

Ministers: The Congregation • Organist: Mary Heath

Deacon: Kandy Hartson

Dr. David Hartson ~ Pastor & Teacher – (701) 293-0151 • davidhartson@cableone.net

Congregational United Church of Christ of Valley City
217 4th St NW ~ PO Box 666 ~ Valley City, ND 58072-0666
701-845-1977 Secretary.congregationalucc@gmail.com

Website: www.cuccvc.org Check Out Our Facebook Page: Valley City Congregational United Church of Christ

Serving followers of Jesus Christ in Valley City since 1881. Voted to join the United Church of Christ in 1960.

☞ Schedule ☞

| | | | |
|--------|-----------------|------------------------|-------------------|
| Sunday | July 30, 2017 | | |
| | 10:00 a.m. | Fellowship & coffee | (Fellowship Hall) |
| | 10:30 a.m. | Worship | (Fireside Room) |
| Sunday | August 6, 2017 | | |
| | 10:00 a.m. | Fellowship & coffee | (Fellowship Hall) |
| | 10:30 a.m. | Worship with Communion | (Fireside Room) |
| Sunday | August 13, 2017 | | |
| | 10:00 a.m. | Fellowship & coffee | (Fellowship Hall) |
| | 10:30 a.m. | Worship | (Fireside Room) |
| Sunday | August 20, 2017 | | |
| | 10:00 a.m. | Fellowship & coffee | (Fellowship Hall) |
| | 10:30 a.m. | Worship | (Fireside Room) |

~~~~Remember to bring loose change for the noisy offering~~~~

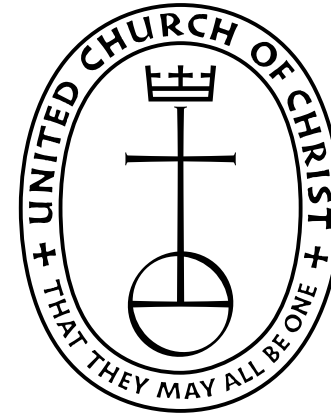
\*NOTE: If anyone has information for the website, please let  
Connie and/or Alex Reiten know so they can make revisions or additions.

**Remember our church's food drive!**

## ☞ In Our Prayers ☞

At Home: Ron, Garland, Doris J., Kathy M., Harve B.  
West Fargo: Meryl, Riley Moorhead: Hulda  
Sheyenne Care Center (Valley City): Lois B., Jerry & Pat L.

*\*Please tell our minister if you wish to have someone added to this list.\**



*Congregational  
United Church of Christ*  
*Changing Lives: That is Our Church's Wider Ministry*



*This is your church  
No matter who you are, where you are on life's journey,  
or what defines you –*

*This is your church  
If you are abundantly welcoming, radically inclusive,  
and theologically courageous –*

*This is your church  
If you want to understand your faith not only with your heart  
but also with your mind –*

*This is your church  
If you want to come in and join the others who are on their journey to the  
Beloved Community of the People of God –*

*Welcome Home!  
This is your Church*

**July 30, 2017**

*Order of Morning Worship ~ Pastor David Hartson, Presiding  
July 30, 2017 10:30 o'clock*

**Prelude**

**Carrying the Light of Christ into Worship**

**Welcome**

**Continuing Acts of the Apostles**

**Announcements, Birthdays & Special Occasions**

**Acknowledgment of Territory**

Since time immemorial, First People's lives and spirituality have been connected to this land

**We acknowledge and give thanks for their stewardship  
May we live with respect and gratitude on this land**

**Call To Worship**

Liturgist Realize that for every ongoing war and religious outrage, and environmental devastation

**People There are a thousand counterbalancing acts  
of staggering generosity and humility**

Liturgist And art and beauty  
Happening all over the world

**People On a breath taking scale  
From flower box to cathedral**

*-Mark Morford*

**\*Hymn: "Joyful, Joyful" ..... B 4**

**Prayer of the Beloved Community**

If we listen attentively we can hear  
Amid the uproar of empires and nations  
A faint flutter of wings  
The gentle stirring of life and hope  
Some will say this hope lies in a nation  
Others, in person  
I believe that it is awakened and nourished  
By millions of solitary individuals  
Whose deeds and works  
Every day negate frontiers  
and the crudest implications of history

*-Albert Camus*

**Gloria Patri: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, World without end. Amen. Amen.**

**Choir Anthem/Artistic Rendition**

**Children's Message**

**Scriptures: Matthew 13:31-33**

**Sermon**

**Hymn: "Sweet Hour of Prayer" ..... Black 505**

**Prayer of the People**

**Silent Prayers**

**The Prayer that Jesus Taught Us to Pray:** *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.*

**Offertory**

**\* Doxology:** *Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise God all creatures here below, Praise God above ye heavenly host, Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

**Prayer of Dedication:**

**Fall seven times**

**Stand up eight**

*-Japanese Proverb*

**\*Hymn: "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy" ..... B 23**

**Carrying the Light of Christ into the World**

**Please participate, as you wish, in "Passing of the Peace" following the worship service.**

**Postlude +You are encouraged to continue a spirit of worship during the Postlude+**

**\*Please rise if able.**

Black ~ The New Century Hymnal. \*\*Monies raised in the Birthday and Special Occasions Church Bank go towards the Congregational United Church Scholarship Fund. This Scholarship is for members of our church going to college.