

June 27, 2021
Order of Worship
Grinnell United Church of Christ

*No matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey,
you are welcome here!*

PRELUDE *If You but Trust in God to Guide You - Georg Neumark (1621-1681)*
Oh Bless the Lord, My Soul - Timothy Dwight, 1800

INVOCATION

Living and faithful Spirit,
the God in whom we live and move and have our being,
the God who is made known in Christ Jesus,
bless us one and all as we wait on you this day.

Please remove from our minds and hearts
whatever impediments hinder worship or dampen our joy.
Increase within us
that holy longing for closeness which can open our lives to fuller delight
and to a deeper commitment.

May our hymns and prayers,
our searching thoughts, and our hearing of the Scriptures,
be an exercise in the holiest love.

By you, with you and for you, may our lives proclaim your praise.
In the name of Christ Jesus.
Amen!

WELCOME

PASSING OF THE PEACE

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The Peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

SCRIPTURE Psalm 130; 2 Corinthians 8:7-15

HYMN NCH 4 *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You*
Words: Henry van Dyke, 1907
Music: Ludwig van Beethoven (1770-1827)

1) Joyful, joyful, we adore you, God of glory, God of love;
Hearts unfold like flowers before you, Opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; Drive the storms of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness, Fill us with the light of day!

2) All your works with joy surround you, Earth and heaven reflect your rays,
Stars and angels sing around you, Center of unbroken praise;
Field and forest, vale and mountain, Flowery meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird and flowing fountain Teach us what our praise should be.

3) You are giving and forgiving, Ever blessing, ever blessed,
Well-spring of the joy of living, Ocean-depth of happy rest!
Loving Spirit, Father, Mother, All who love belong to you;
Teach us how to love each other, By that love our joy renew.

4) Mortals, join the mighty chorus, Which the morning stars began;
Boundless love is reigning o'er us, Reconciling race and clan.
Ever singing, move we forward, Faithful in the midst of strife;
Joyful music leads us onward In the triumph song of life.

SERMON Mark 5:25-34

SILENT REFLECTION

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

We pray for comfort and peace for:

The Vosburg Family: Wilma passed away on June 18th. A memorial service will be held on July 2nd.

The Jones Family: Addison passed away on June 18th. A service in his memory was held on Friday.

We pray for health and strength for Pasha Buck, George Drake, Verlene Mitchell, Laura Nelson Lof, Emily Pfitsch, Gayle and Lois Strickler, Wilma Vosburg, and all those in our community touched by or recovering from COVID 19.

PASTORAL PRAYER

God our holy Friend, you allow us to share some of your love for the world. While we are here praying for the world's healing, others are busy implementing that healing. Later, when we are out there trying to give of our best, may others remember to pray for us.

Give your grace to all peacemakers; those who endeavor to resolve with justice all conflicts between nations, and within communities, commerce and industry, parliaments, families, marriage partners, colleagues, and friends.

Let your grace support those who fight with and for neglected people; those small ethnic groups with no political clout, the little people who are being ripped off by the rich and unscrupulous.

Endow the merciful folk with your sustaining grace; those who treat diseases, bind up wounds, feed the hungry, re-settle the homeless, care for the orphan, visit the prisoner, encourage the differently abled, watch with the dying and grieve with the sorrowful.

Endorse the work of this church with your enabling grace. Keep it close to the agenda of Christ. Let us be joyful in worship, warm in fellowship, inclusive in outreach, open in decision making, humble and sensitive in evangelism, and gracious in our ecumenical endeavors.

Bless any servant of yours who is keeping the faith against the odds: those without the encouragement of other Christians at hand, or without even a distant congregation that can pray their names with affection. Please let your grace renew them daily, and may they know your Spirit as Friend and Counsellor.

Visit each of us with your grace, loving Friend. Dismantle our fears, build up our faith, deepen our love, clarify our goals, sharpen our insight, widen our compassion, and open our minds to the new words you wish to speak to our situation.

In the name of the patient, insightful, and healing Christ we offer these prayers. Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER *(Inclusive Version)*

Blessed One, our Father and our Mother

Holy is your name.

May your love be enacted in the world.

May your will be done

On earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread

And forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us in the time of trial

and deliver us from evil.

For all that we do in your love,

and all that your love brings to birth,

and the fullness of love that will be

are yours, now and forever. Amen.

HYMN NCH 472 *Precious Lord, Take My Hand*

Words & Music: Thomas A. Dorsey, 1932

1) Precious Lord, take my hand, Lead me on, let me stand,
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn; Through the storm, through the night,
Lead me on to the light:

REFRAIN: Take my hand, precious Lord, Lead me home.

2) When my way grows drear, Precious Lord, linger near,
When my life is almost gone,
Hear my cry, hear my call, Hold my hand lest I fall: (REFRAIN)

3) When the shadows appear And the night draws near,
And the day is past and gone, At the river, I stand,
Guide my feet, hold my hand: (REFRAIN)

BENEDICTION

Go out, among the outcast and the grieving,
and speak the word of life and hope.
Do not fear, but trust in God's word.
Watch for the Lord with eager expectation,
and be generous with all God has given you.

And may God respond to your every cry with mercy;
May Christ Jesus take you by the hand and lift you to life;
and may the Holy Spirit build you up in faith, in speech,
... in knowledge, in passion and in love.

We go in peace to love and serve the Lord,
... In the name of Christ. Amen.

POSTLUDE *Prelude & Fugue in C minor* - Johann Kaspar Ferdinand Fischer (1650-1746)

Worship Resources

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