

AN ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD
20TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 10, 2021

10:15 a.m.

FOR YOUR REFLECTION

"All that is gold does not glitter; not all those who wander are lost; the old that is strong does not wither; deep roots are not reached by the frost."
— J.R.R. Tolkien



PRELUDE "When Morning Glides the Skies"
by Jason D. Payne

GREETING

LEADER: The Lord be with you. (extending arms)
PEOPLE: **And also with you.** (Congregation responds with extended arms.)

CALL To Worship (from Psalm 22:1-8)

Leader: My God, my God, why have You forsaken me?
Why are You so far from helping me, from the words of my groaning?

People: **O my God, I cry by day, but You do not answer; and by night, but find no rest.**

Leader: Yet You are holy, enthroned on the praises of Israel.

People: **In You our ancestors trusted; they trusted, and You delivered them.**

All: **"Commit your cause to the LORD; let Him deliver-- let Him rescue the one in whom He delights!"**

OPENING HYMN "Reckless Love" Praise Team

INVOCATION: : **Gracious God, sending Your Spirit to accompany us in all of our wandering. Help us, in the end, return to You. Be present with us now, in this time of worship. We ask this in Jesus's name, Amen.**

OUR CHURCH'S COVENANT: (see screen)

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

YOUNG DISCIPLES' MOMENT Joseph Leggett

PASTORAL PRAYER

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

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

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MIDDLE HYMN "Standing in the Need of Prayer" #411
OLD TESTAMENT READING Job 23:1-9, 16-17 pg. 391-392
EPISTLE READING Hebrews 4:12-16 pg. 912
MEDITATION "When We Cannot Perceive God"
 Pastor Casey vanderBent
THE OFFERING Ponder the gifts you will offer to God-your
 tithes, your time, your resources.
DOXOLOGY #563
OFFERTORY PRAYER
CLOSING HYMN "Because He Lives" #204
BENEDICTION
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.
POSTLUDE "God of Grace and God of Glory"
 by Daniel E. Wagner

Back by popular demand!



Italian Night
Drive-Thru Event
Wednesday, October 20th
5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Menu:
 Lasagna, Fancy Green Beans
 Garlic Sticks & Cookie


We will be doing our meal as a drive-thru again this fall. Lasagna prep will be done following worship on Sunday, October 17th from 11:30 - approx 2:30.

We will also need workers the day of the event, from late afternoon until approx 8:00 PM.

Ingredients Needed: *Thank You All!*
80# Ground Beef *Chef Luigi*



ALL CHURCH OUTING
GROTTO OF THE REDEMPTION
 West Bend, IA
Saturday, October 23
2:00 pm
Meet at the Grotto and from there
we will gather together.
All are welcome!



Greeter: Joel Oldenkamp
Fellowship Hour: Jim & Vickie Montgomery
Sight, Sound & Light: Matt Bryant, Irie Leggett,
 Ruby Leggett, Robbie Gerlock
Ushers: Frank Edington, Bob Rose, John Zinn
Worship Assistant: Sandy Leggett



"God did this so that they would seek Him and perhaps reach out for Him and find him, though He is not far from any one of us."
 Acts 17:27 (NIV)

Proud to be a member of the National Association of Congregational Christian Churches and the Iowa-Nebraska Association of Congregational Christian Churches.



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

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 October 10, 2021

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

†October is Ministry Appreciation Month—Please remember Pastor Casey and Joseph with a note or a thank you when you see them.

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†All Church outing to Grotto of the Redemption in West Bend, IA, Saturday, October 23 2:00 pm. Meet at the Grotto, if you need a ride please contact the church office and we can put you on a list. ALL ARE WELCOME!

†Pastor Casey's last day with us will be Sunday, October 31. A reception will be held after church for Pastor, hope you all can join us then.

†12 Hour Prayer Vigil—Like a Tree That Lies Dormant...There Is Life Within Prayer Vigil, Thursday, November 4 7am-7pm in the Church Chapel or from home. We welcome you to read, ponder, and pray over each scripture before moving on to specific prayers which are also provided. Please call the office to sign up for one or more half-hour time slots. Materials will be sent to you or you may pick them up.

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†We pray for our military personnel: Taylor Allen, Evan Ball, Brandon Black, Mark Ivey, Nathan Jones, Jared Leonard, Adam Norgaard, Daniel Peterson, Kathryn Polking, Patrick Sullivan, Nicholas Sundblad, and Matt Wilkerson.

†We pray for our nursing home residents and homebound: Lois Knight, Ina Faye Underwood, 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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