

## PRELUDE

*Let Me Be Thine Forever*, arr. Johann Christoph Bach (1671-1721)  
*God Gave to Us this Glorious Day*, Johann Gottfried Walther (1684-1748)  
*A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*, arr. Walther

## WELCOME

Rev. Bob Molsberry, Rev. Jessica Margrave Schirm

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Dr. Cameron Barr

## HYMN

NCH 4 *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You*

## SCRIPTURE

*Exodus 3:1-17; Mark 12:28-34*

Rev. Dr. Orlan Mitchell, Tommy Haas

## CHARGE

Rev. Jessica Margrave Schirm

## HYMN

NCH 451 *Be Now My Vision*

## PRESENTATION

Julie Eberbach, Grinnell UCC Representative  
Rev. Jessica Margrave Schirm, Central Association Representative

## ORDINATION VOWS

### ACCLAMATION

**Jessica:** Representatives of the Central Association of the Iowa's Conference of the United Church of Christ, you have heard the promises Henry has made. What is your will?

**Central Association Members:**

**By the grace of God, he is worthy! Let us ordain him. Come, Holy Spirit.**

**Jessica:** Will you support Henry in the ministry of God?

**Central Association members:**

**We will!**

## HYMN

NCH Inside Cover *We Are Servants of God*

## LAYING ON OF HANDS

**Jessica:** The laying on of hands is the symbolic act whereby the church in every age recognizes God's call to ministry in the lives of faithful people and asks the Holy Spirit to confer on them gifts for ordained ministry. In an effort to maintain some measure of social distancing in the midst of this continued pandemic, at this time we invite all ordained persons who are comfortable doing so to come forward and lay hands on Henry, and then we invite all of the rest of us extend our hands as a sign of blessing toward Henry as we pray.

**Bob:** Let us pray. Eternal God, in wisdom you govern all things, and from the beginning you have chosen faithful people to serve you in ministry, calling some apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip all your people for the work of the ministry and for building up the body of Christ. Now bless and sanctify by your Holy Spirit your servant Henry, whom we, in your name and in obedience to your will, by prayer and with the laying on of hands, ordain to the ministry of the church, committing to him the authority to preach your word, administer the sacraments, and exercise the

responsibilities of pastor and teacher. Bestow on him the power of your Holy Spirit confirming what we do. Let the same mind be in him that was also in Christ Jesus. Enable him to nourish your people in the faith of the gospel. Fill his speech with truth and his life with purity. Increase the faith of Henry in you, strengthen him in the day of trouble, prosper his words and works that your name may be glorified and your truth exalted; through Jesus Christ our Sovereign and Savior.

**Congregation: Thanks be to God! Amen.**

## **DECLARATION**

**Jessica:** In the name of Jesus Christ, the head of the church, and by the authority of the Central Association of the Iowa Conference of the United Church of Christ, I declare you to be ordained into the ministry of Jesus Christ. You are granted ordained ministerial standing in the United Church of Christ; and on behalf of its people, we rejoice with you in Christian love.

## **INSTALLATION**

**Julie:** The Grinnell United Church of Christ-Congregational, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, has called Henry Morisada Rietz as its associate pastor and respectfully requests that the Central Association install him in this ministry among us, according to the faith and order of the United Church of Christ.

**Jessica:** The Central Association has reviewed the request of the Grinnell United Church of Christ-Congregational. We have prayerfully examined Henry, and we are pleased to install him as your associate pastor.

Installation is the action of an association of the United Church of Christ in cooperation with a local church. Installation confirms and celebrates the covenantal relationship among a local church, its pastor, and the United Church of Christ. Installation is a sign that these covenantal partners are committed to share mutually in the mission of the United Church of Christ and of the ecumenical church.

**Jessica:** Dear friends, the Grinnell United Church of Christ-Congregational has declared that, having gathered under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, it has called Henry to minister in this place as associate pastor; it now receives him as appointed by God for this ministry. The Central Association of the United Church of Christ has declared that he has met all the necessary conditions for installation to this office.

Henry, seeing that you are called to ordained ministry by the grace of God and that the Grinnell United Church of Christ has been led to call you as associate pastor, are you willing to enter this covenant with its members who are one with us in the Central Association?

**Henry:** I am willing, and I promise to serve this church faithfully, preaching and teaching the word of God, administering the sacraments, and fulfilling the associate pastoral office, according to the faith and order of the United Church of Christ.

**Julie:** Members of the Grinnell United Church of Christ-Congregational, will those who are able rise and affirm your covenant with Henry as our associate pastor?

**Members of Grinnell UCC:**

**We, the members of the Grinnell United Church of Christ-Congregational, receive Henry as our associate pastor, promising to labor with him in the ministry of the gospel and to give him due honor and support. We gather with him and with the United Church of Christ as a sign of our mutual ministry in Christ's name.**

**Jessica:** Members of the Central Association, will those who are able rise and affirm your covenant with the Grinnell United Church of Christ-Congregational and its associate pastor?

**Central Association Members:**

**We, the members of the Central Association of the United Church of Christ, gather with you Grinnell UCC, with your people, with Jessica your pastor and now with Henry your associate pastor, as a sign of our covenant and in celebration of our mutual ministry in Christ's name.**

**Jessica:** Let us pray. Almighty God, you have called your servants to make promises before you; now enable us to keep our vows that we may remain steadfast in faith and fruitful in every good work.

**Julie:** Bless, we pray, your servant Henry, to whom the care of your people in this church is now committed. Pour out your Holy Spirit on him, on the people of the Grinnell United Church of Christ, and on all the churches of the Central Association that our mutual ministry may be served with all faithfulness, diligence, and courage.

**Jessica:** Grant us the spirit of power and of love and of a sound mind. Make our ministry a means of awakening the careless, strengthening the faithful, comforting the afflicted, building up your church, and caring for your creation and converting sinners to you.

**Julie:** Guard us against the snares of temptation that we may be kept pure in heart, fervent in spirit, and valiant against evil. And at last, by your grace, receive us in your eternal home, where, with you and the Holy Spirit, Christ reigns in glory, one God, for ever and ever. Amen

**Jessica:** In the name of God, and on behalf of the Central Association of the Iowa Conference of the United Church of Christ, Henry I declare you duly installed as associate pastor of the Grinnell United Church of Christ.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

Rev. Henry W. Morisada Rietz, Rev. Mary Nelson

**HYMN** NCH 423 *Great is Your Faithfulness*

**BENEDICTION**

Rev. Henry W. Morisada Rietz

May God extend and deepen our gratitude, then confirm with us and among us the prophet's mandate of old:  
to do justice, and  
to love kindness, and  
to walk humbly with our God. Amen.

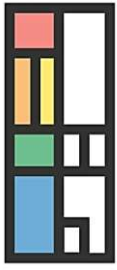
**POSTLUDE** *If You but Trust in God to Guide You*, J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

**Please join us after the service for a reception downstairs in Friendship Hall.**

**WORSHIP RESOURCES**

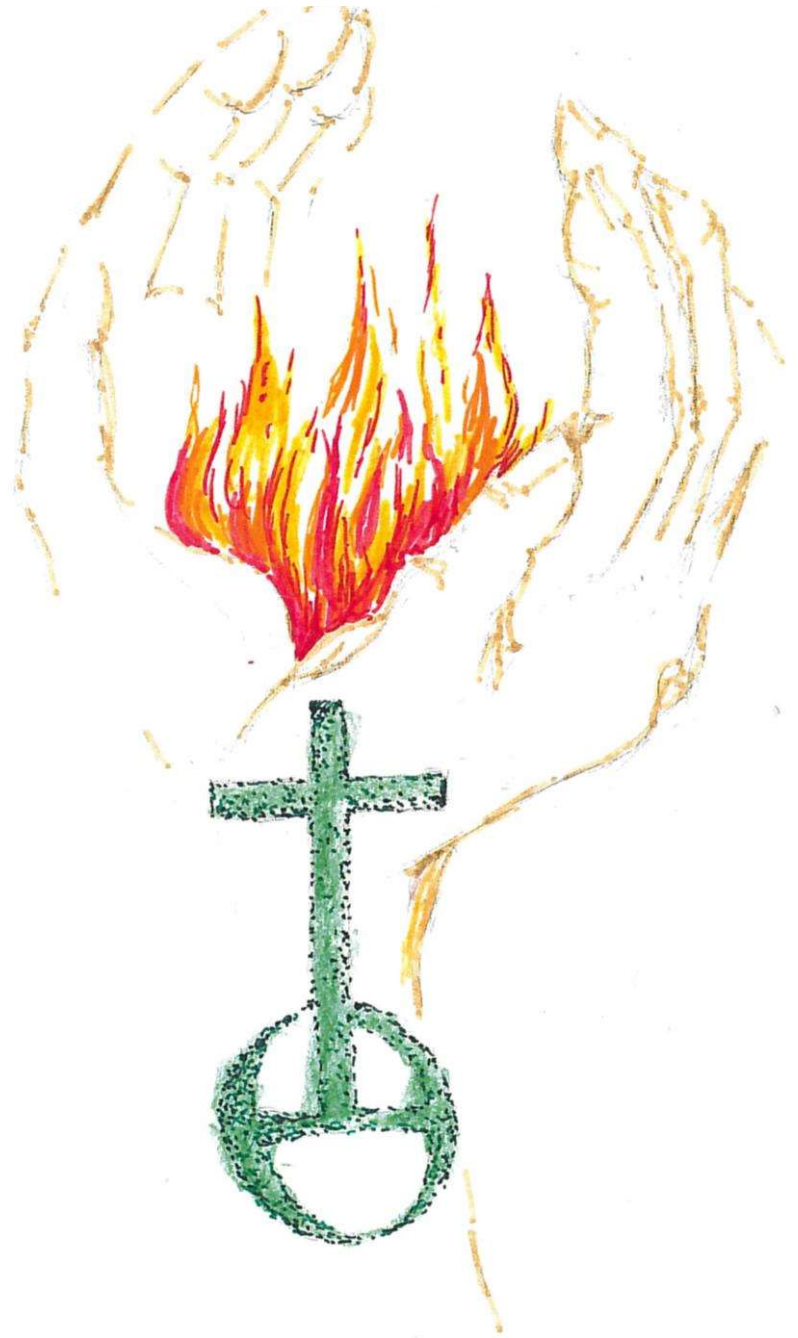
*Book of Worship: United Church of Christ.* Communion liturgy adapted from the one written by the Members in Discernment, Central Association Meeting of the Iowa Conference, Fall 2019.

Benediction excerpted from Dennis W. Haas, *To the God of Many Names: Prayers for a College Community 1966-1993*, p. 36.



**GRINNELL**

*United Church of Christ  
Congregational*



**Ordination and Installation of Henry W. Morisada Rietz**

**Pentecost Sunday**

**June 5, 2022 at 3pm**

***To Grow in Love of God and Neighbor***

Worship Participants

Liturgists      Rev. Dr. Cameron Barr, Tommy Haas, Rev. Dr. Orlan Mitchell, and Rev. Mary Nelson

Organist        Kenneth Davis

Artist           Edd Scheer

Pastor and Central Association Representative  
Grinnell United Church of Christ Representative  
Iowa Conference of the UCC Representative

Rev. Jessica Margrave Schirm  
Julie Eberbach, Moderator  
Rev. Bob Molsberry, Acting Conference Minister