

**September 19, 2021**  
**Order of Worship**  
**Grinnell United Church of Christ**

**Liturgist:** Dan Rodrigues  
**Vocalist:** Treble Ensemble  
**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** Two Settings on *All Glory Be to God on High*  
I. arr. Friedrich Zachau (1663-1712) II. arr. Johann Gottfried Walther (1684-1748)

**INVOCATION**

God of holy wisdom,  
we are seekers on the way to a deeper wisdom and a wider vision.  
Our lives are full of information and opinions,  
but in the midst of it all we long to hear the voice of wisdom –  
Your wisdom, God – cutting through the noise and teaching us how to live.

God, we have come here this morning to learn wisdom from your Word,  
from your Holy Spirit, and from one another.

We have come so that wisdom may call us out of the darkness  
and into the light.

We have come to have the deeper, richer, wisdom-filled life  
that you have promised to each of us.

O God, make us ready to hear the Words spoken to our hearts this morning.  
Call us to hear your wisdom and grant us the courage to respond. 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** *Jeremiah 11:18-20; Mark 9:30-37*

## **HYMN** PH 228 *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788, alt.)    Music: John Zundel (1815-1882)

1) Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven, to earth come down,  
Fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful mercies crown;  
Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art;  
Visit us with thy salvation; enter every trembling heart.

2) Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit into every troubled breast;  
Let us all in thee inherit, let us find thy promised rest;  
Take away the love of sinning; alpha and Omega be;  
End of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.

3) Come, Almighty, to deliver, let us all thy life receive;  
Suddenly return, and never, never more thy temples leave.  
Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above,  
Pray, and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.

4) Finish, then, thy new creation; true and spotless let us be;  
Let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee;  
Changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place,  
Till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love and praise.

**SERMON**      *Psalm 1*

## **SILENT REFLECTION**

## **SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS**

*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**

Holy God,  
we come before you and admit  
that most of the time we are too busy singing and praying  
and feeling good and feeling bad  
and feeling so-so  
to stop and listen for your tiny, little whispers.  
In your word you paint for us a picture of full and abundant life,  
life that can only be had by drinking your living water,  
knowing you not as a title, but intimately, a mystery....

We pray that our lives would be planted near you –  
that we would send our roots deep into your word and your life,  
that we would draw nourishment from you,  
and that with the life you give we would in turn  
provide shelter and comfort and blessing  
to whoever comes under our branches.

We pray that we would not walk in the counsel of the wicked,  
nor stand in the way of sinners,  
nor abide in the house of the scornful,  
but that our delight would be in you,  
in your truth, in your grace, now and forevermore.

**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**

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 PH 397** *Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak*

Words: Frances R. Havergal (1836-1879) Music: Robert Schumann (1810-1856)

- 1) Lord, speak to me, that I may speak in living echoes of Thy tone;  
As thou hast sought, so let me seek thy erring children, lost and lone.
- 2) O strengthen me, that while I stand firm on the rock, and strong in thee,  
I may stretch out a loving hand to wrestlers with the troubled sea!
- 3) O teach me, Lord, that I may teach the precious things thou dost impart;  
And wing my words, that they may reach the hidden depths of many a heart!
- 4) Oh, fill me with thy fullness, Lord, until my very heart o'erflow  
In kindling thought and glowing word, thy love to tell, thy praise to show!

**BENEDICTION**

May the holy wisdom of God guard your ways and guide your paths.  
May the living truth of God enlighten your hearts and open your minds.  
And may the living Spirit of God give you life, and life to the full. Amen.

**POSTLUDE** *All Glory Be to God on High*, arr. Andreas Nikolaus Vetter (1666-1734)

**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** ~ posted on Literature & Liturgy. <https://jesusscribbles.wordpress.com/>

**Pastoral Prayer** ~ posted on Jeff's Blog. <https://blog.wisch.org/category/benedictions-and-prayers/>

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