



*June 11, 2023*  
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*Sunday Morning Meditation*

One of the most powerful ways to gain entrance into someone's heart is to serve them.

– Melody Rossi  
*May I Walk You Home? (2007)*

Greenfield Charge United Church of Christ  
Mt Hope 8:30am                      Greenfield 9:50am  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday After Pentecost / “Mercy”

June 11, 2023  
Grace 11:00am

*Community News*

*Prayer List and Prayers of the People*

*Prelude/Lighting of the Candles*

\* *Call to Worship*

We celebrate as we work toward greater inclusion in every church, workplace, and family.

**We gather today to be refreshed, renewed, and strengthened in our faith and in our resolve for the work we must do together.**

Listen, there is a voice calling us.

**It is the voice of our Divine Beloved.**

The one who loves us invites us to mingle our voices together.

**We call out in worship and praise together.**

Bring your hopes, expectations, and longings that you have carried with you throughout the week.

**Here they are. We speak them in our spirit and with our words.**

Come and worship. Come and praise. Come and pray.

**We commit ourselves to this sacred time of celebration.**

\* *Invocation*

Reveal Yourself

Reveal Yourself now

Rise up in this assembly

We step into Your Sacred Circle

We invite You into our Sacred Circle

As we reveal ourselves to You

We also reach out to You and call upon You

Reveal Yourself now

\* *Opening Hymn*

*“Jesus Calls Us”*

*Mt Hope VH #386*

*Greenfield CH #592*

*Grace VH #386*

## *Prayer for Transformation and New Life*

God of Mercy, change us where we need to be changed.

**God of the Resistance, we stand with you and with our all our siblings in rebellion against our racist system.**

Divine Beloved, we acknowledge that it is hard to see ourselves as you see us.

**Too frequently we put ourselves down or feel shameful about our personhood.**

We malign your excellence and creativity when we try to fit into boxes not made in our shape.

**Remind us of our goodness when we praise Your goodness.**

The extent of Your image is a mystery to us. Help us to see this great mystery in ourselves.

**Find us, O God, in the midst of our fear. Give us strength to proclaim, “We are made in the image of The Divine!”**

## *Words of Assurance*

All that The Creator made is good. Rest assured; The Creator made you. You are good. You are holy. You are sacred. Sometimes we have to be careful how we present ourselves to others and with whom we share our authentic selves. While not all people can be trusted, we trust God to love us and celebrate us for who we really are. Lift up your head. Be proud. Allow yourself to know who you are. We praise God when we celebrate the diversity of humankind. Let us glorify God by celebrating the beautiful mystery and diversity that we each hold in ourselves. May your mind be at peace, your spirit soar, and your body be elated, as you feel Holy Love surrounding and uplifting you. Amen.

## *First Reading*

**Genesis 12:1-19 NIV**

### *The Call of Abram*

**12** The LORD had said to Abram, “Go from your country, your people and your father’s household to the land I will show you.

<sup>2</sup>“I will make you into a great nation,  
and I will bless you;

I will make your name great,  
and you will be a blessing.

<sup>3</sup>I will bless those who bless you,  
and whoever curses you I will curse;  
and all peoples on earth  
will be blessed through you.”

<sup>4</sup> So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he set out from Harran. <sup>5</sup> He took his wife Sarai, his nephew Lot, all the possessions they had accumulated and the people they had acquired in Harran, and they set out for the land of Canaan, and they arrived there.

<sup>6</sup> Abram traveled through the land as far as the site of the great tree of Moreh at Shechem. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. <sup>7</sup> The LORD appeared to Abram and said, "To your offspring I will give this land." So he built an altar there to the LORD, who had appeared to him.

<sup>8</sup> From there he went on toward the hills east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. There he built an altar to the LORD and called on the name of the LORD.

<sup>9</sup> Then Abram set out and continued toward the Negev.

\* *The Reading of the Holy Gospel*

**Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26 NIV**

*Gloria Tibi (Glory be to Thee, O Lord.)*

**TH #497**

*The Calling of Matthew*

<sup>9</sup> As Jesus went on from there, he saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax collector's booth. "Follow me," he told him, and Matthew got up and followed him.

<sup>10</sup> While Jesus was having dinner at Matthew's house, many tax collectors and sinners came and ate with him and his disciples. <sup>11</sup> When the Pharisees saw this, they asked his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?"

<sup>12</sup> On hearing this, Jesus said, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. <sup>13</sup> But go and learn what this means: 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners."

*Jesus Raises a Dead Girl and Heals a Sick Woman*

<sup>18</sup> While he was saying this, a synagogue leader came and knelt before him and said, "My daughter has just died. But come and put your hand on her, and she will live." <sup>19</sup> Jesus got up and went with him, and so did his disciples.

<sup>20</sup> Just then a woman who had been subject to bleeding for twelve years came up behind him and touched the edge of his cloak. <sup>21</sup> She said to herself, "If I only touch his cloak, I will be healed."

<sup>22</sup> Jesus turned and saw her. “Take heart, daughter,” he said, “your faith has healed you.” And the woman was healed at that moment.

<sup>23</sup> When Jesus entered the synagogue leader’s house and saw the noisy crowd and people playing pipes, <sup>24</sup> he said, “Go away. The girl is not dead but asleep.” But they laughed at him. <sup>25</sup> After the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took the girl by the hand, and she got up. <sup>26</sup> News of this spread through all that region.

\* *Gloria Patri*

*Children's Message / Congregation Conversation*

\* *Meditation Hymn*      “*Softly and Tenderly*”

*Mt Hope* VH #420

*Greenfield* CH #479

*Grace* VH #420

*Today's Message*

\* *The Apostle's Creed*

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth:  
And in Jesus Christ his only begotten Son, our Lord; who was  
conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered  
under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he  
descended into hades; the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the  
Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick  
and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic/Christian church; the  
communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of  
the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

\* *The Lord's Prayer*

**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 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.**

\* *Sung Response*

“*Hear Our Prayer, O Lord*”

TH # 501

## *The Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings*

Offertory Statement

Offertory (MH)

\* Doxology

TH # 551

\* Offertory Prayer

**We are all one human family. In your love you created us.**

**Through your grace you reach out to us. You are great enough to hold us all in your arms at the same time. Help us to open our hearts to the world that you love. Teach us to weave our lives together. We yield to Spirit, offering what we have to the greater good. In this way, each day, we begin again in love. Amen.**

\* *Closing Hymn*

**“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”**

*Mt Hope* VH #28

*Greenfield* CH #139

*Grace* VH #28

\* *Benediction*

Go forth. When the light is too bright, be comforted in the shadows. When the dark is too dense, be illumined by the light. When the road is too rocky, be soothed by the grass. When the chill is biting, be warmed by the breath of God. Go forth. Carrying with you and within you the strength of God renewed, the power of God assured, and the wisdom of God embedded within your spirit and inspired from God’s Spirit. Go forth. In the Name of Love. Amen.

\* *Three-Fold Amen*

TH # 558

\* *Postlude/Extinguishing of the Candle*

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**Mercy:** Rev. Mak Kneebone, who is passionate about creating wholeness in our broken world by following the path of Jesus as Christ.

**Newsletter:** Items for the 3Q newsletter are due to Jeanne by June 18. Please note, after 16 years, Jeanne has determined it is time to turn the preparation of the newsletter over to the next interested person. If you would like to enter the world of publishing, please speak with Jeanne. In the interim, we will be preparing “Trinity Briefs” at the beginning of each quarter and including these as a supplement to the bulletin. At a minimum, we will still publish the Schedule of Worship, birthdays/anniversaries, and other notes of importance. Otherwise, notices of meetings, trips, etc... will be included as bulletin notes, as needed. Thanks for your support through the years! Jeanne