



November 7, 2021
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Centering Meditation

On this mountain, the LORD Almighty will prepare a feast of rich food for all peoples, a banquet of aged wine - the best of meats and the finest of wines. On this mountain he will destroy the shroud that enfolds all peoples, the sheet that covers all nations; he will swallow up death forever.

Isaiah 25:6-8 NIV

Greenfield Charge United Church of Christ
Mt Hope 8:30am Greenfield 9:50am
24th Sunday after Pentecost | Proper 27
All Saints Sunday

November 7, 2021
Grace 11:00am

Community News

Prayer List and Prayers of the People

Prelude/Lighting of the Candles

* *Call to Worship*

The earth and all that is in it belongs to the Holy One.

Look, here is our God, for whom we have waited.

This is the Holy One, for whom we have waited.

Let us be glad and rejoice in our salvation.

Who shall ascend the hill of the Holy One?

And who shall stand in this holy place?

We come, seeking the face of God.

* *Opening Hymn* “*I Will Sing The Wondrous Story*”

Mt Hope VH #60

Greenfield CH #499

Grace VH #60

Prayer of Invocation

Faithful Redeemer, you are the beginning and end of all things.

You promise to wipe away every tear, that death and mourning will be no more. You make your home among us, and abide with us as our God. Teach us to live like the saints you call us to be, that we may truly be your people, living and doing your will, in the name of Jesus, who is the Christ. Amen.

Prayer of Confession

Patient, Forgiving Spirit, we come seeking your face.

We hold on to ancient angers and hurts, and refuse to believe that you alone can make all things new.

Like Mary and Martha, we have forgotten your promise of eternal life.

Like the crowd that mourned for Lazarus, we could not believe we would see your glory.

Forgive our unbelief, O God,

Bring us back, and restore our trust in you.

Words of Assurance

The Holy One shows us a vision of a new heaven and a new earth, where everyone will live in peace and blessing. Trusting in God's promise to wipe away all our tears.

In the name of Christ, you are forgiven. Amen.

* *The Reading of the Holy Gospel*

John 11:32-44 NIV

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

TH #497

Jesus Raises Lazarus From the Dead

³² When Mary reached the place where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet and said, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died."

³³ When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come along with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in spirit and troubled. ³⁴ "Where have you laid him?" he asked.

"Come and see, Lord," they replied.

³⁵ Jesus wept.

³⁶ Then the Jews said, "See how he loved him!"

³⁷ But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

³⁸ Jesus, once more deeply moved, came to the tomb. It was a cave with a stone laid across the entrance. ³⁹ "Take away the stone," he said.

“But, Lord,” said Martha, the sister of the dead man, “by this time there is a bad odor, for he has been there four days.”

⁴⁰ Then Jesus said, “Did I not tell you that if you believe, you will see the glory of God?”

⁴¹ So they took away the stone. Then Jesus looked up and said, “Father, I thank you that you have heard me. ⁴² I knew that you always hear me, but I said this for the benefit of the people standing here, that they may believe that you sent me.”

⁴³ When he had said this, Jesus called in a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” ⁴⁴ The dead man came out, his hands and feet wrapped with strips of linen, and a cloth around his face.

Jesus said to them, “Take off the grave clothes and let him go.”

* *Gloria Patri*



All Saints' Sunday Prayer

In the midst of life, we are in death, O Lord our God!

Who, but you, O Lord, can help us and give us hope?

We praise you this day, as we remember all who have lived, all who have died, all who are now in your loving care.

With sorrow, we are parted from those we have loved, and in time we will be taken from among those who love us.

You alone, O Lord, can give purpose and meaning to life and death.

We beseech you this day, to give us such a sense of your presence, that we may feel oneness with all who have trusted you.

You have declared, and we believe, that a day is coming in which you will bring to fulfillment all that you have promised to your people.

In that day, all things and every person will be made new, and our mortal nature will take on immortality.

So, on this day, O God, we remember all your saints, those made holy by the power of the Holy Spirit, through Christ the Savior.

**All Saints' Sunday Hymn "For All the Saints"*

vs. 1,2

Mt Hope PH #306

Greenfield CH #767

Grace TH #418

On this All Saints' Sunday, as we remember our loved ones who have died in Christ and gone to Heaven, take heart, for they are experiencing a life in the beauty of love, before the majesty of God, in the company of Christ, beyond anything that this earth could possibly offer. If you yourself are struggling with mountainous problems, or groaning under crushing burdens, or crying rivers of tears, or being persecuted by merciless adversaries, hold onto the vision of God's great reward in Heaven for those who keep the faith. The destination is a thousand times better than the journey, and its experience will wipe away all the sorrows and pain and discouragements of the pilgrimage on earth. We are traveling toward a new Heaven, where God is at the heart of his people forever, and Christ is the pattern for every life, and joy will not be shadowed by sorrow, and all things will be made new by the majesty of God.

We remember and entrust to you, all those of our fellowship, family, and friends whom we now name:

Alvin Stombaugh

January 9, 2021

Karen Stombaugh

February 6, 2021

Cathy Barnes

March 30, 2021

Bob Gordon

April 9, 2021

Erma Berkhimer

August 8, 2021

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.

Declaration of Faith

Praise God for his Good News of Salvation!

Our faith is in Christ whom God raised from the dead, and who now reigns with him in heaven!

And that glory shall be ours by the same power of God which raised Christ from the dead!

Glory be to God! By his Spirit we know we are his and we rejoice in the salvation of all the saints!

*I invite the congregation to come forward
and light a Candle of Remembrance for your departed loved ones*

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Blessing for All the Saints

Living God, we give you thanks for calling forth these blessed ones.

O God, keep them forever in your arms. May they stay forever in our hearts. Because of their living, teach us to live faithfully. Amen.

* <i>All Saints' Hymn Con't</i>	<i>"For All the Saints"</i>	vs. 1,4
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Children's Message

Today's Message

