

PRELUDE *Prelude in A minor, Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)*
Fugue in A Major, Friedrich Wilhelm Zachau (1663-1712)

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.... **And also with you.**

CALL TO WORSHIP

Hospitable God,
you invite us to a banquet
where the last may be first,
and the humble and the mighty trade places.

**Let us share your abundance with no fear of scarcity;
let us greet strangers as angels you have sent!**

Send your Spirit now
so that we may find a place at your table
and welcome others with radical hospitality.

In the name of Jesus, guest at all our tables, we pray. Amen.

***HYMN** *All Are Welcome (insert)*

SCRIPTURE *Proverbs 25:6-7, Psalm 112*

MUSICAL REFLECTION

SERMON *Luke 14:1, 7-14*

SILENT REFLECTION *Sing! Prayer and Praise p.17 Let Your Spirit Come*

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

We pray for health and strength for *Pasha Buck, Molly Campe, George Drake, Betty Anne Francis, John Saxton, Edd Scheer, Amy Schirm, and Gayle Strickler.*

We pray for comfort and peace for *Nancy Wolff's family and friends. Nancy died on August 1, 2022. Condolences to the family can be mailed to: Kevin Wolff, 712 Lakeshore Drive, Cedar Falls, IA 50613; Karen Brinkley, 13331 N. MacArthur Blvd, #708, Oklahoma City, OK 73142.*

We pray for comfort and peace for *Gene McCaw's Family. Gene died on July 23rd. Condolences to the family can be mailed to: Guy McCaw, 15216 Sundown Ridge Court, Dubuque, IA 52002.*

We pray for comfort and peace for *Jean Libbey's family and friends. Jean died on May 23rd.*

PASTORAL PRAYER

Beloved, teach us to open our shuttered hearts
and our portioned and boarded up spirits
with bold generous and with 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

Our Creator,
who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory 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

BENEDICTION

Creator God, you call us to hospitality;
to give as generously to others as you have given to us.
For there are angels among us.
Loving God, you call us to give you glory
in the compassion we show to one another.
To love without judgment, of ourselves or of others.
We leave this space as one Body,
seeking to walk in the way you have set for us.
We go into this world as one Body,
To serve one another in the Spirit the one who is Love.

Let us go in peace. Amen.

POSTLUDE *Recessional in D Major, G. F. Handel (1685-1759)*

**please stand as you are able, in body or in spirit*

Please join us in the parlor after worship for conversation and refreshments!

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Grinnell UCC Community Preschool has just published a ***Classroom Wish List*** and church members and friends are invited to help provide either monetary donations to purchase needed items OR donate any of the following:

Black Dry Erase Markers

Napkins

Markers

Small Bathroom Cups (3oz or 5oz)

Sticky Tack

Printer Paper

Colored Card Stock

Clorox Wipes

Small Paper Plates

Checks can be dropped in the donation box in the narthex and made to Grinnell UCC with “preschool supplies” in the memo line. Items can be placed in the box labeled “preschool supplies” also found in the narthex.

Retiree Wine and Cheese, Wednesday, August 31, 3pm, in Mayflower’s Buckley Dining Hall.

Worship Resources:

Call to Worship~ written by Rev. Christopher Ney, and posted on the United Church of Christ’s Worship Ways website. <http://www.ucc.org/worship/worship-ways/year-c/p/pentecost-ordinary-time-15.html>

Pastoral Prayer ~ written by Rev. Naomi King, and posted on The Wonderment. <http://thewonderment.typepad.com/>

Benediction ~ adapted from a prayer written by Eliza Buchakjian-Tweedy, Pastor at First Church Congregational, Rochester, NH. She blogs at <http://sermonizing.wordpress.com/>



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Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
August 28, 2022
To Grow in Love of God and Neighbor

Worship Participants

Pastor	Rev. Jessica Margrave Schirm
Liturgist	Liz Hansen
Organist	Kenneth Davis
Artist	Edd Scheer
Worship Hosts	JoAnn Britton, Nancy Brown, Jeananne Schild
Tech Team	Barbara and John Ashby, Dave Eberbach, Josh Sandquist
Sunday Drivers	Rick Ramsey, George Britton, Denny Conway, Shane Estes, John Noer
Chancel Care	Sarah White, Glenyce Conway, Karen Edwards, Sue Ramsey, Oliva Wright