



*November 13, 2022*  
*Greenfield Charge United Church of Christ*

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*Ways to celebrate Veterans Day*

- **Veterans can get free or discounted meals**
- **Visit a state park or Museum** - Many state parks and museums offer free entry on Veterans Day. Visit their website or call ahead to double-check.
- **Express thanks** – extend a simple word of gratitude or small act of kindness to show how much their service means to you.
- **Support Veteran-Owned Businesses**
- **Make a Donation or Volunteer**
- **Wear a red poppy to show support**
- **Observe a Moment of Silence**

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Mt Hope 8:30am

Greenfield 9:50am

Grace 11:00am

23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost / Honoring Veteran's Day

*Community News*

*Prayer List and Prayers of the People*

*Prelude/Lighting of the Candles*

\* *Call to Worship*

Steadfast One, there is no wavering in you.

**We come boldly, yet uncertain and unsure.**

Fountain of truth, you reveal what is true and what is not.

**You help us to see and hear so we'll know which road to travel.**

Eternal Wisdom, your mind and heart are stayed on loving us.

**We set our hearts and minds to love ourselves and others, the way that you do.**

\* *Invocation*

Unwavering One, we are thankful for the clarity found in you. You welcome us into your presence, even when we aren't sure of our approach to you. We delight in knowing that even when we come stumbling over ourselves, your love is sure to pick us up and steady us. Because you are love, you keep your promises to us. Help us walk unwavering in the love that helps us keep our promises too. Amen

\* *Opening Hymn*

**"To the Work!"**

*Mt Hope* VH #377

*Greenfield* FHP #363

*Grace* VH #377

*Prayer for Transformation and New Life*

**Source of Grace, we confess that at times we can be indecisive, wavering, and even suspicious concerning you. Yet, you are loving toward us even when we are not. We know that you are trustworthy, so we yield our doubts to you. You are persistent in extending grace toward us because your compassion is ever-expanding. Thank you for this moment of transformation. We give you thanks for wholeness. Amen.**

*Words of Grace*

God is unwavering in mercy, and because we come from God, we know God's grace is sufficient no matter our condition. Grace and mercy are extensions of God's steadfast love and are present for us and in us. Amen.

### *Psalm Reading*

### **Psalm 98 NIV**

<sup>1</sup> Sing to the LORD a new song,  
for he has done marvelous things;  
his right hand and his holy arm  
have worked salvation for him.  
<sup>2</sup> The LORD has made his salvation known  
and revealed his righteousness to the nations.  
<sup>3</sup> He has remembered his love  
and his faithfulness to Israel;  
all the ends of the earth have seen  
the salvation of our God.  
<sup>4</sup> Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth,  
burst into jubilant song with music;  
<sup>5</sup> make music to the LORD with the harp,  
with the harp and the sound of singing,  
<sup>6</sup> with trumpets and the blast of the ram's horn—  
shout for joy before the LORD, the King.  
<sup>7</sup> Let the sea resound, and everything in it,  
the world, and all who live in it.  
<sup>8</sup> Let the rivers clap their hands,  
let the mountains sing together for joy;  
<sup>9</sup> let them sing before the LORD,  
for he comes to judge the earth.  
He will judge the world in righteousness  
and the peoples with equity.

### *Epistle Reading*

### **2 Thessalonians 3:6-13 NIV**

#### ***Warning Against Idleness***

<sup>6</sup> In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, we command you, brothers and sisters, to keep away from every believer who is idle and disruptive and does not live according to the teaching you received from us. <sup>7</sup> For you yourselves know how you ought to follow our example. We were not idle when we were with you, <sup>8</sup> nor did we eat anyone's food without paying for it. On the contrary, we worked night and day, laboring and toiling so that we would not be a burden to any of you. <sup>9</sup> We did this, not because we do not have the right to such help, but in order to offer

ourselves as a model for you to imitate. <sup>10</sup> For even when we were with you, we gave you this rule: “The one who is unwilling to work shall not eat.”

<sup>11</sup> We hear that some among you are idle and disruptive. They are not busy; they are busybodies. <sup>12</sup> Such people we command and urge in the Lord Jesus Christ to settle down and earn the food they eat. <sup>13</sup> And as for you, brothers and sisters, never tire of doing what is good.

\* *The Reading of the Holy Gospel*

Luke 21:5-19 NIV

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

TH #497

*The Destruction of the Temple and Signs of the End Times*

<sup>5</sup> Some of his disciples were remarking about how the temple was adorned with beautiful stones and with gifts dedicated to God. But Jesus said, <sup>6</sup> “As for what you see here, the time will come when not one stone will be left on another; every one of them will be thrown down.”

<sup>7</sup> “Teacher,” they asked, “when will these things happen? And what will be the sign that they are about to take place?”

<sup>8</sup> He replied: “Watch out that you are not deceived. For many will come in my name, claiming, ‘I am he,’ and, ‘The time is near.’ Do not follow them. <sup>9</sup> When you hear of wars and uprisings, do not be frightened. These things must happen first, but the end will not come right away.”

<sup>10</sup> Then he said to them: “Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. <sup>11</sup> There will be great earthquakes, famines and pestilences in various places, and fearful events and great signs from heaven.

<sup>12</sup> “But before all this, they will seize you and persecute you. They will hand you over to synagogues and put you in prison, and you will be brought before kings and governors, and all on account of my name. <sup>13</sup> And so you will bear testimony to me. <sup>14</sup> But make up your mind not to worry beforehand how you will defend yourselves. <sup>15</sup> For I will give you words and wisdom that none of your adversaries will be able to resist or contradict. <sup>16</sup> You will be betrayed even by parents, brothers and sisters, relatives and friends, and they will put some of you to death. <sup>17</sup> Everyone will hate you because of me. <sup>18</sup> But not a hair of your head will perish. <sup>19</sup> Stand firm, and you will win life.

\* *Gloria Patri*

*Children's Message*

\* *Meditation Hymn*      “Lead On, O King Eternal”

*Mt Hope* PH #375

*Greenfield* CH #724

*Grace* VH #394

*Today's Message*

*The Best on Earth: A Veteran's Day Tribute*

By Joanna Fuchs

If someone has done military service,  
They earn the title "veteran," and more;  
They earn our deep respect and admiration;  
That they are special no one can ignore.

They sacrificed the comforts we enjoy;  
The list is long of all the things they gave.  
Our veterans are extraordinary people;  
They're loyal, dedicated, true and brave.

When terror and invasion were real threats,  
They showed us they could handle any storm.  
We owe our freedoms and our very lives  
To our veterans, who served in uniform.

Our veterans should be celebrities;  
They're exceptional; no other group compares.  
We're grateful for the many things they've done;  
They're always in our hearts and in our prayers.

We owe our veterans support and friendship;  
Let no one ever question what they're worth.  
These men and women served us and our country,  
Our veterans--the very best on earth.

\* *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*

**Divine One, receive our gifts in the love we give them. Thank you for blessing us with gifts to share, so the needs of your people can be met. We offer our gifts with made-up minds. May what we give be used to facilitate wholeness for all. Amen.**

*\* Closing Hymn*      *“He Keeps Me Singing”*  
*Mt Hope VH #260*      *Greenfield CH #746*      *Grace VH #260*

*\* Benediction*

As you depart this space, keep watch, and pray that the things you find pleasure in, do not distract you from the one who made all things for you to enjoy. Be unwavering in your openness to the promise of God's love. Let the mind of Christ be in you. Amen.

*\* Three-Fold Amen*      TH # 558

*\* Postlude/Extinguishing of the Candle*