

**July 25, 2021**  
**Order of Worship**  
**Grinnell United Church of Christ**

**Liturgist:** Liz Rodrigues

**Vocalist Ensemble:** John Rommereim

**Organist:** Kenneth Davis

**Preacher:** Henry Rietz

*As a safety precaution during COVID, please remain silent during the worship service (as in no congregant singing nor praying aloud). Thank you for helping to keep each other safe.*

**PRELUDE** *Voluntary in C Major, Simon Stublely (1702-1748)*

**INVOCATION**

Sustainer of the hungry,  
like a mother you long to feed your children  
until each is satisfied.  
Turn our eyes to you alone,  
that, aware of our own deepest longings,  
we will reach out with Christ  
to feed others with the miracle of your love. Amen.

**WELCOME and PASSING OF THE PEACE**

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

The Peace of Christ be with you.... *(silently)* And also with you.

**SCRIPTURE**    *2 Kings 4:42-44, Psalm 145:10-18*

**HYMN** NCH 423 *Great Is Your Faithfulness*

Words: Thomas O. Chisholm, 1923; Music: William M. Runyan, 1923

1) Great is your faithfulness, O God Creator  
With you no shadow of turning we see.  
You do not change, your compassions they fail not;  
All of your goodness forever will be.

REFRAIN: Great is your faithfulness! Great is your faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
And all I have needed your hand has provided,  
Great is your faithfulness, God unto me

2) Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,  
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above,  
Join with all nature in manifold witness  
To your great faithfulness, mercy, and love. (REFRAIN)

3) Pardon for sin and a peace so enduring,  
Your own dear presence to cheer and to guide  
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside. (REFRAIN)

**SERMON**      *John 6:1-21*      *It's Good to Be Home.*

## **SILENT REFLECTION**

### **SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS**

***We pray for comfort and peace for:***

*The Vosburg Family: Wilma passed away on June 18<sup>th</sup>.*

*The Jones Family: Addison passed away on June 18<sup>th</sup>.*

*The Thomas Family (Plymouth Church in Des Moines): Frank passed away on June 20<sup>th</sup>.  
His work at Grinnell College and with the wider UCC.*

*Oliva Wright and family: Oliva's brother Marion Reisetter passed away on June 25<sup>th</sup>.*

***We pray for health and strength for*** Pasha Buck, George Drake, Betty Anne Francis,  
Verlene Mitchell, Laura Nelson Lof, Emily Pfitsch, Gayle and Lois Strickler, Nancy Wolff.

### **PASTORAL PRAYER**

God of gentle rains and warm sun, God who encourages growth;  
we are creatures who sometimes grow quickly, and sometimes get stuck.

God of freedom, of liberation, of binding ropes being cut;  
we are bound in ways we don't always understand or recognize.

God of exodus and exile and homecoming,

God who calls us to leave where we are and come home;

help us to have the courage to make the journey and to trust in the path.

God of health and healing, God who wants us to be made whole;

we come as people who are wounded in body and in spirit, people who seek healing. God who has laid out a way for us to live, who has given us rules for living in community; we come as people who sometimes go astray, people who stretch the rules.

God of Grace,  
we come as people who live through that Grace.  
And so we praise you for the growth,  
we rejoice in being set free,  
we dance along the path that leads us home,  
we give thanks for the healing we have received,  
we relax in the knowledge that we are forgiven  
and we live as people of Grace. Amen.

**LORD'S PRAYER** *(Inclusive Version) (Please pray silently)*

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.

**GRATITUDE FOR OFFERING and DOXOLOGY**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow  
Praise God all creatures here below  
Praise God above ye heavenly hosts  
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost

**HYMN** NCH 547 *Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound*

Words: John Newton, 1799; Music: from Columbia Harmony 1829

- 1) Amazing grace, how sweet the sound That saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found, Was blind, but now I see.
- 2) 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, And grace my fears relieved;  
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!
- 3) Through many dangers, toils and snares I have already come:  
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far, And grace will lead me home.
- 4) My God has promised good to me, Whose word my hope secures;  
God will my shield and portion be As long as life endures.
- 5) When we've been there ten thousand years, Bright shining as the sun,  
We've no less days to sing God's praise Than when we'd first begun.

## **BENEDICTION**

As you go into the coming week,  
may your roots go down deep into the soil of God's marvelous love.  
And may you come to know how wide, how long, how high, and how deep  
God's love for you really is.

All glory to God, who is able to accomplish infinitely more  
than we would ever dare to ask or imagine!

Go with God!

**POSTLUDE** *Sink, Not Yet, My Soul to Slumber*, arr. Johann Gottfried Walther  
(1684-1748)

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