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Sunday Morning Meditation

The Beatitudes remind us that God's kingdom is not built on strength or status, but on humility, mercy, and hearts that ache for what is right.

Welcome

Greenfield Charge United Church of Christ
Joint Service
4th Sunday after Epiphany / What is Good

February 1, 2026
Mt Hope 10:00am

Community News

Prayer List and Prayers of the People

Prelude/Lighting of the Candles

* *Call to Worship*

(Based on Micah 6:6-8)

With what shall we come before God and bow ourselves before God on high?

Shall we come before the Holy One with burnt offerings, with calves a year old?

Will God be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil?

Shall we give our firstborn for our transgression, the fruit of our bodies for the sin of our souls?

God has told us, fellow mortals, what is good and what is required of us.

All: But to do justice and to love kindness and to walk humbly with our God.

* *Invocation*

Holy One, you aren't just good, you are The Good. We welcome Your goodness in any way that it desires to manifest throughout this time of worship. May something be preached, prayed, or sung, that changes us for good, and for good. Amen

* *Opening Hymn*

"Blest Are the Pure in Heart"

PH #214

Prayer for Transformation and New Life

When we do good, challenges are ever present. Sometimes, the challenges can be overwhelming and so we're tempted to retreat or stay silent. Help us to remember all that you do for our good so that we can go forth and do the same. Amen.

Words of Assurance

In a beginning, God looked at all that was created and called creation “good”. In this moment of a new beginning, let us give thanks for the grace that enables us to be doers of good no matter the challenges we face.

Old Testament Reading

Micah 6:1-8 NRSV

God Challenges Israel

6 Hear what the Lord says:

Rise, plead your case before the mountains,
and let the hills hear your voice.

2 Hear, you mountains, the case of the Lord,
and you enduring foundations of the earth,
for the Lord has a case against his people,
and he will contend with Israel.

3 “O my people, what have I done to you?
In what have I wearied you? Answer me!

4 For I brought you up from the land of Egypt
and redeemed you from the house of slavery,
and I sent before you Moses,
Aaron, and Miriam.

5 O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised,
what Balaam son of Beor answered him,
and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal,
that you may know the saving acts of the Lord.”

What God Requires

6 “With what shall I come before the Lord
and bow myself before God on high?
Shall I come before him with burnt offerings,
with calves a year old?

7 Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams,
with ten thousands of rivers of oil?
Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?”

8 He has told you, O mortal, what is good,
and what does the Lord require of you
but to do justice and to love kindness
and to walk humbly with your God?

Who Shall Abide in God's Sanctuary?

¹ O Lord, who may abide in your tent?
Who may dwell on your holy hill?

² Those who walk blamelessly and do what is right
and speak the truth from their heart;

³ who do not slander with their tongue
and do no evil to their friends
nor heap shame upon their neighbors;

⁴ in whose eyes the wicked are despised
but who honor those who fear the Lord;
who stand by their oath even to their hurt;

⁵ who do not lend money at interest
and do not take a bribe against the innocent.

Those who do these things shall never be moved.

**** The Reading of the Holy Gospel***

Matthew 5:1-12

NRSV

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

TH #497

The Beatitudes

⁵ When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ² And he began to speak and taught them, saying:

³ “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴ “Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

⁵ “Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

⁶ “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

⁷ “Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

⁸ “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

⁹ “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

¹⁰ “Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹ “Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹² Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

* *Gloria Patri*

Children's Message / Congregation Conversation

* *Meditation Hymn* “*Lord Jesus, Think on Me*” PH #314

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

Good God may these good offerings be used to get up to good trouble for the liberation of us all. Amen

* *Closing Hymn* “Softly and Tenderly” VH #420

* *Benediction*

The Good, as we depart this place but not Your Presence, help us to remember that your goodness is running after us. As it gains on us, may we run on and share it with others up ahead. Amen.

* *Three-Fold Amen* TH # 558

* *Postlude/Extinguishing of the Candle*

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