

# AN ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

10TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 28, 2024

10:30 a.m.

FOR YOUR REFLECTION

*"Appreciation is the highest form of prayer, for it acknowledges the presence of good whenever you shine the light of your thankful hearts."  
—Alan Cohen*



## FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

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### PRELUDE

"Gather Us In"

by Marty Haugen, arr. Mark Hayes

### GREETING

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

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

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

**LEADER:** We each have many gifts to offer in service to God.

**PEOPLE:** **Some will be teachers; others preachers; some will be capable leaders; others will be skillful workers.**

**LEADER:** Some will have visions of all possibilities; others will find ways to make those visions a reality.

**People:** **Some will develop ministries of peace and justice; others will seek to change unjust systems.**

**LEADER:** Each person here has been blessed by you, O God. For those gifts, we are thankful.

**ALL:** **Come, let us worship God in praise and thanksgiving. Amen.**

**\*OPENING HYMN** "This Is the Day" #277

**\*INVOCATION:** Lord of all, as we gather to worship You, we ask for hearts open to Your presence. Fill this place with Your Spirit and our souls with Your peace. Let every song, prayer, and word spoken glorify You and draw us closer in communion with You and each other. Amen.

**RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS** (see insert)

**\*CHURCH COVENANT** (see screen)

**\*GLORIA PATRI**

**\*PASS THE PEACE**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**YOUNG DISCIPLE'S MOMENT**

Pastor Shazzy Britz

**\*PASTORAL PRAYER**

**& LORD'S PRAYER** (see screen)

**THE OFFERING** Ponder what God wants you to offer up to him.

**OFFERTORY** "Oh, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"  
by Sandra Eithun #563

**\*DOXOLOGY**

**\*OFFERTORY PRAYER**

**MIDDLE HYMN** "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus" #322

**EPISTLE READING** Romans 12:3-8 pg. 865

**MEDITATION** "Serving Gracefully" Pastor Shazzy Britz

**CELEBRATING SENIOR VOLUNTEERS**

**\*CLOSING HYMN** "Bind Us Together" #494

**\*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** Voluntary on "Engelberg" by Lloyd Larson

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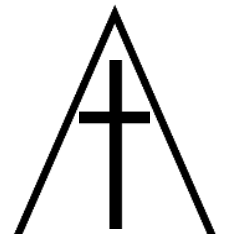


**Office Summer Hours  
Memorial Day thru Labor Day  
9:00—12:30**

**UDMO Food Donations  
July  
Peanut Butter & Jelly**



**Acolyte:** Grace Simpson  
**Fellowship Hour:** Core Ministry of Fellowship  
**Greeter:** Larry & Karen Forbes  
**Nursery:** Not staffed for summer  
**Sight, Sound & Light:** Matt Bryant,  
Robbie Gerlock, Tommy Gerlock, Max Moser,  
Max Munter  
**Ushers:** Jack Schomaker  
**Worship Assistant:** Barb Jacobson



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*Proud to be a member of the National Association of  
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Pastor—Pastor Shazzy Britz  
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Choir Director—Elina Ozolins-Leander  
Building Manager—Lori Haburn

**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.*

## **JULY 28, 2024 RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS**

### **WELCOMING INTO MEMBERSHIP:**

**Katie Baltes, Matt Baltes, and Adrian Fick**

### **Introduction & Calling Forth of New Members**

#### **MEMBERSHIP COVENANT**

Do you profess Jesus Christ as your Savior, put your trust in His grace, and promise to serve Him as your Lord in union with the Church that Christ has opened to people of all ages, nations, and races?

##### **I do.**

Will you continue to strive to know and do God's will, as revealed to you in the scriptures, in prayer, in your life experience, and throughout the community of faith?

##### **I will.**

According to the grace given to you, will you remain faithful members of Christ's holy Church and serve as Christ's representatives in the world, offering the support of your prayers, talents, resources, and the gift of presence?

##### **I will.**

Do you wish to take upon yourself full membership in our church, the First Congregational Church of Spencer?

##### **I do.**

#### **TO THE CONGREGATION**

Do you, the members of First congregational Church, willingly and joyfully receive these fellow pilgrims as you would receive Christ? Do you offer to share with them the joys and responsibilities of membership; to continue to pray for them; to nurture them in their spiritual growth; and together with them, to strive to follow God's call to faith and service?

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#### **PRAYER BY LAYING OF HANDS**

#### **PRAY OVER NEW MEMBERS AND CHURCH LEADERS**

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## SUNDAY ANNOUNCEMENTS, JULY 28, 2024

† 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.

† Please let the office know if you are in need of help with flood cleanup. We will try to coordinate these efforts to help each and every one.

† While it looks like things are out of control, behind the scenes there is a God who has not surrendered authority. By A.W. Tozer

† We welcome our new members: Katie Baltés, Matt Baltés, and Adrian Fick.

† Celebrating our Senior Members who have volunteered in countless ways for decades. Wow what an impact you have had on the life of our church.

† FREE MOVIES IN THE PARK - August 2 - at North School Park @ 8:45 pm - "The Drop Off".

† LifeServe Blood Bank: August 5 - 9:00 - 2:00 in Fellowship Hall.

† Summer Office Hours: 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. from May 28th - August 30th.

† Collecting school supplies and shoes boxes for Operation Christmas Child. Totes are in the back of the sanctuary to deposit items.

† UDMO July Donations— Peanut Butter & Jelly.

† If you are visiting the church, we have welcome sacks in the back of the sanctuary for you. Please leave your name and contact information on the table. We are so very happy you are here, welcome!

† Please help ensure all doors to the church are locked, check the door behind you when exiting the church if it is not during office hours.

† Joys & Concerns: Katie Howe on the funeral of her brother Drew, Denny Phillips, Spencer Community, Norma Drake, Bill Green, Karen Forbes, Mary Lou Hoffman, Cliff Hoover, Barb Joenks, David Ozolins (brother of Elina Ozolins-Leander), Cindy Peterson Journey (daughter of LaVonne Peterson), LaVonne Peterson, Allison (Swenning) Mason, Marcie Muckey, Darlene Prather, Mark Wedel, Mary Kay Zinn...

† We pray for our military personnel: Evan Ball, Brandon Black, Mark Ivey, Nathan Jones, Kathryn Polking, Patrick Sullivan, Daniel Wilkerson, and Matt Wilkerson.

† We pray for our nursing home residents and those at home: Dixie Barber, Jennie Byrn, Bonnie Crosser, Norma Drake, Bill Green, Mary Lou Hoffman, Cliff Hoover, Barb Joenks, Carol Kettelkamp, Marcie Muckey, Frank Nelson, Polly Nelson, LaVonne Peterson, Darlene Prather, Dean Saunders, Janet Swanson, Gloria Tingle, Ina Faye Underwood, Doris Van Buren, Mary Kay Zinn.

## **Upcoming Events:**

- July 28 Worship 10:30
- July 28 New Member & Senior Volunteer Reception 11:30
- July 28 CMW 11:50
- July 31 Staff Meeting 10:30
- August 1 Executive Council 6:30
- August 2 Movies in the Park at North School Park "The Drop Off" 8:30
- August 4 Worship & Communion 10:30
- August 4 Fellowship 11:30
- August 5 LifeServe Blood Center 9:00-2:00
- August 6 CME 6:30
- August 11 Worship 10:30
- August 11 Fellowship Hour 11:30
- August 13 CMF 5:30
- August 14 Staff Meeting 10:30
- August 14 PF 4:30-6:00
- August 15 Mayflower Circle Luncheon at Perkins in Milford, meet at church 11:00
- August 15 MARS 5:30
- August 18 Worship 10:30
- August 18 Fellowship Hour 11:30
- August 19 LifeServe Blood Center 1:00-6:00
- August 21 Staff Meeting 10:30
- August 21 PF 6:00-8:00
- August 25 Worship with Common Bond Quartet 10:30
- August 25 Blessing of Backpacks during service
- August 25 End of Summer Celebration & Potluck North Park 11:30
- August 25 CMW 11:50
- August 28 Staff Meeting 10:30
- August 28 PF 6:00-8:00