

October 24, 2021
Order of Worship
Grinnell United Church of Christ

Liturgist: Nancy E. Brown
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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 *Prelude and Fugue in F Major, Josef Ferdinand Norbertseger (1716-1782)*

INVOCATION

Let us begin this day by rejoicing!
The Lord has done such wonderful things for us.
Let us be glad!
The day before us is uncertain.
We know not what we will encounter on our way.
Wherever we go, we go forth as people of the living God,
And we go forth to touch the lives of all with his healing touch.
Let us begin this day with rejoicing!
and return to our homes with gladness!

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 126; Hebrews 7:23-28*

HYMN NCH 491 *Awake, My Soul, Stretch Every Nerve*
Words: Philip Doddridge (1702-1751), alt.
Music: G. F. Handel, 1728

1) Awake, my soul, stretch every nerve, and press with vigor on;
A heav'nly race demands thy zeal, and an immortal crown,
And an immortal crown.

2) A cloud of witnesses around holds you in full survey;
Forget the steps already trod, and onward urge your way,
And onward urge your way.

3) For God's all-animating voice still calls us to the race;
And God's own hand still gives the prize with never-ending grace,
With never-ending grace.

4) O Savior, shown the way by you, I have my race begun;
And, crowned with victory, at your feet I'll lay my honors down,
I'll lay my honors down.

SERMON *Job 42:1-17*

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 George Drake, Betty Anne Francis, Gene McCaw, Verlene Mitchell, Emily Pfitsch, and Gayle Strickler.

PASTORAL PRAYER

It was a despairing Job who prayed for his friends.
It was Job who had lost everything who asked God's blessing on others.
It was Job who found restoration in his concern for others.

Lord God, we despair at the state of our world and the actions of many within it.
And so we have nothing to lose in offering our prayers for friend and stranger,
those known and unknown to us.

We pray believing that You will rekindle hope where it has been lost
and living where there is mere life.
Among families and friends where there is strife and conflict, bring reconciliation.

Between countries and faiths who speak through bombs and bullets, send peace.
To the refugee, forced from home and unsure of the future, give comfort.
For the abused and the destitute, create a place of safety.

And as we pray for our friends, Lord, reconcile us to You and to one another; help us to share the riches of Your grace with those around us that our days, and theirs may be full of love and light. 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 97 *God of Our Life, Through All the Circling Years*

Words: Hugh T. Kerr (1872-1950), alt. Music: Charles H. Purdy (1799-1885)

1) God of our life, through all the circling years, we trust in thee;
In all the past, through all our hopes and fears, Thy hand, we see.
With each new day, when morning lifts the veil,
we own Thy mercies, Lord, which never fail.

2) God of the past, our times are in your hand; with us abide.
Lead us by faith, to hope's true Promised Land; be Thou our guide.
With thee to bless, the darkness shines as light,
and faith's fair vision changes into sight.

3) God of the coming years, through paths unknown we follow thee;
When we are strong, Lord, leave us not alone; our refuge be.
Be thou for us in life our daily bread,
our heart's true home when all our years have sped.

BENEDICTION

Though we could be resentful, we have come to give thanks.

Though we could be complaining, we have come to offer appreciation.

Though we could be upset about what we lack, we have come in gratitude for what we have.

We now leave this this time of worship and enter our everyday lives,
carrying seed to sow, singing songs of joy, rejoicing together.

Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

POSTLUDE *Voluntary in A minor*, Johann Erasmus Kindermann (1616-1655)

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Invocation ~ posted on the Starters for Sunday website of the Church of Scotland. <http://www.churchofscotland.org.uk/>

Pastoral Prayer ~ Jonathan Fleming, Minister of Cumbrae w Largs St. John's and posted on the Church of Scotland's Weekly Worship website. <http://www.churchofscotland.org.uk/>

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