This morning’s worship is offered by Grace Episcopal Church in Boone and Good Shepherd Episcopal Church in Webster City.

PRELUDE  Let us put ourselves in the presence of God and each other as we begin our liturgy today. In these times we give voice to our sure and certain hopes for peace in our prayer today.

WORDS OF WELCOME  
Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
And blessed be God’s kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

OPENING COLLECT

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Let us pray.

All-powerful God, your incarnate Word commands our obedience and offers us true life. Make our ears attentive to the voice of your Son and our hearts generous in answering his call, that we may take up the cross with trust in his promises. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. Amen.
THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

A Reading from Genesis

God tested Abraham. He said to him, “Abraham!” And he said, “Here I am.” He said, “Take you son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you.” So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac; he cut the wood for the burnt offering, and set out and went to the place in the distance that God had shown him. On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place far away. Then Abraham said to his young men, “Stay here with the donkey; the boy and I will go over there; we will worship, and then we will come back to you.” Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. So the two of them walked on together. Isaac said to his father Abraham, “Father!” And he said, “Here I am, my son.” He said, “The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?” Abraham said, “God will provide the lamb for a burnt offering, my son.” So the two of them walked on together. When they came to the place that God had shown him, Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. He bound his son Isaac, and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill his son. But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven, and said, “Abraham, Abraham!” And he said, “Here I am.” He said, “Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me.” And Abraham looked up and saw a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. So Abraham called that place “The Lord will provide”; as it is said to this day, “On the mount of the Lord it shall be provided.”

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

PSALM 13

How long, O Lord? will you forget me for ever? * how long will you hide your face from me?

How long shall I have perplexity in my mind, and grief in my heart, day after day? * how long shall my enemy triumph over me?

Look upon me and answer me, O Lord my God; * give light to my eyes, lest I sleep in death;

Lest my enemy say, “I have prevailed over him, * and my foes rejoice that I have fallen.

But I put my trust in your mercy; * my heart is joyful because of your saving help.

I will sing to the Lord, for he has dealt with me richly; * I will praise the Name of the Lord Most High.

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans

Do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace. What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness: But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the
heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification. When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew

Glory to you, Lord Christ

Matthew 10:40-42

Jesus said, “Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receives a prophet’s reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple – truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.”

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Christ

THE HOMILY

The Rev. Robert Kem

THE NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Through Christ, your healing touch reaches into our suffering and our fear, O God, raising us to new life and wholeness. Empower our hearts with your generosity, that we may reach out also I concern for others, as we pray:

We wait for you, O God;
For with you there is mercy.

Almighty One, you are known by your acts of justice: Let your goodness be sustained by all who hold authority in the nations. May we live into the ideals of liberty and justice for all. We pray that the needy shall not be forgotten, and the hope of the poor shall not be taken away.

We wait for you, O God;
For with you there is mercy.

Compassionate God, let your quiet strength work in our sleep and in our rising, night and day, to nurture your purpose for all people, that new life may sprout and grow, and produce a harvest of abundant life for all your creatures.

We wait for you, O God;
For with you there is mercy.

Loving God, let your healing and protection be powerfully present to all who suffer in body, mind or spirit. Be with those afflicted with the COVID 19 virus throughout the world.

We wait for you, O God;
For with you there is mercy.

Eternal God, bring into your peace those who have died. We hold up all those known and unknown who have died of COVID 19 and those who have died of violence in our streets.

We wait for you, O God;
For with you there is mercy.

Hear our prayers for those for whom we intercede:

Today we lift up, especially:

All health care personnel, especially Dr. Joel, Physicians Assistant Anja, Nurses Kimberly, Barbara, Cindi, Robbie, Heidi and Nadine.

We also lift up:

Malissa and family, Paul, Gaylene, Valerie, Brian, Dean, Cindy, Nancy, Tim, Paul, Amy, Taylor, Troy, Tom, Larry, Jenna, Ashlyn, Wanda and Craig, Judy, Barbara, Nina and Hal, Lin, Cliff, Laurie, Darla, Manny, Hannah, Jacob, Zac, Naomi, John, Mark, Mary Jane, David, Kerry, Jim, Lynda, Jean, Kelsey, Ella, Cheryl, Esther, Randy, Jenny, Tammy, Lacey, Roy, Dave, Kevin, Pat, David, Barb, Brian, Ardis, Darla, Pat, Laurie, Joyce, Mary Kay, Tonya, Janet, Elisa, Joe, Hannah, Bishop Alan and Donna.

We tell of all your praises and rejoice in your salvation as we bring also our prayers of gratitude and thanksgiving.

The People are invited to type additional names in the message box.

We wait for you, O God;
For with you there is mercy.

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We wait for you, O God; 
For with you there is mercy.

The Presider adds a suitable collect

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name.
Amen.

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you in all

THE PEACE
We greet each other in the name of the Lord. Even as we are apart this day, we are together in the Lord.

The Peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

THE OFFERTORY
All things come of Thee, O Lord, and of Thine own have we given Thee.
OFFERTORY HYMN 1982 Hymnal #594

1 God of grace and God of glory, on thy people pour thy power;
crown thine ancient Church’s story; bring her bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour,
hour, for the facing of this hour.

2 Lo! the hosts of evil round us scorn thy Christ, as sail his ways!
From the fears that long have bound us free our hearts to faith and praise:
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the living of these days,
days, for the living of these days.

3 Cure thy children’s warring madness, bend our pride to thy control;
let the gift of thy salvation be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, lest we miss thy kingdom’s goal,
goal, lest we miss thy kingdom’s goal.

4 Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore;
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving thee whom we adore.
dore, serving thee whom we adore.

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THE HOLY COMMUNION

Eucharistic Prayer for Care of Creation

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to God our Creator.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

We should always remember to thank you, our Root and Source of life.
For you brought light and life into the world, you made the wind your messenger, you gave us rain for the earth, and you commanded the sun.

You have created the little blue stem and the blazing star, the black-eyed susan and the purple prairie clover. You made the monarch and the bumble bee, the golden and the bald eagles.

You made us, humankind, to be stewards of the earth and all that grows on it. You renewed us by sending your Son Jesus Christ, who by becoming one of us, showed us the way of love. He is, for us, like the roots of your prairie grasses, deeply dug into the earth to be our foundation and anchor.

For all this we give thanks and praise, joining together with the voices of all your saints who have lived the way of love, singing this hymn that proclaims your power.

Holy, Holy, Holy, God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

Creator and Source of life, we are grateful that in love you made us to be caretakers of your creation, but like the branch that separates from the vine, we have turned away from you. We have forgotten to live in the way of love, caring for your people and the natural world, as caretakers of your creation.

You remained faithful and in love sent your son, Jesus, to live as one of us, to teach us the way back to you. Just as fire in the prairie restores new life, Jesus offered his own body on the cross to be the one and only sacrifice for all of creation to show us the way to new life in you.

On the night before he died, Jesus taught his disciples, saying, “This is my commandment, ‘that you love one another as I have loved you.’” He took bread, broke it, gave thanks, and shared it with them saying, “Take and eat, this is my Body given for you and for all creation. Do this to remember me.”

Then he took the cup of wine, and said, “I am the vine and you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit.” He gave thanks and shared it with his friends, saying, “Take and drink, this is my Blood, shed for you and for all creation.
Do this to remember me.”

Together let us tell of the mystery of the resurrection:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Remembering Jesus’ life and death, and celebrating our place in salvation, we offer these gifts of bread and wine as a sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. They were made with human hands from the gifts of your creation.
We also offer ourselves, a living sacrifice, to be your people. Let us bear fruit as the branches of the vine. Send your Spirit on these gifts to be a Holy Sacrament. Make them for us the Body and Blood of your Son. Send your Spirit, also, on us, your people, so that we may be a Sacrament to the world.

Grant to us the strength to be the hands of Christ in the world, to work for the earth’s healing and to bring your people back to you, and give us hope in the promise that you will bring your creation to fulfillment through Jesus Christ.

We ask all of these things through your Son Jesus Christ. Through him, through the Holy Spirit which he sent for us as an advocate and ever-present guide, and through you, Creator God, all honor and glory belong to you.
AMEN.

THE LORD’S PRAYER
And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

    Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name,
    thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
    on earth as 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, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD
Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The gifts of God for the People of God.
Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION
As those who are physically present receive the Bread and Wine, those who are digitally present are invited to say the following prayer for communion with Christ, from A Prayer Book for the Armed Services (2008):

    In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church,
    where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated,
    I desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving.
    I remember your death, Lord Christ;
    I proclaim your resurrection;
    I await your coming in glory.
    And since I cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood,
    I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart.
    Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus,
    and let me never be separated from you.
    May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come.
    Amen.
THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray

Eternal God, heavenly Father,
    you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
    and you have fed us with the spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
    and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
    with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN  Hymnal 1982  #494

5 Crown him the Lord of heaven, enthroned above;

1 Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne; Hark!
2 Crown him the Son of God before the worlds began, and
3 Crown him the Lord of life, who triumphed over the grave, and
4 Crown him of lords the Lord, who over all doth reign, who
5 Crown him the Lord of heaven, enthroned in worlds above; Crown

1 how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own; a-
2 ye, who tread where he hath trod, crown him the Son of man; who
3 rose victorious in the strife for those he came to save; his
4 once on earth, the incarnate Word, for ransomed sinners slain, now
5 him the King, to whom is given the wondrous name of Love. Crown

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia!
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!

This Eucharistic Prayer for Care of Creation was written by Jennifer Latham, a member of St. Paul’s, Grinnell, when she was a seminarian at the Church School of the Pacific. Jenn wrote this prayer for a course in liturgy. Jenn was part of the group at St. Paul’s-Grinnell that worked to create our “pocket prairie”, a small natural plan area with permeable pavers and Iowa grasses. We are grateful for this beautiful liturgy Jenn has created. Used with permission; in context of liturgy of the Book of Common Prayer.

We invite you to join us online next week for worship offered by St. Paul’s, Marshalltown at 10:00am.

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