

AN ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD
NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 25, 2021


10:15 a.m.

FOR YOUR REFLECTION

"Did I offer peace today? Did I bring a smile to someone's face? Did I say words of healing? Did I let go of my anger and resentment? Did I forgive? Did I love? These are the real questions. Henri Nouwen



FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

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PRELUDE "He Leadeth Me" arr, Terry Kirkland

GREETING

LEADER: The Lord be with you. (extending arms)

PEOPLE: **And also with you.** (Congregation responds with extended arms.)

CALL TO WORSHIP "In Christ There Is No East or West" #501

Leader: In Christ there is no east or west , In Him no south or north, But one great fellowship of love Throughout the whole wide earth.

People: **In Him shall true hearts everywhere Their high communion find; His service is the golden cord Close binding all mankind.**

Leader: Join hands, then, brothers of the faith, Whatever your race may be; Who serves my Father as a son Is surely kin to me.

People: **In Christ now meet both east and west, In Him meet south and north; All Christly souls are one in Him Throughout the who wide earth, Amen.**

OPENING HYMN "The Church's One Foundation" #484

INVOCATION: **Almighty God, you have built your church on the foundation of the apostles and prophets: Jesus Christ himself being the cornerstone. Join us together in unity of spirit by their teaching that we may become a holy temple acceptable to you through Jesus Christ, our dear Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen.**

OUR CHURCH'S COVENANT: (see screen)

GLORIA PATRI
ANNOUNCEMENTS

#558

YOUNG DISCIPLES' MOMENT

Joseph Leggett

PASTORAL PRAYER

& LORD'S PRAYER (using "debts" see screen)

MIDDLE HYMN "Bind Us Together" #494

PSALM 133 #716

EPISTLE READING Ephesians 2:11-18 pg. 891

GOSPEL LESSON Mark 6:30-34, 53-56 pg. 769-770

MEDITATION "Tearing Down the Dividing Walls"
Pastor Shurmaine McAlpine

THE OFFERING Ponder the gifts you will offer to God-your
tithes, your time, your resources.

DOXOLOGY #563

OFFERTORY PRAYER

CLOSING HYMN "Blest Be The Tie That Binds" #497

CHORAL BLESSING "God Be With You" #580

**God be with you till we meet again
By his counsels guide, uphold you,
With his sheep securely fold you;
God be with you till we meet again. Amen.**

BENEDICTION

**Tear down the walls that divide. Build the
bridges of love.**

POSTLUDE "Declaration" by Fenton Groden



Worship On The Queen Sunday, August 15, 2021

Boarding begins at 9:15

Leaving dock at 10:00

If you need a ride or are able to provide
a ride please contact the church office.

thank
you!

Greeter: Tom & Katie Howe

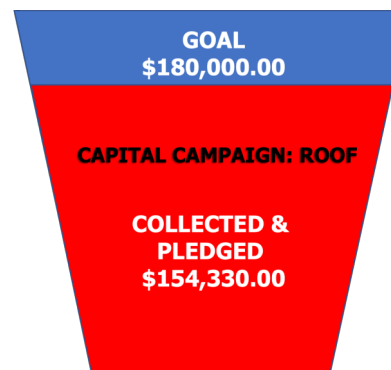
Sight, Sound & Light: Matt Bryant, Irie Leggett,
Ruby Leggett, Robbie Gerlock

Ushers: Frank Edington, Bob Rose, John Zinn

Worship Assistant: Sandy Leggett

ROOF CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

PROGRESS



OUTDOOR
WORSHIP

Contemporary Worship
Service
Westview Park

Friday, July 30
7:00 pm

Women's Fellowship Luncheon
Thursday, July 29
Minerva's

Meet at church 11:00, meal 11:30
RSVP church office & if you need a ride



SUMMER
Office Hours

(When Secretary Is Present)

Memorial Day to Labor Day

Monday—Friday

9:00 am—12:30 pm



find

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Him and perhaps reach out for Him and find Him,
though He is not far from any one of us."

Acts 17:27 (NIV)

Ministers - All
Pastor- Casey vanderBent
Director of Youth & Family Ministry- Joseph Leggett
Church Secretary - Michelle Tullberg
Organist / Accompanist - Elina Ozolins
Chancel Choir Director - Deb Jepson/Judy Hemphill
Bell Choir Director - Jessica Jans

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Congregational Christian Churches and the Iowa-Nebraska
Association of Congregational Christian Churches.



MISSION STATEMENT ~ FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH ~ SPENCER, IOWA

The First Congregational Church of Spencer joyfully worships and praises God. Bound by our covenant, we strive to be the Body of Christ throughout the world by loving, helping and supporting our church family and others through fellowship, missions, and outreach. Our philosophy encourages all people to experience God's grace by freely thinking and building personal relationships with Christ to the glory of God.

Sunday Announcements July 25, 2021

†Please let us know your joys and concerns, if you would like something announced during worship please advise an usher when you come into the sanctuary or if you are live streaming go to the YouTube chat box and type in your prayer request and they will be announced in worship.

†Join us for Fellowship Hour after church today in Fellowship Hall. Coffee, juice, and treats will be available.

†Women's Fellowship is gathering again! Their first luncheon will be at Minerva's on Thursday, July 29, meet at the church at 11:00 with lunch beginning at 11:30. Call the office if you are planning to attend so that a count can be give to Minerva's and also let us know if you need a ride.

†Outdoor Contemporary Worship is scheduled for Friday July 30 at 7:00 pm in Westview Park.

†VBS August 9—11 from 6:00—8:00 each evening. If you have not signed up your youth yet, please contact Joseph. It will be an exciting time for our kids to learn life skills from those that know a thing or two (aka anyone older than our youth). If you would like to help in anyway please let Joseph know.

†Worship On The Queen will be held on August 15 with boarding at 9:15 and the boat leaving the dock at 10:00. Please let the office know if you need a ride or able to provide one.

†Congo On The Lakes is set for Sunday August 22 from 2:00—8:00. More information will be announced soon!

†Roof Capital Campaign Progress, we are so blessed to have received \$154,330 in donations and pledges to date. Only \$25,670 to make our goal.

†Joys & Concerns: Pray for those that are dealing with health issues and loss Kassie Flannagan, Karen Forbes, Carolann Fullerton, Bill Green, Mary Lou Hoffman, Tom Hinrichsen, Cliff Hoover, Paul Jepson, Sandi Nielsen, Adam Norgaard, John Phelps, Rebekah Price, Jack Schomaker, Mark Wedel....

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†We pray for our nursing home residents and homebound: Lois Knight, Ina Faye Underwood, Shirley Johnstone, Nancy Lewis, Wanda Nelson, Bonnie Crosser, Jean Heinrichs, Frank Nelson, Carol Kettelkamp, Vi Reason, Lucy Steffen, Dean Saunders, Janet Swanson, and Doris Van Buren.

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