



CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY

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Sunday Meditation

“There are only two ways to live your life. One is as though nothing is a miracle. The other as is though everything is a miracle.”

Albert Einstein

Greenfield Charge United Church of Christ
Mt Hope 8:30am

Greenfield 9:50am

November 22, 2020
Grace 11:00am

25th Sunday after Pentecost – Reign of Christ

Community News

Prayer List and Prayers of the People

Prelude

Lighting of the Candles

* *Call to Worship*

based on Psalm 100

Know that the Holy One is God.

We are God's people.

Worship the Holy One with gladness;

Come into God's presence with singing.

Enter God's gates with thanksgiving, and God's courts with praise.

Make a joyful noise!

For God is good;

God's steadfast love endures forever,

and God's faithfulness to all generations.

Let us worship with thanks and joy!

Let us praise God in song and word and prayer!

* *Opening Hymn*

"Christ is Made the Sure Foundation"

Mt Hope PH #263

Greenfield CH #403

Grace TH #324

Gathering Prayer

Gracious God, we long to know you better.

Open us to recognize your presence,

to receive you fully,

and to be ready to follow your leading. **Amen.**

Prayer of Confession

Loving God, too often,

we overlook the needs of people around us
while we proclaim our devotion to you.
We could do so much more to feed the hungry,
clothe the naked, to welcome the stranger, and heal the sick.
We fail to see how our prison system diminishes the humanity of
all of us,
how our medical system denies healing to the poor,
how poverty leaves children without coats,
how legal obstacles keep strangers at a distance.
Open our eyes to see your presence in every person,
and to respond to their needs so that we may be rightly called by
your name.

Words of Assurance

Though we wander, God searches us out.
Speaking through Ezekiel, God said,
“As shepherds seek out their flocks
when they are among their scattered sheep,
so, I will seek out my sheep.
I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been
scattered on a day of clouds and thick gloom.”
God reaches out to us, longing to bring us ever closer.
Hear this good news: you are forgiven and free. Amen.

The Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Statement

* Doxology

* Offertory Prayer

TH # 551

**God of abundance, we give these offerings of material goods
as our commitment to give back to you and to care for your
people. Let our giving remind us to see Jesus all around us.
Use our offerings of money and of our lives for ministry to
your purposes. Amen.**

Epistle Lesson

**Ephesians 1:15-23 NIV
Mt. Hope pg. 1852**

Thanksgiving and Prayer

¹⁵ For this reason, ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all God's people, ¹⁶ I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. ¹⁷ I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. ¹⁸ I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, ¹⁹ and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is the same as the mighty strength ²⁰ he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, ²¹ far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every name that is invoked, not only in the present age but also in the one to come. ²² And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, ²³ which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.

* *The Reading of the Holy Gospel*

Matthew 25:31-46 NIV

Mt. Hope pg. 1579

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

TH #497

The Sheep and the Goats

³¹ "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his glorious throne. ³² All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. ³³ He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left.

³⁴ "Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. ³⁵ For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, ³⁶ I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.'

³⁷ "Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to

drink? ³⁸ When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? ³⁹ When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?’

⁴⁰ “The King will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’

⁴¹ “Then he will say to those on his left, ‘Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. ⁴² For I was hungry and you gave me nothing to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, ⁴³ I was a stranger and you did not invite me in, I needed clothes and you did not clothe me, I was sick and in prison and you did not look after me.’

⁴⁴ “They also will answer, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or needing clothes or sick or in prison, and did not help you?’

⁴⁵ “He will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me.’

⁴⁶ “Then they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life.”

* *Gloria Patri*

Children's Message

* *Meditation Hymn* “*Now Thank We All Our God*”

Mt Hope PH #29

Greenfield CH #788

Grace TH #72

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

* *Closing Hymn* *"All Creatures of Our God and King"*
Mt Hope PH #64 *Greenfield CH #63* *Grace TH #15*
All verses vs 1-4 vs 1,2,3,5

* *Benediction*

May God give you wisdom and revelation.
May the eyes of your heart be enlightened.
May you know the hope to which God has called you,

In the name of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy
Spirit, one God, now and forevermore. **Hallelujah! Amen!**

* *Three-Fold Amen*

* *Postlude/Extinguishing of the Candle* TH # 558

* *Postlude 2/Exiting the Church*