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Sunday Meditation

“May the next few months be a period of magnificent transformation.”

- Anonymous

**Greenfield Charge United Church of Christ
Joint Virtual Service (Recorded at Grace)
Transfiguration Sunday**

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Community News

Prayer List and Prayers of the People

Prelude

Lighting of the Candles

** Call to Worship*

Gathering in this sacred place
we anticipate new wonders each week.

**Wherever two or three are gathered to worship,
the Holy Spirit is present.**

Open our eyes to witness the fantastic love and wondrous joy
waiting to be revealed, even this day, even in this place.

**We will want to linger and camp in this sanctuary
but when we leave today may our hearts be open
to all the wonders of God's beautiful world.**

** Opening Hymn*

“Shine, Jesus, Shine”

Greenfield CH #431

Gathering Prayer

O Holy One, on mountaintops and valley floors you reveal to us the light of your love. Our hearts' desire is to bask in the amazing glory of the divine presence. With each encounter we are changed and transformed. Draw us nearer that we might receive a double portion of your Holy Spirit. Help us, O Holy One, to live our lives as a reflection of divine glory. May we walk among our siblings and friends as a blessing, bearing light into dark places, hope to displace despair, and love that casts out hate. Our world is hurting and we need the followers of Jesus to follow more closely. Maybe then we will hear your voice speaking to us and saying, ... “listen to my Child, the Beloved!” Amen.

A psalm of Asaph.

- ¹The Mighty One, God, the LORD,
speaks and summons the earth
from the rising of the sun to where it sets.
- ²From Zion, perfect in beauty,
God shines forth.
- ³Our God comes
and will not be silent;
a fire devours before him,
and around him a tempest rages.
- ⁴He summons the heavens above,
and the earth, that he may judge his people:
- ⁵“Gather to me this consecrated people,
who made a covenant with me by sacrifice.”
- ⁶And the heavens proclaim his righteousness,
for he is a God of justice.

Prayer of Confession

Forgive us, God, when we linger too long by the waters, and on the mountain tops, enthralled with the glory that flows from you. When we fail to listen to your voice, leading and guiding us, shake us from our contentment and send us forward endowed with your power. **Amen.**

Words of Assurance

The God of Elijah, the God of Moses and the God of Jesus desires mercy more than sacrifice and a contrite heart rather than burnt offerings. Love God and do the right thing and forgiveness shall be your friend and mercy your true companion. Amen.

Epistle Lesson

2 Corinthians 4:3-6 NIV

³ And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. ⁴ The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel that displays the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. ⁵ For what we preach is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. ⁶ For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of God's glory displayed in the face of Christ.

* *The Reading of the Holy Gospel*

Mark 9:2-9 NIV

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

TH #497

The Transfiguration

² After six days Jesus took Peter, James and John with him and led them up a high mountain, where they were all alone. There he was transfigured before them. ³ His clothes became dazzling white, whiter than anyone in the world could bleach them. ⁴ And there appeared before them Elijah and Moses, who were talking with Jesus.

⁵ Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here. Let us put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah." ⁶ (He did not know what to say, they were so frightened.)

⁷ Then a cloud appeared and covered them, and a voice came from the cloud: "This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him!"

⁸ Suddenly, when they looked around, they no longer saw anyone with them except Jesus.

⁹ As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus gave them orders not to tell anyone what they had seen until the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

* *Gloria Patri*

Children's Message

* *Meditation Hymn* “*It Is Well With My Soul*”
Mt Hope VH #270 Greenfield CH #705 Grace TH #270

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* “*Send the Light*”
Greenfield CH #437

* *Benediction*

Now may the God who said,
“Let light shine out of darkness”
and has shone in our hearts,
give us light to bear to the world
that all may see and know that God is love.

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*