

**F**OR GOD SO LOVED  
THE WORLD THAT HE  
GAVE HIS ONE AND  
ONLY SON, THAT  
WHOEVER BELIEVES  
IN HIM SHALL NOT  
PERISH BUT HAVE  
ETERNAL LIFE.

*John 3:16*



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

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*Epiphany Season Thought*

Faith in the risen Lord is the only certitude we have; it gives us the one conviction we need, that we are forgiven sinners, reconciled to God in Jesus' death, and guaranteed new and everlasting life through his resurrection.

Greenfield Charge United Church of Christ  
Mt Hope 8:30am                      Greenfield 9:50am  
6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany

February 13, 2022  
Grace 11:00am

*Community News*

*Prayer List and Prayers of the People*

*Prelude/Lighting of the Candles*

\* *Call to Worship*

Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God..

**We are each a child of God.**

**No matter who we are, or where we are on life's journey,  
we are blessed.**

Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled.

**We come to worship the God who feeds us, who fills us, and  
who blesses us.**

Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh.

**Let us rejoice in the love of God,**

**and worship our God together in prayer, song, and praise.**

\* *Prayer of Invocation*

O God of many blessings, be with us in our joy and in our sorrow.

Help us to reach out with your love to those in need,  
that we may not be satisfied until all are fed.

Bless each of us here, and all who cannot be present with us today.

Shower your blessings on our worship, as we pray all this through  
Jesus the Christ, our teacher and our guide.

\* *Opening Hymn*    *“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”*

*Mt Hope VH #12*

*Greenfield CH #11*

*Grace VH #12*

*Prayer of Confession*

We try to care for each other, especially when there is pain and  
sorrow, and when we witness injustice. But we cannot find  
blessing in poverty and hunger. Sometimes it feels just too hard to  
offer relief or to work for change. We prefer to stay in our

comfortable spaces or choose to walk past those in need. Sometimes we are afraid. Forgive us when we serve ourselves more often than we serve you, O God. We come to you with humble hearts.

### *Assurance of Pardon*

God knows your mind and knows your heart. God forgives those who seek forgiveness with sincere hearts and minds. God offers grace of hope and courage to change our ways and confront injustice. Blessed are those who trust in God, whose trust is in God. Know that you are loved and forgiven.

**Thanks be to God.**

### *First Reading*

### **Jeremiah 17:5-10 NIV**

<sup>5</sup> This is what the LORD says:

“Cursed is the one who trusts in man,  
who draws strength from mere flesh  
and whose heart turns away from the LORD.

<sup>6</sup> That person will be like a bush in the wastelands;  
they will not see prosperity when it comes.

They will dwell in the parched places of the desert,  
in a salt land where no one lives.

<sup>7</sup> “But blessed is the one who trusts in the LORD,  
whose confidence is in him.

<sup>8</sup> They will be like a tree planted by the water  
that sends out its roots by the stream.

It does not fear when heat comes;  
its leaves are always green.

It has no worries in a year of drought  
and never fails to bear fruit.”

<sup>9</sup> The heart is deceitful above all things  
and beyond cure.

Who can understand it?

<sup>10</sup> “I the LORD search the heart  
and examine the mind,

to reward each person according to their conduct,  
according to what their deeds deserve.”

\* *The Reading of the Holy Gospel*  
*Gloria Tibi (Glory be to Thee, O Lord.)*

Luke 6:17-26 NIV

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*Blessings and Woes*

<sup>17</sup> He went down with them and stood on a level place. A large crowd of his disciples was there and a great number of people from all over Judea, from Jerusalem, and from the coastal region around Tyre and Sidon, <sup>18</sup> who had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases. Those troubled by impure spirits were cured, <sup>19</sup> and the people all tried to touch him, because power was coming from him and healing them all.

<sup>20</sup> Looking at his disciples, he said:

“Blessed are you who are poor,  
for yours is the kingdom of God.

<sup>21</sup> Blessed are you who hunger now,  
for you will be satisfied.

Blessed are you who weep now,  
for you will laugh.

<sup>22</sup> Blessed are you when people hate you,  
when they exclude you and insult you  
and reject your name as evil,  
because of the Son of Man.

<sup>23</sup> “Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, because great is your reward in heaven. For that is how their ancestors treated the prophets.

<sup>24</sup> “But woe to you who are rich,  
for you have already received your comfort.

<sup>25</sup> Woe to you who are well fed now,  
for you will go hungry.

Woe to you who laugh now,  
for you will mourn and weep.

<sup>26</sup> Woe to you when everyone speaks well of you,  
for that is how their ancestors treated the false prophets.

\* *Gloria Patri*

## *Children's Message*

- \* *Meditation Hymn*    “*Grace Greater Than Our Sin*  
Mt Hope VH #190      Greenfield CH #344      Grace VH #190

## *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

**Gracious and loving God, who blesses us with so many good gifts, we bring these offerings with the hope of turning tears to laughter, and sorrow to joy. May they truly be a blessing. Amen.**

\* *Closing Hymn*

**“He Is So Precious To Me”**

*Mt Hope* VH #68

*Greenfield FHP* #208

*Grace* VH #68

\* *Benediction*

Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.

Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled.

Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh.

May you be like trees planted by streams of water,

which bear fruit at just the right time, and like them, may you prosper in all you do.

May God bless you and give you peace.

In the name of the triune God: the Creator, the Christ, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

\* *Three-Fold Amen*

TH # 558

\* *Postlude/Extinguishing of the Candle*