

Granger United Methodist Church
Order of Worship: June 14, 2020
Second Sunday after Pentecost

Greeting

Prayer Concerns

Invitation to Worship – “Sanctuary” Music by Lynne Rench

Lord prepare me, To be a sanctuary
Pure and holy, Tried and true
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living
Sanctuary, for You, Lord prepare me
To be a sanctuary, Pure and holy
Tried and true; With Thanksgiving
I'll be a living, Sanctuary, For you

Scripture Focus: Genesis 4:1-9

Prayer: (unison)

Lord, loving God, maker of all, help us to bear the fruits of the Kingdom, for thorns do not produce grapes and figs do not produce thistles. Thy will be done, O Lord. The seed sown in faith and nurtured in love, and the plant pruned and tended with discernment, bears fruit. The seed of the gospel bears the fruit of the furthering of God's kingdom. The seed of faith, nurtured by the Spirit, enables us to bear the fruits of the Spirit in our lives. The fruit is the goal of our mission; it is also the witness that our mission is done in Christ's way. Thy will be done, O Lord.

Lord's Prayer (unison)

Our Father 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Hymn: “How Can We Name a Love” Music by Lynne Rench

1. How can we name a love that wakens heart and mind,
indwelling all we know or think or do or seek or find?
Within our daily world, in every human face,
Love's echoes sound and God is found, hid in the commonplace.
2. If we awoke to life built on a rock of care that asked no great reward
but firm, assured was simply there,
we can, with parents' names, describe, and thus adore,
Love unconfined, a father kind, a mother strong and sure.
3. So in a hundred names, each day we all can meet
a presence, sensed and shown at work, at home, or in the street.
Yet every name we see, shines in a brighter sun:
In Christ alone is Love full grown and life and hope begun.

Thoughts Along the Way: “God's Questions: Where Is Your Brother?”

Rev. Bruce Hartley

Prayer: (unison)

Slow us down, O God. And speed us up. Let us be slow to speak out in judgmental anger and quick to offer words of encouragement and understanding. Enable us to catch the vision of a life in which the creeds and deeds are one and make the vision our own. Enable us to catch the vision of lives seeking similarities rather than differences, of common ground rather than divergent roads. Enable us to catch the vision of Jesus, in whom all things are one, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Remember the Church with your giving to God

Hymn: "Oh, How I Love Jesus" Music by Lynne Rench

1. There is a Name I love to hear, I love to sing its worth;
It sounds like music in my ear, The sweetest Name on earth.

Refrain:

*Oh, how I love Jesus,
Oh, how I love Jesus,
Oh, how I love Jesus,
Because He first loved me!*

2. It tells me of a Savior's love, Who died to set me free;
It tells me of His precious blood, The sinner's perfect plea.

Refrain

3. It tells of one whose loving heart can feel my deepest woe,
Who in each sorrow bears a part that none can bear below.

Refrain

Go Forth (unison)

You have bathed us, Gracious God, in refreshment for mind and soul. You have wrapped us in the comfort of community.

May we go from here more courageous in your proclamation, more gentle in our care, more humbled by a child's faith and more amazed by your awesome grace. Never let us forget that every hand we shake is your hand, every hug we share is your embrace, every place we meet your people is a stable, a table, a cross where you meet us. Amen.

