

October 17, 2021
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!

Liturgist: Henry Rietz
Vocalist: Treble Vocal Ensemble
Organist: Kenneth Davis
Preacher: John Ashby
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 *In Thee, There Is Rest*, Franz Abt (1819 - 1885)
Thou Hidden Source of Calm Repose, Demetrius Bortniansky (1751 - 1825)

WELCOME

Henry Rietz

INVOCATION

The Spirit descends like a dove,
Bringing peace to unite the world in a just and caring community.

The Spirit comes like a breath,
Bringing life to renew the people of God.

The Spirit spreads like fire,
Bringing energy for witnessing to the love of God.

Spirit of the living God,
Come to us and transform our lives by your power.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

John Ashby

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

SCRIPTURE *Psalm 88, Psalm 111, Hebrews 5:1-10*

Henry Rietz

HYMN NCH 484 *O Come to Me, You Weary*

Words: William C. Dix, 1867, alt.

Music: William Lloyd, 1840

1) "O Come unto me, you weary, and I will give you rest."
The blessed voice of Jesus, which comes to hearts oppressed!
It tells of benediction, of pardon, grace, and peace,
Of joy that hath no ending, of love which does not cease.

2) "O Come unto me, you wanderers, and I will give you light."
The loving voice of Jesus, which comes to cheer the night!
Our hearts were filled with sadness, and we had lost our way;
But morning brings us gladness, and songs for each new day.

3) "O Come unto me, you fainting, and I will give you life!"
The cheering voice of Jesus, which stills our inner strife!
The evil one surrounds us and would our faith subdue,
But you are strong within us, our courage brave and true.

4) "All you who come and seek me will never be cast out."
The welcome voice of Jesus, which drives away our doubt;
And though we are unworthy of love so free and true,
We hear your call to sinners; in trust we come to you.

SERMON *Matthew 11:28-30* *A Long Time, Getting from There to Here* John Ashby

SILENT REFLECTION

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

We pray for peace and comfort for Gayle Strickler and family and friends. Lois passed away on September 29th.

We pray for health and strength for Pasha Buck, George Drake, Betty Anne Francis, Gene McCaw, Verlene Mitchell, Emily Pfitsch, and Gayle Strickler.

PASTORAL PRAYER

O God of all comfort, our help in time of need,
We humbly ask you in the power of your Holy Spirit,
To open our hearts to you,
That we may receive you fully in these times of need,
To allow you to enter our hearts to heal us, your servants.

Look upon us with mercy;
Comfort us with the assurance of your care and goodness;
Save us from temptation and despair;
Give us patience under affliction;
And enable us to live the remainder of life in peace;
Through Jesus Christ, who came that we may have life,
And have it more abundantly.

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 / 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 399 *O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go*

Words: George Matheson (1842 - 1906) Music: Albert L. Peace (1844 - 1912)

1) O love that will not let me go, I rest my weary soul in thee;
I give thee back the life I owe that in thine ocean depths its flow
May richer, fuller be.

2) Oh light that followest all my way, I yield my flickering torch to thee;
My heart restores its borrowed ray, that in thy sunshine's blaze its day
May brighter, fairer be.

3) Oh joy that seekest me through pain, I cannot close my heart to thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain, and feel the promise is not vain
That morn shall tearless be.

4) O cross that liftest up my head, I dare not ask to fly from thee;
I lay in dust's life's glory dead, and from the ground there blossoms red
Life that shall endless be.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *In Peace and Joy I Now Depart*, arr. Johann Christoph Bach (1642 - 1703)

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