



*October 24, 2021*  
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### *Centering Meditation*

And now, friends, we ask you to honor those leaders who work so hard for you, who have been given the responsibility of urging and guiding you along in your obedience.

1 Thessalonian 5:12

Greenfield Charge United Church of Christ  
Joint Service @ Mt Hope 11:00am  
22nd Sunday after Pentecost | Proper 25  
Pastor Appreciation Sunday

October 24, 2021

*Community News*

*Prelude/Lighting of the Candles*

*Prayer of Invocation* – (In unison)

**Lord we have gathered this day to worship You and to hear Your Holy Word. Bless our time together, bless our ears that they may hear, our minds that they may understand, and our hearts that help us to live out Your Word. In Jesus Name. Amen.**

\* *Call to Worship*

*based on Psalm 19:1*

The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims God's handiwork.

**We come together to sing of God's glory.**

We come today to rejoice in God's work.

**We come today to give thanks for God's call and to those who said yes.**

We come to worship the God who calls and ordains; the God who loves and redeems.

**Let us worship in spirit and in truth. Amen.**

\* *Opening Hymn* "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

VH #12

*Call to Confession*

Proverbs 28:13 says, "Whoever conceals their sins does not prosper, but the one who confesses and renounces them finds mercy." May we seek God's mercy together.

### *Prayer of Confession*

**Heavenly Father, we confess that we desire many things in life, but that we are not always prepared to receive the things that you long to provide—the things that you know we need. Help us, by your Holy Spirit, to be prepared for your work in our lives. Let us be your servants, who receive all the blessings of your household. Let us share with others the joy of working in your name. We pray these things in the name of Jesus, our Lord. Amen.**

### *Assurance of Pardon*

God, who sees, hears and knows all things, has heard the plea of your contrite hearts. You are forgiven through His Holy Love.

**We open our hearts to Your Ways O Lord. May our thankfulness be made known through the way we live and honor you. Amen.**

### *Epistle Reading*

**Hebrews 5:1-10** The Message

**5** <sup>1-3</sup> Every high priest selected to represent men and women before God and offer sacrifices for their sins should be able to deal gently with their failings, since he knows what it's like from his own experience. But that also means that he has to offer sacrifices for his own sins as well as the peoples'.

<sup>4-6</sup> No one elects himself to this honored position. He's called to it by God, as Aaron was. Neither did Christ presume to set himself up as high priest, but was set apart by the One who said to him, "You're my Son; today I celebrate you!" In another place God declares, "You're a priest forever in the royal order of Melchizedek."



\* *The UCC Statement of Faith*

**We believe in you, O God, Eternal Spirit, God of our Savior Jesus Christ and our God, and to your deeds we testify:**

**You call the worlds into being, create persons in your own image, and set before each one the ways of life and death.**

**You seek in holy love to save all people from aimlessness and sin.**

**You judge people and nations by your righteous will declared through prophets and apostles.**

**In Jesus Christ, the man of Nazareth, our crucified and risen Savior, you have come to us and shared our common lot, conquering sin and death and reconciling the world to yourself.**

**You bestow upon us your Holy Spirit, creating and renewing the church of Jesus Christ, binding in covenant faithful people of all ages, tongues, and races.**

**You call us into your church to accept the cost and joy of discipleship, to be your servants in the service of others, to proclaim the gospel to all the world and resist the powers of evil, to share in Christ's baptism and eat at his table, to join him in his passion and victory.**

**You promise to all who trust you forgiveness of sins and fullness of grace, courage in the struggle for justice and peace, your presence in trial and rejoicing, and eternal life in your realm which has no end.**

**Blessing and honor, glory and power be unto you.**

**Amen.**

