

**August 1, 2021**  
**Order of Worship**  
**Grinnell United Church of Christ**

**Liturgist:** Dan Rodrigues  
**Vocalist:** Shane Estes  
**Pianist:** Dot Anderson  
**Pastor:** Rev. Jessica Margrave Schirm

*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**

**INVOCATION**

Lord, the eyes of all look to You in hope; and You give them what they need.  
You open Your hand and satisfy the hunger and thirst of every living thing.

We, too, turn to You again, longing to be filled—  
to eat of the Bread of Life, to drink from Your life-giving streams,  
to taste Your goodness and live.

May the time we spend together in Your presence nourish our hearts and minds;  
may it strengthen our relationship with You,  
and renew our commitment to live in this world as Your faithful disciples.

For You alone are God, the Source and Sustainer of life. In Jesus' name, 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**     *Ephesians 4:1-16, Psalm 78:23-29*

**HYMN** NCH 18 *Guide Me, O My Great Redeemer*  
Words: William Williams, 1745; Music: John Hughes, 1907

1) Guide me, O my Great Redeemer,  
Pilgrim through this barren land;  
I am weak but you are mighty  
Hold me with your powerful hand.

Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,  
Feed me til I want no more, Feed me til I want no more.

2) Open now the crystal fountain  
Where the healing waters flow.  
Let the fiery cloudy pillar  
Lead me all my journey though.  
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer,  
Ever be my strength and shield, ever be my strength and shield.

3) When I reach the verge of Jordan,  
Bid my anxious fears subside.  
Death of death and hell's destruction,  
Land me safe on heaven's side.  
Songs of praises, songs of praises  
I will ever sing to you, I will ever sing to you.

**SERMON**         *John 6:24-35*

## **REFLECTIVE SILENCE**

**SPECIAL MUSIC** *In the Bulb There Is a Flower*, Natalie Sleeth (NCH 433)

## **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, like the Israelites in the wilderness,  
we too have known Your love,  
and experienced Your care and provision.  
You invite us to extend that love to the world around us—  
to care for others as deeply as we care for ourselves.  
And so we bring the needs of our world before You now.  
In Your mercy, hear our prayer.

We pray for the many who do not have enough:  
enough food to eat, or shelter to keep warm;  
enough employment, or money to pay their bills;  
enough medicine or medical care.

Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

We also pray for those who have more than enough,  
but who still struggle to find meaning and purpose in life;  
who indulge in dangerous or self-serving activities  
to dull their pain or loneliness.

Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

God, Your grace reaches out to all of us.  
You call us to live as citizens of heaven,  
working together with one heart and mind.  
Strengthen us to live in a manner worthy  
of the Good News we have received,  
offering our lives in service of Your kingdom,  
where the last are first, and the first are last,  
and there is grace enough for all.

Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer. 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.**

### **GRATITUDE FOR OFFERING & 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 329 *Jesus, the Joy of Loving Hearts*

Words: attrib. to Bernard of Clairvaux, c. 1150; Music: Henry W. Baker, 1854

- 1) Jesus, the joy of loving hearts, fount of our lives, and light of all;  
From every bliss that earth imparts we turn unfilled to hear your call.
- 2) Your truth unchanged has ever stood, You plead with all to call on you;  
To those still seeking, you are good; to those who find you, life is new.
- 3) We taste of you, the living bread, and long to feast upon you still;  
We drink of you, the fountainhead; our thirsty souls from you we fill.
- 4) For you our restless spirits yearn, where'er our changeful lot is cast,  
Glad when your smile on us you turn, blessed, when by faith we hold you fast.
- 5) O Jesus, ever with us stay, make all our moments calm and bright!  
Oh, chase the cloud of sin away! Shed o'er the world your holy light.

**BENEDICTION**

Go now in peace,  
for Christ has called you to live in peace among your siblings in Christ.

Go now in courage,  
for Christ has called you from the places of your life  
to be agents of redemption and partners in healing.

Go now in joy and thanksgiving,  
for Christ is our light!

Go now as one body,  
to love and serve God as you love and serve the world!

***ATTENTION: For everyone's safety, please exit the building quietly and in a timely manner and reserve socializing for outside the church building.***

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