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Transfiguration Sunday Morning Prayer

Almighty God, on the mountain you showed your glory in the Transfiguration of your Son. Give us the vision to see beyond the turmoil of our world and to behold the King in all his glory.

Greenfield Charge United Church of Christ
Mt Hope 8:30am Greenfield 9:50am
Transfiguration Sunday

February 27, 2022
Grace 11:00am

Community News

Prayer List and Prayers of the People

Prelude/Lighting of the Candles

* *Call to Worship*

Something drew us together this morning

**Something we can't name but which we experience in
worship**

Some holy mystery we call God

Some sacred calling we hear in the life of Jesus

Some indescribable hope we feel when we gather in the Spirit

**May our experience of the Divine transform our doubts and
fears and prepare us to love the world.**

* *Prayer of Invocation*

O God, you are beyond words and description, your love is beyond knowledge and explanation. Make our hearts ready to receive you.

Change us, we pray, that our lives may reflect the glory of your transfiguration. We rejoice in the power of your Holy Spirit.

Amen.

* *Opening Hymn* *“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”*

Mt Hope VH #15

Greenfield CH #33

Grace VH #15

Call to Confession

Peter, James, and John went up on the side of a mountain with Jesus and experienced glory. But then Peter wanted to stay. “It’s good for us to be here. Let’s get comfortable.” We are also often tempted to keep the experience of the Divine to ourselves, to enjoy the company of the saints instead of going back down the mountain to continue the work of the Kingdom of God. God knows this temptation of our hearts, so let us confess and pray for forgiveness.

God of glory and light, forgive us when we are complacent and comfortable with keeping the riches of your love to ourselves. Keep calling us down from our mountains of privilege. Keep expecting more of us as your disciples. Keep reminding us to listen to your Son, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Grace

Whether we hear a voice from the heavens
or a still small voice in our hearts,
listen carefully for the love of God.
Believe and accept God's love and live in God's freedom.
We believe! Thanks be to God!

Psalm Reading

Psalm 99 NIV

- ¹ The LORD reigns,
let the nations tremble;
he sits enthroned between the cherubim,
let the earth shake.
- ² Great is the LORD in Zion;
he is exalted over all the nations.
- ³ Let them praise your great and awesome name—
he is holy.
- ⁴ The King is mighty, he loves justice—
you have established equity;
in Jacob you have done
what is just and right.
- ⁵ Exalt the LORD our God
and worship at his footstool;
he is holy.
- ⁶ Moses and Aaron were among his priests,
Samuel was among those who called on his name;
they called on the LORD
and he answered them.
- ⁷ He spoke to them from the pillar of cloud;
they kept his statutes and the decrees he gave them.
- ⁸ LORD our God,
you answered them;

you were to Israel a forgiving God,
though you punished their misdeeds.
⁹ Exalt the LORD our God
and worship at his holy mountain,
for the LORD our God is holy.

Epistle Reading

2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2 NIV

¹² Therefore, since we have such a hope, we are very bold. ¹³ We are not like Moses, who would put a veil over his face to prevent the Israelites from seeing the end of what was passing away. ¹⁴ But their minds were made dull, for to this day the same veil remains when the old covenant is read. It has not been removed, because only in Christ is it taken away. ¹⁵ Even to this day when Moses is read, a veil covers their hearts. ¹⁶ But whenever anyone turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away. ¹⁷ Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. ¹⁸ And we all, who with unveiled faces contemplate the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.

Present Weakness and Resurrection Life

4 Therefore, since through God's mercy we have this ministry, we do not lose heart. ² Rather, we have renounced secret and shameful ways; we do not use deception, nor do we distort the word of God. On the contrary, by setting forth the truth plainly we commend ourselves to everyone's conscience in the sight of God.

* *The Reading of the Holy Gospel*

Luke 9:28-36 NIV

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

TH #497

The Transfiguration

²⁸ About eight days after Jesus said this, he took Peter, John and James with him and went up onto a mountain to pray. ²⁹ As he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became as bright as a flash of lightning. ³⁰ Two men, Moses and Elijah, appeared in glorious splendor, talking with Jesus. ³¹ They spoke about his departure, which he was about to bring to fulfillment at Jerusalem. ³² Peter and his companions were very sleepy, but when they became fully awake, they saw his glory and

the two men standing with him. ³³ As the men were leaving Jesus, Peter said to him, “Master, it is good for us to be here. Let us put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.” (He did not know what he was saying.)

³⁴ While he was speaking, a cloud appeared and covered them, and they were afraid as they entered the cloud. ³⁵ A voice came from the cloud, saying, “This is my Son, whom I have chosen; listen to him.” ³⁶ When the voice had spoken, they found that Jesus was alone. The disciples kept this to themselves and did not tell anyone at that time what they had seen.

* *Gloria Patri*

Children's Message

* *Meditation Hymn* “*Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven*”

Mt Hope PH #16

Greenfield CH #1

Grace TH #3

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

**Bless these gifts, we pray. May they represent just the
beginning of our journey to show forth your glory to the
world. Amen.**

* *Closing Hymn*

“Fairest Lord Jesus”

Mt Hope VH #113

Greenfield CH #87

Grace VH #113

* *Benediction*

May God now send us back down the mountain of our worship.

We have been changed.

We can't be silent anymore.

We have seen the Light of the World.

Go and share the radiance of love!

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*