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Centering Words

Taste and see that the Lord is good. God's steadfast love endures forever.

Psalm 34

Greenfield Charge United Church of Christ
Mt Hope 8:30am Greenfield 9:50am
23rd Sunday after Pentecost / Reformation Sunday

October 27, 2024
Grace 11:00am

Community News

Prayer List and Prayers of the People

Prelude/Lighting of the Candles

* *Call to Worship*

Inspired by Job 42, Psalm 34

Magnify the Lord.

Praise God's holy name.

The Lord hears the pleas of the perishing.

God transforms our suffering into songs of joy.

God restores our fortunes when calamity strikes.

Bless the Lord and praise God's holy name!

* *Opening Prayer*

Source of healing and mercy, heed us when we cry out in our need. Give us the wisdom and the courage to accept the limits of our understanding, as Job did before us. Give us the confidence to sing your praises, even when fear and doubt darken our thoughts. Grant us your healing balm, O God, that we may be made well and follow you all the days of our lives. Amen.

Lyrics & Tune by Martin Luther

* *Opening Hymn* "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

Mt Hope VH #29

Greenfield CH #151

Grace VH #29

Prayer for Yearning

God of quiet mystery, we come looking for a blessing. We long to be counted among the wise, but often find ourselves among the foolish, speaking without knowledge. We yearn to be found among the righteous but often travel with those who boast without cause. We desire to be instruments of your grace, but often meet genuine pain with empty words. As blind Bartimaeus before us, grant us the courage to cry out in our need, for you are ever drawing near to make us whole. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Draw near to God in Christ, and God will draw near to you. Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Job 42:1-6, 10-17 NRSV

Job Is Humbled and Satisfied

¹ Then Job answered the Lord:

² “I know that you can do all things
and that no purpose of yours can be thwarted.

³ ‘Who is this that hides counsel without knowledge?’

Therefore I have uttered what I did not understand,
things too wonderful for me that I did not know.

⁴ ‘Hear, and I will speak;

I will question you, and you declare to me.’

⁵ I had heard of you by the hearing of the ear,
but now my eye sees you;

⁶ therefore I despise myself
and repent in dust and ashes.”

Job’s Fortunes Are Restored Twofold

¹⁰ And the Lord restored the fortunes of Job when he had prayed for his friends, and the Lord gave Job twice as much as he had before. ¹¹ Then there came to him all his brothers and sisters and all who had known him before, and they ate bread with him in his house; they showed him sympathy and comforted him for all the evil that the Lord had brought upon him; and each of them gave him a piece of money and a gold ring. ¹² The Lord blessed the latter

days of Job more than his beginning, and he had fourteen thousand sheep, six thousand camels, a thousand yoke of oxen, and a thousand donkeys. ¹³ He also had seven sons and three daughters. ¹⁴ He named the first Jemimah, the second Keziah, and the third Keren-happuch. ¹⁵ In all the land there were no women so beautiful as Job's daughters, and their father gave them an inheritance along with their brothers. ¹⁶ After this Job lived one hundred and forty years and saw his children and his children's children, four generations. ¹⁷ And Job died, old and full of days.

* *The Reading of the Holy Gospel*

Mark 10:46-52 NRSV

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

TH #497

The Healing of Blind Bartimaeus

⁴⁶ They came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. ⁴⁷ When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" ⁴⁸ Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" ⁴⁹ Jesus stood still and said, "Call him here." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart; get up, he is calling you." ⁵⁰ So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. ⁵¹ Then Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man said to him, "My teacher, let me see again." ⁵² Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well." Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

* *Gloria Patri*

Children's Message / Congregation Conversation

Melody by Martin Luther

* *Meditation Hymn* "We Come Unto Our Father's God"

Mt Hope PH #271

Grace TH #361

* *Meditation Hymn* “Open My Eyes, That I May See”

Greenfield CH #563

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

Mighty God, as you restore sight to the blind and healing to the afflicted, use these offerings to provide refuge for the lost and mercy for those who suffer. May our gifts find those who cry out in need and who seek you with receptive hearts. Amen.

* *Closing Hymn*

“Pass Me Not”

Mt Hope VH #431

Greenfield CH #489

Grace VH #431

* *Benediction*

God heals the broken and makes the wounded whole.

We go with peace in our hearts.

God finds the lost and gives them a home.

We go with joy and thanksgiving.

God visits the lonely and makes them family.

We go with as the people of God.

* *Three-Fold Amen*

TH # 558

* *Postlude/Extinguishing of the Candle*