

July 11, 2021
Order of Worship
Grinnell United Church of Christ

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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 *Lord, We Come Before Thee* - Thomas Canning, 1941
Praise Be to Thee - Samuel Scheidt (1587-1654)

INVOCATION

The prophets of old spoke of God's justice, even when it was unwelcome.
Who will hear their message? We will listen and we will hear!

Responding to God's call, Jesus traveled, preaching and teaching all who would listen.
Who will hear his message? We will listen and we will hear!

Christ sent out disciples two by two, to spread the good news in any place
that would welcome them.

Who will hear their message? We will listen and we will hear!

God's prophets are among us still, around the world and in these pews.
Who will hear their message? We will listen and we will hear!

WELCOME

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

PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

SCRIPTURE *Psalm 24; 2 Samuel 6:12-19*

HYMN NCH 27 *From All That Dwell below the Skies*
Words: Isaac Watts, 1719; Music: Cologne, 1623

1) From all that dwell below the skies,
Let the Creator's praise arise; Alleluia, Alleluia!
Let the Redeemer's name be sung
Through ev'ry land by ev'ry tongue. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

2) Eternal are your mercies God;
Eternal truth stands high and broad: Alleluia, Alleluia!
Your praise shall sound from shore to shore
Till suns shall rise and set no more. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

SERMON *Mark 6:7-13 (The Message)*

SILENT REFLECTION

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

We pray for comfort and peace for:

The Vosburg Family: Wilma passed away on June 18th.

The Jones Family: Addison passed away on June 18th.

The Thomas Family (Plymouth Church in Des Moines): Frank passed away on June 20th. His work at Grinnell College and with the wider United Church of Christ touched many lives.

Oliva Wright and family: Oliva's brother Marion Reisetter passed away on June 25th.

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.

PASTORAL PRAYER

Holy One, you set your face towards Jerusalem
and walked alongside those who suffer.

Be our vision that we too may walk the way of the cross
and extend a hand to those we meet.

You stopped to heal the sick, cure the lame
and give sight to the blind.

Be our vision that we too may give time to others
and respond to their needs.

You said, "The first shall be last and the last first."

Be our vision that we too may work towards your kingdom
when the exalted will be brought low and the lowly exalted.

You ate with tax collectors and sinners and heard their stories.

Be our vision that we too may listen to the despised and rejected and value their lives.
You took time to pray and time to be silent.
Be our vision that through our prayers, fasting and almsgiving
we too may draw closer to you and find your way.

You entered Jerusalem with peace in your heart.
Be our vision that we too may desire peace where others desire war,
and may work for justice where injustice reigns.

Lord, give us the gladness of your help
And support us with a willing spirit
For you are our hope and our salvation.

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 / DOXOLOGY

HYMN NCH 502 *Dear God, Embracing Humankind*
Words: John Greenleaf Whittier, 1872
Music: Frederick C. Maker, 1887

1) Dear God, embracing humankind, forgive our foolish ways;
Reclothe us in our rightful mind, in purer lives your service find,
in deeper reverence, praise.

2) In simple trust like theirs who heard beside the Syrian sea,
The gracious calling of your word, let us, like them, by spirit stirred,
rise up and followers be.

3) O Sabbath rest by Galilee! O calm of hills above!

There Jesus met you prayfully: the silence of eternity, interpreted by love!

4) Drop your still dews of quietness, till all our strivings cease;

Take from our souls the strain and stress, and let our ordered lives confess the beauty of your peace.

5) Breathe through the pulses of desire your coolness and your balm;

Let sense be numb, let flesh retire; speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire,
O still, small voice of calm!

BENEDICTION

Go now, and wherever people will hear you,
proclaim the life-changing love of God.

Do not fear your weakness,

for when you are weakest, Christ's strength is known.

Travel lightly, live simply,

and honour those who welcome the gospel.

And may God be your protection and safe haven;

May the power of Christ Jesus dwell in you;

and may the Holy Spirit be your guide forever.

We go in peace to love and serve the Lord,

In the name of Christ. Amen.

POSTLUDE *Toccata in C minor* - Johann Gottfried Walther (1684-1748)

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

Worship Resources

Invocation ~ from *To Hear and Be Heard, An Intergenerational Liturgy for the Sixth Sunday of Pentecost, year B*, written by the Rev. Dr. Laurel Koepf Taylor. Posted on the United Church of Christ *Worship Ways* website. <http://www.ucc.org/worship/worship-ways/>

Pastoral Prayer ~ written by Annabel Shilson-Thomas, and posted on the CAFOD website.

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