



World Communion Sunday

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Sunday Morning Meditation

To gather with God's people in united adoration of the Father is as necessary to the Christian life as prayer.

- Martin Luther

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Joint Service
World Communion Sunday/Pastor Appreciation**

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Greenfield 11:00am**

Community News

Prayer List and Prayers of the People

Prelude/Lighting of the Candles

* *Call to Worship*

Increase our faith!

Let our worship uncover clearer understandings of you.

Increase our trust!

Let our worship unearth stronger connections to you.

Increase our hope!

Let our worship unleash fresher possibilities from you.

* *Invocation*

Meet us here with all our questions and insecurities. Challenge our knowledge and certainties. Transform our beliefs and perceptions. Influence our commitments and actions.

* *Opening Hymn*

“Here I Am, Lord”

CH #589

Prayer for Transformation

We don't always get what you mean, Storytelling Jesus. We *want* to be better followers, so we exclaim, “Increase our faith!” Your response exposes our flawed approach, well-intentioned though it may be. Forgive us for transacting our faith for your favor.

<observe a moment of silence>

Words of Grace

God's abundance is illogical and immeasurable. Though we may not understand it, we are yet worthy of basking in the undeserved goodness of God. Praise be!

¹ Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, in keeping with the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus,

² To Timothy, my dear son:

Grace, mercy and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

Thanksgiving

³ I thank God, whom I serve, as my ancestors did, with a clear conscience, as night and day I constantly remember you in my prayers. ⁴ Recalling your tears, I long to see you, so that I may be filled with joy. ⁵ I am reminded of your sincere faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice and, I am persuaded, now lives in you also.

Appeal for Loyalty to Paul and the Gospel

⁶ For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands. ⁷ For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline. ⁸ So do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner. Rather, join with me in suffering for the gospel, by the power of God. ⁹ He has saved us and called us to a holy life—not because of anything we have done but because of his own purpose and grace. This grace was given us in Christ Jesus before the beginning of time, ¹⁰ but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior, Christ Jesus, who has destroyed death and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. ¹¹ And of this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher. ¹² That is why I am suffering as I am. Yet this is no cause for shame, because I know whom I have believed, and am convinced that he is able to guard what I have entrusted to him until that day.

¹³ What you heard from me, keep as the pattern of sound teaching, with faith and love in Christ Jesus. ¹⁴ Guard the good deposit that was entrusted to you—guard it with the help of the Holy Spirit who lives in us.

* *The Reading of the Holy Gospel
Gloria Tibi (Glory be to Thee, O Lord.)*

Luke 17:5-10 NIV

⁵ The apostles said to the Lord, “Increase our faith!”

⁶ He replied, “If you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mulberry tree, ‘Be uprooted and planted in the sea,’ and it will obey you.

⁷ “Suppose one of you has a servant plowing or looking after the sheep. Will he say to the servant when he comes in from the field, ‘Come along now and sit down to eat’? ⁸ Won’t he rather say, ‘Prepare my supper, get yourself ready and wait on me while I eat and drink; after that you may eat and drink’? ⁹ Will he thank the servant because he did what he was told to do? ¹⁰ So you also, when you have done everything you were told to do, should say, ‘We are unworthy servants; we have only done our duty.’”

* *Gloria Patri*

Children's Skit: Thank you, Pastor Wendy

* *Meditation Hymn* “*It Is Well with My Soul*” CH #705

Hymn Sing & Words of Appreciation

Pastor Appreciation Journal Of Gratitude for Pastor Wendy

*Enter into His gates with thanksgiving,
And into His courts with praise.
Be thankful to Him, and bless His name. (Psalm 100:4)*

We often neglect to tell those who matter most how much God blesses us through their lives. Our church family relationships are richer when we express our gratitude to God for them and tell them so. Gratitude starts with humility, acknowledging that we enjoy blessings because of God’s mercies.

**We reflect on Pastor Wendy for whom we are grateful and
we share the overflow of our hearts with you and your
family. We trust your Pastor Appreciation blessing will
become a treasured legacy.**

Father, we give thanks for Pastor Wendy Farber
**for your hard work preparing for three services every
Sunday**

for the special services you prepare as needed
**for your time away from your family as you prepare for these
services**

for your dedication to the Greenfield Charge
for time together as a family of God

for our continuing love relationship with You through Jesus
for our Christian love relationship with each other

for life, health, bright minds, and physical safety
for food, clothing, a comfortable house, a clean bed

for enjoying being together to worship and fellowship
for the uniqueness of each one

for the rock of strength that prayer is for us
**for faithful friends who encourage us by praying for our
family**

for seeing God's hand of grace at work in our lives as we
experience more of Him

**for God's plan for our lives and His enabling to keep us in
His will each day**

for weaknesses through which God shows Himself strong in us
for wisdom and guidance in daily circumstances

for strength for daily demands of job and family
for hope, peace, victory, satisfaction, and fulfillment

for spiritual strength in spiritual battles
**for Your patience in the testing, struggles, and refining that
we grow through**

for Jesus' sufficiency for today's grace
for forgiveness received and forgiveness extended

for hearts of obedience

**for all those on our prayer list whose lives are in God's care
for more than we could ever deserve!**

Thanks, for who you are and all you mean to us.

In Christian Love & Prayers,

The Greenfield Charge United Church of Christ; Grace, Greenfield
& Mt Hope

(Adapted from *Journal of Gratitude* by Sylvia Gunter)

As a result of your ministry, they will give glory to God. For your generosity to them and to all believers will prove that you are obedient to the Good News of Christ. And will pray for you with deep affection because of the overflowing grace God has given to you. 2 Corinthians 9:13-14



Call to Communion

Friends, what we are about to do is to celebrate the Joyful Feast of the people of God.

When we are able, with the Holy Spirit, to experience the vision of love for God's World here on earth – then all of creation will come as equal companions to sit at this table.

In the meantime, you and I are invited to eat and drink, to be nourished and renewed for the ongoing work of justice, embracing mercy, and walking humbly with God.

**Communion Hymn* "Let Us Break Bread Together" CH #460

Holy Communion Litany

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Responsive Communion Praise

Blessed are you, O Lord, our God, king of the universe. Blessed are you, and blessed is your will.

**Before time began, your love brought all things into being
and all things were created for your glory.**

Blessed are you, gracious Father, for at the appointed times you sent your Son, who sat at a table with his disciples, gave thanks to you and took a loaf of bread, broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: “Take and eat. This is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

**Before time began, your love brought all things into being
and all things were created for your glory.**

Again, after supper, he took the cup and giving thanks to you, he gave it to his disciples, saying: “Take and drink. This cup is the new covenant in my blood, poured out for you and for all people, for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

**Before time began, your love brought all things into being
and all things were created for your glory.**

Come to us now, O Holy Spirit, that, partaking in this meal, you would breathe life into us again. Come to us now, O Holy Spirit, that, partaking in this meal, you would make us one.

**Before time began, your love brought all things into being.
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, may all things be created
anew for your glory ...**

* *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.

Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!

Blessed are those who are called to his table.

Lord, I am not worthy to receive you.

But only speak the Word and I shall be healed.

These are the gifts of God for the People of God.

Amen. Thanks be to God.

Sharing of the Elements

Pew Communion

Prayer

This has been no ordinary meal. We have been fed and nourished with the life of our Risen Lord Jesus.

We go from here, refreshed and eager, to share that life with others. In the name of our Risen Lord, we pray. Amen.



* *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.

* *Sung Response*

“Hear Our Prayer, O Lord”

The Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Statement

Offertory (MH)

* Doxology

* Offertory Prayer

We thank you for these gifts of money, time, and selves that we cheerfully give to you, Multiplying God. Expand and bless every single one in service to you and the work you've called us to do. Amen.

* *Closing Hymn* "In My Heart There Rings a Melody " CH #502

* *Benediction*

As we go back into the ordinariness of the world out there, may God infuse our whole selves with the specialness that we've created here together. Let it shape everything we say and do as bearers of God's image. May it be so!

* *Three-Fold Amen*

* *Postlude/Extinguishing of the Candle*

Increase Our Faith: Service Prayers for after Pentecost were written by The [Rev. Phiwa Langeni](#), the Ambassador for Innovation & Engagement for the UCC's [CARDD](#), and the Founder and former Director of [Salus Center](#) in Lansing, MI.

Pastor Appreciation Day

RESPECT THOSE WHO LABOR AMONG YOU AND ARE
OVER YOU IN THE LORD...ESTEEM THEM VERY
HIGHLY IN LOVE BECAUSE OF THEIR WORK.

1 THESSALONIANS 5:12-13 (ESV)



There will be a luncheon following the service today. Please stay & visit with Pastor Wendy.