



June 2, 2024
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Sunday Meditation

Come and yoke yourself with Jesus Christ. Come and find rest from the burden of your sin. Come and trade your busy life for His, because only by the power of the Son of God will there be rest for your soul.

Angela Thomas McGuffey
Tender Mercy for a Mother's Soul (2001)

Greenfield Charge United Church of Christ
Mt Hope 8:30am
2nd Sunday after Pentecost / Sabbath

June 2, 2024
Grace 11:00am

Community News

Prayer List and Prayers of the People

Prelude/Lighting of the Candles

* *Call to Worship*

Psalm 129:1-5, 14 Adapted

Holy One, you have searched and known us.

**You know when we sit down and when we rise up; you
discern our thoughts.**

You search out our paths and our lying downs and are acquainted
with all my ways.

**Even before a word is on our tongues, O Holy One, you know
it completely.**

You hem us in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon us.

**We praise you, for we are fearfully and wonderfully made.
Wonderful are your works; that we know very well.**

* *Invocation*

based on Deuteronomy 5:12

We are called to “observe the Sabbath day and keep it holy, as our
God commanded us.” Be with us Holy One, so that we may be
refreshed and renewed. May the Holy Spirit descend upon us as
we gather in worship and praise, for all you do in Jesus’ name.
Amen.

* *Opening Hymn*

“I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say”

Mt Hope VH #335

Greenfield FHP #54

Grace VH #335

Prayer for Transformation and New Life

As we gather in worship, let us take this moment to consider our needs for transformation and forgiveness. I invite you to quietly reflect on our need for grace.

Moment of Silence

Dear God, the creator of all things based on love. You created us in your image of love and there have been times we have fallen short of that love, not only to you but to each other and all of creation. I ask for your forgiveness and from you, present today, my siblings, sisters and brothers in Christ. I thank you for the comforting strength and compassion of the Holy Spirit to do better in bringing love and grace and all I do. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Words of Grace

Scripture tells us “Light will shine out of darkness,” and though we may be “afflicted in every way, we are not crushed, perplexed but not driven to despair” and when we turn to God for blessed grace; grace is always granted. Amen.

First Reading

Deuteronomy 5:12-15 NRSV

¹² “Observe the Sabbath day and keep it holy, as the LORD your God commanded you. ¹³ Six days you shall labor and do all your work. ¹⁴ But the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work—you, or your son or your daughter, or your male or female slave, or your ox or your donkey, or any of your livestock, or the resident alien in your towns, so that your male and female slave may rest as well as you. ¹⁵ Remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and the LORD your God brought you out from there with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm; therefore the LORD your God commanded you to keep the Sabbath day.

God's Appeal to Stubborn Israel

- ¹ Sing aloud to God our strength;
shout for joy to the God of Jacob.
- ² Raise a song; sound the tambourine,
the sweet lyre with the harp.
- ³ Blow the trumpet at the new moon,
at the full moon, on our festal day.
- ⁴ For it is a statute for Israel,
an ordinance of the God of Jacob.
- ⁵ He made it a decree in Joseph,
when he went out over the land of Egypt.
I hear a voice I had not known:
- ⁶ "I relieved your shoulder of the burden;
your hands were freed from the basket.
- ⁷ In distress you called, and I rescued you;
I answered you in the secret place of thunder;
I tested you at the waters of Meribah. *Selah*
- ⁸ Hear, O my people, while I admonish you;
O Israel, if you would but listen to me!
- ⁹ There shall be no strange god among you;
you shall not bow down to a foreign god.
- ¹⁰ I am the LORD your God,
who brought you up out of the land of Egypt.
Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it.

* *The Reading of the Holy Gospel*

Mark 2:23 – 3:6 NRSV

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

TH #497

Pronouncement about the Sabbath

²³ One Sabbath he was going through the grain fields, and as they made their way his disciples began to pluck heads of grain. ²⁴ The Pharisees said to him, "Look, why are they doing what is not lawful on the Sabbath?" ²⁵ And he said to them, "Have you never read what David did when he and his companions were hungry and in need of food, ²⁶ how he entered the house of God when Abiathar was high priest and ate the bread of the Presence, which it is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and he gave some to his companions?" ²⁷ Then he said to them, "The Sabbath was made for

humankind and not humankind for the Sabbath, ²⁸ so the Son of Man is lord even of the Sabbath.”

The Man with a Withered Hand

3 Again he entered the synagogue, and a man was there who had a withered hand. ² They were watching him to see whether he would cure him on the Sabbath, so that they might accuse him. ³ And he said to the man who had the withered hand, “Come forward.” ⁴ Then he said to them, “Is it lawful to do good or to do harm on the Sabbath, to save life or to kill?” But they were silent. ⁵ He looked around at them with anger; he was grieved at their hardness of heart and said to the man, “Stretch out your hand.” He stretched it out, and his hand was restored. ⁶ The Pharisees went out and immediately conspired with the Herodians against him, how to destroy him.

* *Gloria Patri*

Children's Message / Congregation Conversation

* *Meditation Hymn* “O Day of Rest and Gladness”

Mt Hope VH #14

Greenfield FHP #78

Grace VH #14

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

**O Holy One, with gratefulness we offer and dedicate these
gifts for the continuation of our work in Christ's Name.
Amen.**

* *Closing Hymn*

“Open My Eyes, That I May See”

Mt Hope VH #156

Greenfield FHP #278

Grace VH #156

* *Benediction*

Dear friends, we have been nourished and renewed in this Sabbath day with the love of God who created us, God who redeemed us, and God who sustains us. Go in peace, sharing the Good News. Amen.

* *Three-Fold Amen*

TH # 558

* *Postlude/Extinguishing of the Candle*

Sabbath: Service Prayers for the Second Sunday after Pentecost was written by Rev. Roberto Ochoa, Minister for Ethnic Inclusion, & Congregational Support for Rural and Small Churches for the National Setting of the United Church of Christ. He is a member of Mt. Zion Congregational UCC in Cleveland, OH.