

June 20, 2020
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

Jesus, Lead Thou On - J. S. Bach (1685-1750)
Seek the Lord - J. A. Diederichsen (1730-1789)

INVOCATION

Creator and Ruler of the Earth,
we lift up our voices, our eyes, our hearts,
our lives to You in praise.
Make us Your alleluia people.
Uphold the weary,
for whom praise may be very difficult.
Humble the strong, for whom "alleluia" may be too easy.

Creator and Ruler of the Earth,
continue to form us into Your new creation,
that we might welcome You to more fully become
The God of our hearts and minds.

Through the One who came as a servant,
and who now reigns over all creation,
Jesus, our Christ. Amen.

WELCOME

PASSING OF THE PEACE

*No matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey,
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The Peace of Christ be with you. ... And also with you.

SCRIPTURE *Psalm 133; 2 Corinthians 6:1-13*

HYMN NCH 407 *How Firm a Foundation*

Words: John Rippon, 1787; Music: "Funk's Genuine Church Music" (1832)

1) How firm a foundation, for you has been laid,
By God in the Word, in the sacrifice paid!
What more can God say than to you has been said,
To you, who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

2) "Fear not, I am with you; O be not dismayed,
For I am your God, I will still give you aid.
I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,
upheld by my gracious, omnipotent hand."

3) "When through the deep waters I call you to go,
The rivers of woe shall not over you flow,
For I will be with you, your troubles to bless,
Delivering you from your deepest distress."

4) "When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie,
My grace, all sufficient, shall be your supply.
The flame shall not hurt you; I only designed
Your soul to make pure, just as gold is refined."

5) "The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no never, no never forsake!"

SERMON *Mark 4:35-41*

SILENT REFLECTION

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS *We pray for health and strength for Pasha Buck, George Drake, Verlene Mitchell, Emily Pfitsch, Gayle and Lois Strickler, Wilma Vosburg, and all those in our community touched by or recovering from COVID 19.*

PASTORAL PRAYER

God of all creation
who called every being into life,
who is mindful of humankind in all its diversity,
who embodies us with dignity,
granting different gifts and talents to shape life in this world,
we ask for your Spirit to unite us

where we face lack of understanding and disunity
in our churches, in our communities, in our countries.
And in silence we lay before you the burdens of our hearts.

(Silence)

We ask for your Spirit to unite us
in the face of the conflicts, hatred and violation of life
experienced in so many regions of the earth
and in silence we bring to you the pain of the victims.

(Silence)

We ask for your Spirit to unite us
wherever fear prevents us from caring for our neighbor,
from meeting people of different ethnicities, cultures
and faith communities with respect
and in silence we bring to you the brokenness of human relationships.

(Silence)

God of all creation,
in Christ we are reconciled,
and so we ask for your uniting Spirit
to help us to overcome all our divisions
that we may live in peace.

LORD'S PRAYER *(traditional version in honor of Father's Day)*

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.

HYMN NCH 438 *When Peace Like a River*

Words: Horatio G. Spafford, 1873

Music: Philip P. Bliss, 1876

1) When peace like a river upholds 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 (it is well). With my soul (with my soul). It is well, it is well with my soul.

2) 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)

3) 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)

4) 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)

BENEDICTION

Let us put obstacles in no one's way,
but rejoice in purity, knowledge, patience, kindness,
holiness of spirit, genuine love, truthful speech,
and the power of God.
May we go in peace. Amen

POSTLUDE *Fugue in C Major* - Abraham Van den Kerchoven (1627-1702)

Worship Resources

Invocation ~ posted on My Redeemer Lives website.

<http://www.myredeemerlives.com/prayers.html>

Pastoral Prayer ~ posted on the Monthly Prayers page of the Christian Aid website.

<http://www.christianaid.org.uk/>

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