

**July 18, 2020**  
**Order of Worship**  
**Grinnell United Church of Christ**

**Liturgist:** Tommy Haas

**Vocalist Ensemble:** Jo Becker, JoAnn Britton, Jo Entwisle, Russ Leggett, Jan Peak, Liz Delisle Rodrigues, Sue Ramsey, Judy Scheer

**Organist:** Kenneth Davis

**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** *Variations on a 16th century Spanish tune (Public Domain)*  
*Traditional Native American Indian tune (Public Domain)*

## **INVOCATION**

In the darkest valley,  
at the banquet table;  
in the hard work of life,  
at the moments of ease;  
in our day-to-day reality,  
at times set aside—  
like this time, now—  
for worship, for listening, for paying attention;  
with every step we take:  
goodness and mercy follow us;  
*our cups overflow.*

## **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** *Psalm 23; Jeremiah 23:1-6*

**HYMN NCH 257** *Alleluia! Gracious Jesus*  
Words: William C. Dix, 1867  
Music: Rowland H. Prichard, 1844

1) Alleluia! Gracious Jesus! Yours the scepter, Yours the throne.  
Alleluia! Yours the triumph, Yours the victory alone!  
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion, thunder like a mighty flood:  
"Jesus out of ev'ry nation You've redeemed us by your blood."

2) Alleluia! Not as orphans are we left in sorrow now;  
Alleluia! You are near us; faith believes, nor questions how.  
Though the cloud from sight received you when the forty days were o'er,  
Shall our hearts forget your promise: "I am with you evermore".

3) Alleluia! Bread of angels, here on earth our food, our stay!  
Alleluia! Here the sinful flee to you from day to day.  
Intercessor, friend of sinners, earth's Redeemer, plead for me,  
And the songs that sound in heaven will repeat your gracious plea.

4) Alleluia! Christ eternal, nothing can disrupt your reign;  
Alleluia! Born of Mary, heaven and earth are your domain.  
Human life you fully entered, tending those we count the least;  
Serving both as priest and victim in the eucharistic feast.

**SERMON**      *Mark 6:30-34*

## **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, and Nancy  
Wolff.

## **PASTORAL PRAYER**

Beloved, teach us to open our shuttered hearts and our portioned and boarded up spirits with bold, generous, and courageous hospitality.  
Estranged and alienated so often and from so much,  
sustain us in making circles of welcome out of gatherings of strangers.  
Around the table of wonder, meet us in abundance, drawing out our stories and showing us how to weave together community with steadfast love.  
The wells of life are our responsibilities; teach us to care for them together, with forbearance, forgiveness, gratitude, and rejoicing.

When we are cast out and wandering, may we find welcome and compassion that calls us back into accountable relationship, into the ways of healing, into the ways of peace. Generation after generation has wrested and exiled or been dispossessed. Generation after generation has learned anew how to make welcome, how to make home wherever they are, however they are, and how to welcome You, Beloved, in welcoming enemies, strangers, and exiles into a life of transforming love. 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 507 *Jesus—The Very Thought to Me*

Words: 12th century Latin; music: John B. Dykes, 1866

- 1) Jesus, the very thought to me with sweetness fills my breast;  
But sweeter far your face to see, and in your presence rest.
- 2) No voice can sing, no heart can frame, nor can the memory find  
A sweeter sound than your blessed name, savior of humankind.
- 3) O hope of every contrite heart, O joy of all the meek,  
How kind you are to those apart, how good to those who seek!
- 4) But what to those who find? Ah this, no tongue nor pen can show  
Your love, O Jesus, what it is none but your loved ones know.
- 5) Jesus, our joy, our greatest bliss, and you our prize will be;  
Our glory here and now is this, and through eternity.

**BENEDICTION**

The peace of God which is beyond all our human understanding, be upon you.  
The peace of Christ which breaks down barriers, be within you.  
And the peace of the Holy Spirit which creates true fellowship, be among you.

**POSTLUDE** *Prelude in C Major* J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

**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 ~ written by Joanna Harader and posted on Spacious Faith.

<https://spaciousfaith.com/>

Pastoral Prayer ~ written by Rev. Naomi King, and posted on The Wonderment.

<http://thewonderment.typepad.com/>

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Benediction ~ written by Moira Laidlaw, on Liturgies

Online. <http://www.liturgiesonline.com.au/> Visit that site for many other excellent lectionary-based worship resources.