

**who works in us and others
by the Spirit.**

We trust in God.

We are called to be the Church:

**to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.**

In life, in death, in life beyond death,
**God is with us.
We are not alone.**

Thanks be to God.

*HYMN 220 "All People That on Earth Do Dwell (verses 1-3)

**All people that on earth do dwell,
Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice.
Him serve with mirth, His praise forth tell;
Come ye before Him and rejoice.**

**Know that the Lord is God indeed;
Without our aid He did us make;
We are His folk, He doth us feed,
And for His sheep He doth us take.**

**O enter then His gates with praise;
Approach with joy His courts unto;
Praise, laud, and bless His Name always,
For it is seemly so to do.**

*OPENING PRAYER

Creator, we give you thanks for all you are and all you bring to us for our visit within your creation. In Jesus, you place the Gospel in the center of this Sacred Circle through which all of creation is related. You show us the way to live a generous and compassionate life. Give us your strength to live together with respect and commitment as we grow in your spirit, for you are God, now and forever. Amen

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (#220 vs. 4)

**For why? The Lord our God is good;
His mercy is forever sure;
His truth at all times firmly stood,
And shall from age to age endure.**

ANTHEM “Song No.62” Philippe Rogier et al. (1590s)
Prairie Piffari: Dennis Pedde and John Reitz, soprano cornetti; Russ Lenth, tenor
cornetto; Charles Koster, curtal (dulcian); Mark Rheume and Nathan Platte, sackbuts

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 “Song No. 66” Philippe Rogier et al. (1590s)

*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 Psalm 88

O Lord, God of my salvation,
when, at night, I cry out in your presence,
**let my prayer come before you;
incline your ear to my cry.**

For my soul is full of troubles,
and my life draws near to Sheol.

I am counted among those who go down to the Pit;

I am like those who have no help,

like those forsaken among the dead,
like the slain that lie in the grave,
like those whom you remember no more,
for they are cut off from your hand.

**You have put me in the depths of the Pit,
in the regions dark and deep.**

Your wrath lies heavy upon me,
and you overwhelm me with all your waves.

**You have caused my companions to shun me;
you have made me a thing of horror to them.
I am shut in so that I cannot escape;**

my eye grows dim through sorrow.
Every day I call on you, O Lord;
I spread out my hands to you.

Do you work wonders for the dead?

Do the shades rise up to praise you?

Is your steadfast love declared in the grave,
or your faithfulness in Abaddon?

**Are your wonders known in the darkness,
or your saving help in the land of forgetfulness?**

But I, O Lord, cry out to you;
in the morning my prayer comes before you.

O Lord, why do you cast me off?

Why do you hide your face from me?

Wretched and close to death from my youth up,
I suffer your terrors; I am desperate.

**Your wrath has swept over me;
your dread assaults destroy me.**

They surround me like a flood all day long;
from all sides they close in on me.

**You have caused friend and neighbor to shun me;
my companions are in darkness.**

SCRIPTURE LESSON Revelation 21:3-4

SERMON “From Despair to Hope”

*HYMN 144 “Alleluia! Sing to Jesus”

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!

His the scepter, His the throne.

Alleluia! His the triumph,

His the victory alone!

Hark! the songs of peaceful Zion

Thunder like a mighty flood;

Jesus out of every nation

Hath redeemed us by His blood.

Alleluia! Not as orphans

Are we left in sorrow now.

Alleluia! He is near us;

Faith believes, nor questions how.

Though the cloud from sight received Him,

When the forty days were o’er,

Shall our hearts forget His promise,

“I am with you evermore”?

**Alleluia! Bread of angels,
Thou on earth our food, our stay.
Alleluia! Here the sinful
Flee to Thee from day to day.
Intercessor, Friend of sinners,
Earth's Redeemer, plead for me,
Where the songs of all the sinless
Sweep across the crystal sea.**

**Alleluia! King eternal,
Thee the Lord of lords we own;
Alleluia! born of Mary,
Earth Thy footstool, heaven Thy throne.
Thou within the veil hast entered,
Robed in flesh our great High Priest;
Thou on earth both priest and victim
In the Eucharistic feast.**

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Intrada XXVI" Alexander Orologio (1597)

Minister:	The Rev. Bill Lovin
Director of Christian Education:	Hope Spragg
Organist:	Bill Crouch
Choir Director	Dr. Chris Nakielski
Children's Choir Director	Rachel Burchett
Office Manager	Jenn Harden

TODAY

- ❖ Worship Service 10:15 am
- Coffee Hour in Rockwood Hall After Worship

TUESDAY

- ❖ Board of Christian Education Meeting 7:00 pm

NEXT SUNDAY

- ❖ Worship Service 10:15 am
- Coffee Hour in Rockwood Hall After Worship

WE WELCOME THE REV. LIBBY CONLEY to our pulpit this morning. Libby is an ordained Mennonite minister and a former hospital chaplain. The Rev. Bill Lovin will be back from vacation 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.

THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO GAVE TO OUR SPECIAL OFFERING DURING WORSHIP ON SUNDAY, JULY 27. We received nearly \$2800 to support two local children (both U.S. citizens) who have been affected by the recent surge in detaining and deportation.

WE HAVE A COUPLE OF OPENINGS FOR lower elementary and high school Sunday school teachers in the fall. If you feel called to work with children or youth, please reach out to Hope Spragg for more details!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL on August 18-20, Mon-Wed, 8AM-11AM. All children pre-k-high school are encouraged to attend as campers or helpers! Silver cord hours are available for high school volunteers. This is a great opportunity to bring a friend! Sign-up in Rockwood Hall!

WELCOME STUDENTS THIS MONTH: When the UI Fall Semester begins on August 25, Congregational UCC will once again welcome the new and returning students. This is a great way to let students know who we are, what we value, and how they might find a spiritual home here while studying at the University. In the meantime, if you have suggestions or would like to help with the planning, please talk with Bill Lovin.

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.

With our energy mix in Iowa, the cost of a solar array, and production from solar panels over 25 years; the cost per kilogram CO2 reduced for solar panels is 22 cents per kilogram CO2. (Based on Iowa's current energy mix.) This means a single seat flight from New York to Los Angeles could be offset for a 68 dollar contribution to the Iowa Valley Habitat for Humanity solar fund (307 kg CO2 emitted).

Please contact Jamie McCoy or see the bulletin board in Rockwood Hall for more information.

SUMMER IS HERE AND THE AGAPE CAFE NEEDS YOUR HELP! They are looking for folks to volunteer at the Cafe Wednesday mornings until the end of August. Once or twice a month would help out greatly. Pick what is calling to you: serving, cooking, dish washing,

cleanup! You can sign up directly using [Signup Genius](#) or reach out with questions to agapebreakfast@gmail.com.

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.