



Urbandale  
United  
Church of  
Christ  
God is still speaking

“No matter who you are or where you are on life’s journey, you are invited and welcome here.”

A Just Peace and Open and Affirming Congregation

July 24, 2022

10:00 a.m.

## Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

*We are in the long season the Church calls “Ordinary Times.”  
This is the season of “green” which reminds us of growth and maturing.  
We focus on the impact of Christ in the world and how we are part of that movement.*

PRELUDE (Raggedy Band)

Bourrée

Anonymous - arr. WEJ

### GREETING

*“Prayer, like plugging in an electrical appliance or logging on to the Internet, is a way of connecting. We may not understand how electricity or the World Wide Web work, but we still benefit from using them. Likewise, when we pray we may not at first understand to whom we are praying, nor how we might be answered, but by daring to make the connection we can access a reservoir of energy and understanding that is buried within us.”*

- Marcus Braybrooke, *Learn to Pray*

❖ *This symbol invites the congregation to stand in body or spirit **Bold** type indicates a unison response*

### ❖ CALL TO PRAYER AND PRAISE

One: Come with your hearts ready to sing with praise.

**Many: Come to offer thanks for God’s love and faithfulness.**

One: Come to call out and ask.

**Many: Come willing to give your needs to the Holy One.**

One: Listen for the words and the sounds of the Voice..

**Many: Listen for the powerful Breath of the whisper.**

One: Open your life to the movement of the Spirit

**Many: Answer the invitation of Jesus.**

### ❖ OPENING SONG

"The Summons"

See Insert

### TAKING STOCK OF OUR BLESSINGS AND RESOURCES

Compassion stirs us to generous action and hopeful giving. We share the abundance of our resources and spread the gifts we have received for the good of the world and the work of the kingdom.

Financial sharing of resources to support the mission and ministry of Urbandale UCC may be given in person, sent to the office, or donated through our website.

### PRAYER OF GRATITUDE

Parenting One, we think about what we teach children and what we have learned. How do you ask? “Please,” we say. What do you say when a gift is given or the snack offered? “Thank you,” we say. Thank you, Great and Generous Giver, for life and freedom, breath and movement. Thank you for opportunities to receive and the compassion to give in Christ’s name. Amen.

## SCRIPTURE

Luke 11:1-13

*The Inclusive Bible*

<sup>1</sup> One day Jesus was praying, and when he had finished, one of the disciples asked, “Rabbi, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.” <sup>2</sup> Jesus said to them,

“When you pray, say, ‘Abba God,  
hallowed be your Name!

May your reign come.

<sup>3</sup> Give us today Tomorrow’s bread.

<sup>4</sup> Forgive us our sins, for we too forgive everyone  
who sins against us;  
and don’t let us be subjected to the Test.’ ”

<sup>5</sup> Jesus said to them, “Suppose one of you has a friend, a neighbor, and you go to your neighbor at midnight and say, ‘Lend me three loaves of bread, <sup>6</sup> because friends of mine on a journey have come to me, and I have nothing to set before them.’

<sup>7</sup> “Then your neighbor says, ‘Leave me alone. The door is already locked and the children and I are in bed. I can’t get up to look after your needs.’ <sup>8</sup> I tell you, though your neighbor will not get up to give you the bread out of friendship, your persistence will make your neighbor get up and give you as much as you need.

<sup>9</sup> “That’s why I tell you, keep asking and you’ll receive; keep looking and you’ll find; keep knocking and the door will be opened to you. <sup>10</sup> For whoever asks, receives; whoever seeks, finds; whoever knocks, is admitted. <sup>11</sup> What parents among you will give a snake to their child when the child asks for a fish, <sup>12</sup> or a scorpion when the child asks for an egg? <sup>13</sup> If you, with all your sins, know how to give your children good things, how much more will our heavenly Abba give the Holy Spirit to those who ask?”

## SPECIAL MUSIC

Minuet 1 & 2  
Raggedy Band

Anonymous - arr WEJ

## SERMON

"Just for the Ask of It"

Rev. Coqui Conkey

Sung Response/Call to Prayer

“Seek Ye First”

Seek ye first the kingdom of God and its righteousness,  
And all these things shall be added unto you.  
Allelu, alleluia!

Ask, and it shall be given unto you; seek, and you shall find;  
Knock, and the door shall be opened unto you.  
Allelu, alleluia!

## PASTORAL PRAYER

### LORD’S PRAYER

**Our Abba 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.**

❖ CLOSING HYMN

"When Peace, Like a River"

NCH #438

❖ BLESSING

Let us leave with prayers on our minds and in our hearts

Song:

O God in Heaven

NCH #279

POSTLUDE (Raggedy Band)

Sarabande

Anonymous - arr WEJ

*You are invited to conclude your time of worship by remaining in your seat and listening to the Postlude.*

**SERVING AT URBANDALE UCC THIS SUNDAY**

**Opening/Closing the Church:** Jon Griesing

**Liturgist:** Bob Brandhorst

**Worship Greeters:** Anne Clark

**A/V Booth:** Ryan Nussbaum (video) and Scott Davis (Audio)

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**This Week at UUCC**

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**Sunday, July 24**

9:00 am Matu Sunday School  
10:00 am Worship  
10:50 am Clean up Family Promise  
12:30 pm Light Mission Pentecostal Church  
1:00 pm Matu Bethel Church

**Monday, July 25**

**Tuesday, July 26**

11:00 am Staff Meeting  
5:30 pm Parenting Way

**Wednesday, July 27**

10:00 am Transition Team  
7:30 pm AA

**Thursday, July 28**

**Friday, July 29**

**Saturday July 30**

3:00 pm Light Mission Pentecostal Church  
6:00 pm Matu Bethel Church

**Transition Team Invitation**

Join us Wednesday, July 27 at 10:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall for coffee and treats with friends and help the Transition Team as we delve into our time of listening and discernment. We will schedule additional small group gatherings for August, so if this date doesn't work for you, you will still have the opportunity to meet with us!

**New Member Classes!**

Urbandale UCC is offering its next round of new member classes! We will gather after service on the four Sundays of August (the 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, and 28<sup>th</sup>), share a light lunch and meet for about an hour. Attendees can then formally join the church on Homecoming Sunday, September 11.

Please contact the membership team at [jon.greising@urbucc.org](mailto:jon.greising@urbucc.org), or call 515-343-0998. If you have been attending service online, we will accommodate you!

**Worship Guides** are needed. It's an easy job and very important to welcome everyone. Please sign up in the narthex.

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*"We welcome into this community of faith, and affirm the participation in all aspects of church life, persons of every age, race, gender identity and expression, nationality, ability, and sexual orientation. We will continue our efforts toward inclusiveness, and stand against all forms of discrimination. We will empower ourselves, our children, and one another to be fully present in the world, living in Christ's image and striving for justice and peace."*

## **Staff**

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When peace like a river, uphold me each day,  
when sorrows like sea billows roll,  
whatever my lot, you have taught me to say,  
"It is well, it is well with my soul."

Refrain:

It is well with my soul;  
it is well, it is well with my soul.

Though evil should tempt me, though trials should come,  
let this blessed assurance control,  
That Christ has regarded my helpless estate,  
and has paid life and blood for my soul: [Refrain]

My sin - oh, the bliss of this glorious thought -  
my sin - not in part, but the whole -  
Is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more.  
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul! [Refrain]

O God, speed the day that is filled with your light,  
when clouds are rolled back as a scroll;  
The trumpet shall sound and the Lord shall appear,  
"even so" - it is well with my soul. [Refrain]

O God in heaven, grant to your children  
mercy and blessing, songs never ceasing,  
Grace to invite us, peace to unite us—  
O God in heaven, author of love.

Jesus Redeemer, help us remember  
your pain and passion, your resurrection,  
Your call to follow, your love tomorrow—  
Jesus Redeemer, savior and friend

Spirit unending, give us your blessing:  
strength for the weary, help for the needy,  
Hope for the scornful, peace for the mournful—  
Spirit unending, comfort and guide.