover,
and skies are everywhere as blue as mine:
O hear my song, thou God of all the nations,
a song of peace for their land and for mine.**

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE “O come è gran martire” Carlo Gesualdo di Venosa

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Minister:
Organist:

The Rev. Bill Lovin
Bill Crouch

Choir Director
Office Manager

Dr. Chris Nakielski
Jenn Harden

TODAY

- ❖ Worship Service 10:15 am

THURSDAY

- ❖ Church Office Closed for Independence Day

NEXT SUNDAY

- ❖ Worship Service 10:15 am

WE'RE GLAD THAT YOU ARE WORSHIPPING WITH US THIS MORNING. Everyone is invited to Coffee Hour in Rockwood Hall after worship.

WE WELCOME Prairie Piffari to our worship this morning and thank them for the music they offer. Members are: Dennis Pedde and John Reitz, Cornetti; Russ Lenth, Tenor cornetto; Charles Koster, Alto Dulcian; Mark Rheame, Sackbut.

BILL LOVIN'S "MINI SABBATICAL" BEGINS TOMORROW, JULY 1. He will be away for the month of July. The Rev. Bob Molsberry will be preaching on July 7 & 14.

HOPE LODGE: Our next Hope Lodge meal will be Monday, July 15. Please see the signup sheet in Rockwood Hall if you would like to provide food for the dinner.

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.

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. Statements will be ready by July 12. 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.

ANOTHER WAY TO HELP THE HOMELESS: Trinity United Methodist Church of Riverside Iowa has purchased a loom and is using clean, plastic bags to construct Sleeping Mats for the homeless. These are lightweight, waterproof, and easy to pack and carry. By contributing our clean, plastic bags, we can help them help others. Bring your clean, unneeded, plastic grocery bags, or trash bags, any color, any size, here, to Rockwood Hall. We will see to it that they are delivered.

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.

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.