

**November 14, 2021**  
**Order of Worship**  
**Grinnell United Church of Christ**

*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** *Andante Cantabile*, Eugene Gigout (1844-1925)  
*Air (from Water Music)*, G. F. Handel (1685-1759)

## **INVOCATION**

Come, bless the Lord, in whom we find our refuge and safety.  
You are our God; all the good things come from You alone.  
Come, bless the Lord, who gives us a rich inheritance, and surrounds us with abundance.  
You are our God; our lives are in your hands.

Come, bless the Lord, who guides us on the path to eternal life,  
whose presence strengthens and sustains us. You are our God; we will not be shaken.  
Let's worship God together! 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**     *Psalms 16; Mark 13:1-8*

## **STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION**

**HYMN** NCH 397 *Thank Our God for Sisters, Brothers*

Words: Roger Powell, 1948, alt.     Music: from "The Christian Lyre" (1841)

1) Thank our God for sisters, brothers, one by grace in harmony,  
Joining heart to heart with others, making strong community.  
With the cross of Christ our standard, let us sing as with one voice,  
Glory, glory, yours the promise: we who are the church rejoice.

2) Praise to God for congregations, keeping faith with Christ as guide;  
Many tongues of many nations, song and service unified.  
Sweet the psalm and sweet the carol, when our song is raised as one.  
Glory, glory yours the power, as in heaven your will be done.

3) Holy is your name forever! Heal divisions that remain;  
Bless the church's new endeavors; make our witness one again.  
One in Christ and in Christ's gospel, make us one we now implore.  
Glory, glory, yours the glory, then and now and evermore.

## SERMON

*Hebrews 10:11-25*

## SILENT REFLECTION

## SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

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

*We pray for comfort and peace for Gayle Strickler, family and friends. Lois died September 29<sup>th</sup>. A memorial service for Lois will take place here at Grinnell UCC, **Saturday, December 4, 10:30am.***

*Flowers on the chancel are from Dottie Blazek, in loving memory of Homer F. Perry.*

## PASTORAL PRAYER

Loving God,  
You are our Creator and Sustainer.  
When You open Your hand,  
You satisfy the hunger and thirst of every living thing.  
And so we look to You whenever we are in need,  
trusting in Your love and Your abundant goodness.

As You once fed the hungry crowds with five loaves and two small fish,  
we ask that You would again fill those who are empty this day.  
Pour out Your Spirit on all who hunger and thirst.

We pray for those who are physically hungry—whose stomachs are empty.  
We think especially of people  
who are facing critical food shortages;  
    who are suffering the effects of malnutrition and starvation;  
    and watching helplessly as loved ones die.

Lord, in Your mercy, open Your hand.  
Pour out Your Spirit, so that they may be filled.

We pray for those who are empty emotionally—  
who are lonely and long for companionship and love,  
    who are caught in the grip of depression,  
    or overwhelmed with grief.

Lord, in Your mercy, open Your hand.  
Pour out Your Spirit, so that they may be filled.

We pray for those who are spiritually empty—  
who are troubled, but don't know where to turn;  
    who long for purpose and meaning, but don't know where to look;  
    who need You, but do not yet know You.

Lord, in Your mercy, open Your hand.  
Pour out Your Spirit, so that they may be filled.

God, we praise You for Your abundant gifts in our lives.  
Pour out Your Spirit on us as well.  
Fill us with Your compassion and love,  
so that we would willingly share some of our abundance  
with those who have need.

Lord, in Your mercy, open Your hand.  
Pour out Your Spirit, so that we may be filled.

We pray in the name of Jesus Christ,  
who came so that all of humanity might come to know  
the abundant life that comes from You. 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** NCH 388 *Help Us Accept Each Other*

Words: Fred Kaan, 1974    Music: Samuel S. Wesley, 1864

- 1) Help us accept each other as Christ accepted us;  
teach us as sister, brother, each person to embrace.  
Be present, God, among us and bring us to believe  
we are ourselves accepted and meant to love and live.
- 2) Teach us, O God, your lessons, as in our daily life  
we struggle to be human and search for hope and faith.  
Teach us to care for people, for all, not just for some,  
to love them as we find them, or as they may become.
- 3) Let your acceptance change us, so that we may be moved  
in living situations to do the truth in love,  
To practice your acceptance, until we know by heart  
the table of forgiveness and laughter's healing art.
- 4) Lord, for today's encounters with all who are in need,  
who hunger for acceptance, for righteousness and bread,  
Bring us new eyes for seeing, new hands for holding on;  
renew us with your Spirit, God, free us, make us one!

## **BENEDICTION**

In the loving of neighbor and the sharing of love, together we shall go on.  
In the celebration of life and the sharing of that life together, together we shall go on.  
In the caring of the earth and the sharing of her harvest, together we shall go on.  
In the variety of people and the sharing of our talents, together we shall go on.  
In the laughter we make and the sharing of the journey, together we shall go on.  
In the love of this community and the sharing of our faith, together we shall go on. Amen.

## **POSTLUDE** *Praise God, the Lord*, arr. Johann Gottfried Walther (1684-1748)

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### **WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS:**

**Liturgist:** Tommy Haas

**Instrumentalist:** Liz Rodrigues, Oboe

**Organist:** Kenneth Davis

**Pastor:** Rev. Jessica Margrave Schirm

*And throughout the month...*

**Worship Hosts:** JoAnn Britton, Jeananne Schild

**Chancel Flowers & Paraments:** Sue Ramsey, Glenyce Conway, Sarah White, Oliva Wright, Karen Edwards

**Mayflower Drivers:** Rick Ramsey, Denny Conway, George Britton, Shane Estes, Jay Hansen

### **Worship Resources**

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