



***October 03, 2021***  
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***Centering Meditation***

‘In God’s dimension, so to speak, you find a being who is three Persons while remaining one Being, just as a cube is six squares while remaining one cube.’

***C. S. Lewis***  
*Mere Christianity (1952)*

Greenfield Charge United Church of Christ  
Mt Hope 8:30am                      Greenfield 9:50am  
19<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost | Proper 22  
World Communion Sunday

October 3, 2021  
Grace 11:00am

*Community News*

*Prayer List and Prayers of the People*

*Prelude/Lighting of the Candles*

\* *Call to Worship*

We were created in relationship and for relationship.

**We are created for community!**

God knew it was not right for us to be alone.

**We are created for community!**

Through Jesus Christ, God entered into human relationship with us.

**We are created for community!**

We rejoice in our unity with all humanity.

**We are created for community!**

\* *Opening Hymn*    “*Crown Him With Many Crowns*”

*Mt Hope* VH #7

*Greenfield* CH #45

*Grace* VH #7

*Prayer of Confession*

God-made-flesh,

Bone of our bone,

We confess that we think we can go it alone,

That we try to do it all,

That in doing so, we neglect the gifts you have given us:

The bone of our bone,

The flesh of our flesh,

The bodies you created,

And the relationships you created us for.

**Jesus Christ, you who lived in a human body,**

**Call us to community.**

**Remind us that in you we are one.**

**Awake in us a respect for one another,**

**And celebrate with us the diversity within that unity.  
May it be so now and forever. Amen.**

*Words of Assurance*

You are the divine creation, and it is not right for you to be alone. Know now that you are forgiven and called back into relationship with God and with one another.

\* *The Reading of the Holy Scripture*

**Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12 NIV**

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

**TH #497**

***God's Final Word: His Son***

In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets at many times and in various ways, <sup>2</sup> but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom also he made the universe. <sup>3</sup> The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word. After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven. <sup>4</sup> So he became as much superior to the angels as the name he has inherited is superior to theirs.

***Jesus Made Fully Human***

<sup>5</sup> It is not to angels that he has subjected the world to come, about which we are speaking. <sup>6</sup> But there is a place where someone has testified:

“What is mankind that you are mindful of them,  
a son of man that you care for him?”

<sup>7</sup> You made them a little lower than the angels;  
you crowned them with glory and honor

<sup>8</sup> and put everything under their feet.”

In putting everything under them, God left nothing that is not subject to them. Yet at present we do not see everything subject to them. <sup>9</sup> But we do see Jesus, who was made lower than the angels for a little while, now crowned with glory and honor because he suffered death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

<sup>10</sup> In bringing many sons and daughters to glory, it was fitting that God, for whom and through whom everything exists, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through what he suffered. <sup>11</sup> Both the one who makes people holy and those who are made holy are of the same family. So Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters. <sup>12</sup> He says,

“I will declare your name to my brothers and sisters;  
in the assembly I will sing your praises.”

\* *Gloria Patri*

*Children's Message*

\* *Meditation Hymn*      **“Of The Father’s Love Begotten”**

*Mt Hope PH #111*

*Greenfield CH #240*

*Grace TH #13*

*Today's Message*



### *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”**

*Mt Hope PH #288*

*Greenfield CH #460*

*Grace Insert*

### *Holy Communion Litany*

Christ is Risen!

**Christ is risen indeed!**

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 God our thanks and praise.**

### *Responsive Communion Praise*

God of the Resurrection, this is the day of all days! Today, we celebrate the empty tomb. Death could not hold your son! You raised him! The hopes and dreams of your people are joyfully bursting forth in song.

**We know and believe that because Jesus lives, we shall live. Forever! We do not want our joy to ever fade! Cause the truth of the resurrection to transform us into bold witnesses for you. Enable us to make the most of the time that we have in order to reach every creature on earth with the good news of the kingdom.**

We remember as Jesus and his disciples were eating the Passover Feast in the Upper Room, Jesus took a loaf of bread and blessed it, broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my body, broken for you."

After the meal, Jesus took the cup and gave it to his disciples saying, "This cup is my blood, the blood of the new covenant, poured out for you. As often as you drink it, do so in remembrance of me."

God of the Resurrection, send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts, so that the bread we break may be for us - communion in the body of Christ, and the cup of blessing which we drink may be for us - communion in the blood of Christ; and that being built up in love, we may be strengthened in the unity of the faith and come to full maturity in Christ our Lord, who taught us to pray together ...

**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!  
**We see him in his Glory! We see him in his Mercy! We see him in his Ministry to the world, a ministry to which he calls us to complete.**

May his example inspire us; may his presence empower us until all the world knows that the victory has been won.

**Worthy is the Lamb of God, the Lamb that was slain, to receive all power and wealth, wisdom and might, honor and glory and praise. Amen.**

## *Sharing of the Elements*

## **Pew Communion**

God of the Resurrection, we your faithful people remember what you have done and we give you our hearts. We are not worthy to stand before the Lamb who was slain for our sins, but in the power of the Risen Christ, we pray that we may become new creatures - living lives worthy of the Lamb's glory.

**Blessed is the Lamb of God. Amen.**

## *Prayer*

O Christ, we thank you for this feast of life. Fed by your love, and strengthened by your life; we humbly accept your call to go into this world to live with hope, and to share your joy.

**You commission us to feed as we have been fed, forgive as we have been forgiven, and love as we have been loved.**

**Thanks be to God. 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"*

TH # 501

*The Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings*

Offertory Statement

Offertory (MH)

\* Doxology

TH # 551

\* Offertory Prayer

**God of all creation, breathe your life-giving breath upon  
these gifts that they might be a blessing to all flesh.**

\* *Closing Hymn*      *“Rejoice, The Lord Is King”*

*Mt Hope PH #204*

*Greenfield CH #370*

*Grace VH #45*

\* *Benediction*

As you leave this sacred space, live out your connection with one another, knowing that all humanity is bone of our bone, flesh of our flesh, one world communion.

In the name of the triune God: the Creator, the Christ, and the Holy Spirit.

\* *Three-Fold Amen*

TH # 558

\* *Postlude/Extinguishing of the Candle*