



*November 17, 2024*  
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*Centering Words*

How great is our God? Great enough to hold us when we fall.  
Great enough to love us when we feel unlovable. Great enough to  
sustain and strengthen us all the days of our lives.

Greenfield Charge United Church of Christ  
Mt Hope 8:30am                      Greenfield 9:50am  
26<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost / All Thrown Down

November 17, 2024  
Grace 11:00am

*Community News*

*Prayer List and Prayers of the People*

*Prelude/Lighting of the Candles*

\* *Call to Worship*

Inspired by 1 Samuel 2:1-10

The Holy One raises up the poor from the dust and lifts the needy to inherit a seat of honor. For the pillars of the earth belong to the Holy One. And on them God has set the world.

**Exalt in the Holy One! Find strength in God. God guards the faithful.**

Wickedness will perish. Righteousness will thunder. For not by might does one prevail.

**Exalt in the Holy One! Find strength in God. God guards the faithful.**

Worship the Holy One through grief and gladness, in despair and hope, in peace and trial.

**Exalt in the Holy One! Find strength in God. God guards the faithful.**

\* *Invocation*

Eternal and Everlasting God, our time is finite and precious. Help us to be present in each moment and honor our days. Give us a heart to pursue beauty, glory, and justice for your name's sake. Reign in our lives and move through our hearts. Open up our spirits to declare your praise, glory, and honor. We seek your face, your voice, and your power in our gathering. Amen.

\* *Opening Hymn*

**“O Worship the King”**

*Mt Hope VH #24*

*Greenfield CH #104*

*Grace VH #24*

## *Prayer for Transformation and New Life*

**Redeemer and Liberator, we call upon your power to make all things new. We confess that we have compromised your good news and settled for a comfortable gospel rather than embrace the radical love, hospitality, and inclusion of your kingdom. We have been satisfied with a faith that conforms to the world rather than one that challenges the systems and ways of the world. Forgive us for our focus on our own survival and pleasure while your creation perishes all around us. For your mercy and in repentance, we pray. Amen.**

## *Words of Grace*

Beloved, you bear the image of God. You receive power from the Spirit of God. Be encouraged that Holy Love meets you with boldness and renewal. Let God be glorified as you accept the call to be the activating agents of a new world where love reigns, hope endures, and peace abounds.

## *Psalm Reading*

**Psalm 16 NRSV**

### *Song of Trust and Security in God*

<sup>1</sup> Protect me, O God, for in you I take refuge.

<sup>2</sup> I say to the Lord, "You are my Lord;  
I have no good apart from you."

<sup>3</sup> As for the holy ones in the land, they are the noble ones  
in whom is all my delight.

<sup>4</sup> Those who choose another god multiply their sorrows;  
their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out  
or take their names upon my lips.

<sup>5</sup> The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup;  
you hold my lot.

<sup>6</sup> The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;  
I have a goodly heritage.

<sup>7</sup> I bless the Lord, who gives me counsel;  
in the night also my heart instructs me.

<sup>8</sup> I keep the Lord always before me;  
because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.

<sup>9</sup> Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices;  
my body also rests secure.

<sup>10</sup> For you do not give me up to Sheol  
or let your faithful one see the Pit.

<sup>11</sup> You show me the path of life.  
In your presence there is fullness of joy;  
in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

\* *The Reading of the Holy Gospel*

Mark 13:1-8 NRSV

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

TH #497

*The Destruction of the Temple Foretold*

**13** As he came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, “Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!” <sup>2</sup> Then Jesus asked him, “Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down.”

<sup>3</sup> When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, <sup>4</sup> “Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?” <sup>5</sup> Then Jesus began to say to them, “Beware that no one leads you astray. <sup>6</sup> Many will come in my name and say, ‘I am he!’ and they will lead many astray. <sup>7</sup> When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. <sup>8</sup> For nation will rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs.

\* *Gloria Patri*

*Children's Message / Congregation Conversation*

\* *Meditation Hymn*      “O God, Our Help in Ages Past”

*Mt Hope* VH #301

*Greenfield* CH #686

*Grace* VH #301

*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

**Holy Love, may these gifts and offerings make a difference in this life of the community we love, serve, and reflect. May these gifts and offerings extend beyond the borders and boundaries of the stones that encase us to the world that needs us. May these gifts and offerings be a balm to a world in need of comfort and a fire to a world in need of refining. May it begin within us and flourish beyond us. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.**

\* *Closing Hymn*

*“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”*

*Mt Hope* VH #28

*Greenfield* CH #139

*Grace* VH #28

\* *Benediction*

As you go, embrace the good, proclaim the truth, be the good news. Amen.

\* *Three-Fold Amen*

TH # 558

\* *Postlude/Extinguishing of the Candle*

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