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Epiphany Thought

A person's reach should exceed their grasp, or what is a heaven for?

Robert Browning

Greenfield Charge United Church of Christ
Mt Hope 8:30am Greenfield 9:50am
5th Sunday after the Epiphany

February 6, 2022
Grace 11:00am

Community News

Prayer List and Prayers of the People

Prelude/Lighting of the Candles

* *Call to Worship*

Isaiah: surprised by the Holy One in the Temple--

A vision, a call, a response:

Here I am: Send me!

Paul: surprised by the Spirit at his hateful work—

An interruption, a challenge, a response:

I received from the Lord the word of grace I now proclaim!

Weary fisher folk: surprised by Jesus at their empty boats—

A sign, a promise, a response:

They left everything to follow!

Let us worship the One whose call surprises and challenges us.

* *Prayer of Invocation*

Holy One, you are ready to meet us

wherever we are in our lives,

offering vision, interruption, hope

where we may least expect it.

Surprise us here at worship today

With some grace unexpected

that will change something in us

—large or small—

and send us into the world

inspired and impassioned to do your work.

In Jesus' name we pray,

Amen.

* *Opening Hymn*

“Holy, Holy, Holy!”

Mt Hope VH #22

Greenfield CH #3

Grace VH #22

Prayer of Confession

You call to us through the voices of the poor and the powerless,
But we close ourselves off from their need:

Lord have mercy

You call to us through the cries of those who struggle to change
structures of oppression, but we turn away from their challenge:

Christ have mercy

You hint, you invite, you surround us with calls to love you more
fully, and follow you more faithfully, but we cling to comfort and
safety:

Lord have mercy

Silence

Assurance of Pardon

Friends, the call of God, like God's own grace, is new every day.
Let us go forward with eyes and ears and hearts open to the work
of God in our world, and draw on the courage to create with God a
Just World for All.

First Reading

Isaiah 6:1-8 NIV

Isaiah's Commission

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord, high and
exalted, seated on a throne; and the train of his robe filled the
temple. ² Above him were seraphim, each with six wings: With two
wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their
feet, and with two they were flying. ³ And they were calling to one
another:

“Holy, holy, holy is the LORD Almighty;
the whole earth is full of his glory.”

⁴ At the sound of their voices the doorposts and thresholds shook
and the temple was filled with smoke.

⁵ “Woe to me!” I cried. “I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean
lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have
seen the King, the LORD Almighty.”

⁶ Then one of the seraphim flew to me with a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with tongs from the altar. ⁷ With it he touched my mouth and said, “See, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away and your sin atoned for.”

⁸ Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?”

And I said, “Here am I. Send me!”

* *The Reading of the Holy Gospel*

Luke 5:1-11 NIV

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

TH #497

Jesus Calls His First Disciples

One day as Jesus was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret, the people were crowding around him and listening to the word of God. ² He saw at the water’s edge two boats, left there by the fishermen, who were washing their nets. ³ He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little from shore. Then he sat down and taught the people from the boat.

⁴ When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, “Put out into deep water, and let down the nets for a catch.”

⁵ Simon answered, “Master, we’ve worked hard all night and haven’t caught anything. But because you say so, I will let down the nets.”

⁶ When they had done so, they caught such a large number of fish that their nets began to break. ⁷ So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them, and they came and filled both boats so full that they began to sink.

⁸ When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at Jesus’ knees and said, “Go away from me, Lord; I am a sinful man!” ⁹ For he and all his companions were astonished at the catch of fish they had taken, ¹⁰ and so were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, Simon’s partners.

Then Jesus said to Simon, “Don’t be afraid; from now on you will fish for people.” ¹¹ So they pulled their boats up on shore, left everything and followed him.

* *Gloria Patri*

Children's Message

* *Meditation Hymn*

Mt Hope VH #386

“Jesus Calls Us”

Greenfield CH #592

Grace VH #386

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

**God who calls us to participate in your vision of justice for
our world, let these offerings become our response:**

all your people fed,

all your people safe,

all your people housed,

all your people educated. Amen.

* *Closing Hymn*

“How Firm a Foundation”

Mt Hope PH #372

Greenfield CH #408

Grace TH #314

* *Benediction*

Here we are, O Holy One!

Send us into your world to do your justice,

Witness to your vision of grace,

And follow you with courage into your transforming reign.

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*