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Greenfield Charge United Church of Christ

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Trinity Sunday/1st Sunday after Pentecost

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Sunday Morning Prayer

Peace Prayer of Saint Francis

*Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:
where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy.*

*O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek
to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love.*

*For it is in giving that we receive,
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.
Amen.*

Call to Worship

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

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.
**In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God
and the Word was God.**

In the beginning the Spirit of God swept over the face of the
waters.

**In the beginning God said, “Let us make humankind in our
image.”**

And so we came into being, created by God who exists in
community.

**We are here as God’s community to worship the Source of our
being.**

Opening Hymn

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XsXPTBkhqfQ>

Gathering Prayer

Holy Mother you have birthed us into life,
Holy Father you have nurtured us along our way,
In you, we have lived and moved and have our being.
To you we bring our offering of praise and thanksgiving.
We open ourselves to your presence in this time of worship.
Fill us with resolve and purpose, to be your community
and to expand our boundaries until all of creation is renewed and
all people are welcomed and blessed.
This we ask through the risen and ascended Christ
who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.
Amen.

Prayer of Confession

Let us pray.
Holy God, we were created in your image,
an image of mutuality and respect for one another;
an image of a dance ever moving, ever in tune one with others;
an image of community with shared blessing and mission.
You have given us dominion over the work of your hands.
You have charged us to be fruitful and multiply,
to make disciples of all nations.
Forgive us God; we have denied our purpose.

We have abused the earth’s resources for our own selfish gain
and the consequences wreak havoc upon the fish of the sea,
the birds of the air and every living thing that moves upon the
earth.

Forgive us God; we have defiled your image.

We have regarded some of your children as “other”
and therefore, beyond the reach of your love and care
because their professed faith in you, or lack thereof,
is different from our own.

Forgive us God; for we have sinned.

Words of Assurance

God desires to see broken relationships restored and has heard our prayer. In the name of Jesus Christ and in the power of the Holy Spirit, we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God.

First Reading

Genesis 1:1-2:4a NIV

The Beginning

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. ² Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.

³ And God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light. ⁴ God saw that the light was good, and he separated the light from the darkness. ⁵ God called the light “day,” and the darkness he called “night.” And there was evening, and there was morning—the first day.

⁶ And God said, “Let there be a vault between the waters to separate water from water.” ⁷ So God made the vault and separated the water under the vault from the water above it. And it was so. ⁸ God called the vault “sky.” And there was evening, and there was morning—the second day.

⁹ And God said, “Let the water under the sky be gathered to one place, and let dry ground appear.” And it was so. ¹⁰ God called the dry ground “land,” and the gathered waters he called “seas.” And God saw that it was good.

¹¹ Then God said, “Let the land produce vegetation: seed-bearing plants and trees on the land that bear fruit with seed in it, according to their various kinds.” And it was so. ¹² The land produced vegetation: plants bearing seed according to their kinds and trees bearing fruit with seed in it according to their kinds. And God saw that it was good. ¹³ And there was evening, and there was morning—the third day.

¹⁴ And God said, “Let there be lights in the vault of the sky to separate the day from the night, and let them serve as signs to

mark sacred times, and days and years, ¹⁵ and let them be lights in the vault of the sky to give light on the earth.” And it was so. ¹⁶ God made two great lights—the greater light to govern the day and the lesser light to govern the night. He also made the stars. ¹⁷ God set them in the vault of the sky to give light on the earth, ¹⁸ to govern the day and the night, and to separate light from darkness. And God saw that it was good. ¹⁹ And there was evening, and there was morning—the fourth day.

²⁰ And God said, “Let the water teem with living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the vault of the sky.” ²¹ So God created the great creatures of the sea and every living thing with which the water teems and that moves about in it, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. ²² God blessed them and said, “Be fruitful and increase in number and fill the water in the seas, and let the birds increase on the earth.” ²³ And there was evening, and there was morning—the fifth day.

²⁴ And God said, “Let the land produce living creatures according to their kinds: the livestock, the creatures that move along the ground, and the wild animals, each according to its kind.” And it was so. ²⁵ God made the wild animals according to their kinds, the livestock according to their kinds, and all the creatures that move along the ground according to their kinds. And God saw that it was good.

²⁶ Then God said, “Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground.”

²⁷ So God created mankind in his own image,
in the image of God he created them;
male and female he created them.

²⁸ God blessed them and said to them, “Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea

and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground.”

²⁹ Then God said, “I give you every seed-bearing plant on the face of the whole earth and every tree that has fruit with seed in it. They will be yours for food. ³⁰ And to all the beasts of the earth and all the birds in the sky and all the creatures that move along the ground—everything that has the breath of life in it—I give every green plant for food.” And it was so.

³¹ God saw all that he had made, and it was very good. And there was evening, and there was morning—the sixth day.

^{2:1} Thus the heavens and the earth were completed in all their vast array.

² By the seventh day God had finished the work he had been doing; so on the seventh day he rested from all his work. ³ Then God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it he rested from all the work of creating that he had done.

Adam and Eve

⁴ This is the account of the heavens and the earth when they were created, when the LORD God made the earth and the heavens.

Psalm Reading

Psalm 8 NIV

For the director of music. According to gittith. A psalm of David.

¹ LORD, our Lord,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!
You have set your glory
in the heavens.

² Through the praise of children and infants
you have established a stronghold against your enemies,
to silence the foe and the avenger.

³ When I consider your heavens,
the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars,
which you have set in place,

⁴ what is mankind that you are mindful of them,
human beings that you care for them?

⁵ You have made them a little lower than the angels
and crowned them with glory and honor.
⁶ You made them rulers over the works of your hands;
you put everything under their feet:
⁷ all flocks and herds,
and the animals of the wild,
⁸ the birds in the sky,
and the fish in the sea,
all that swim the paths of the seas.
⁹ LORD, our Lord,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!

Second Reading

2 Corinthians 13:11-13 NIV

Final Greetings

¹¹ Finally, brothers and sisters, rejoice! Strive for full restoration, encourage one another, be of one mind, live in peace. And the God of love and peace will be with you.

¹² Greet one another with a holy kiss. ¹³ All God's people here send their greetings.

Meditation Hymn

"Nearer My God To Thee"

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Lwnk92loXBA>

"Nearer My God to Thee" (for 9 cellos) The Piano Guys

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gosY-UrpHcA>

The Reading of the Holy Gospel

Matthew 28:16-20 NIV

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

The Great Commission

¹⁶ Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. ¹⁷ When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. ¹⁸ Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ and

teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

This is the Gospel of our Risen Lord, Jesus Christ.

Praise be to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Gloria Patri

Children's Message

See the Children's Bulletin titled 'The Great Commission'

Today's Message

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=txJZx78Hecc>

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”

Closing Song

“Freely, Freely”

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eKs2lGAho_w

Benediction

God calls us from this time of worship
to share the hope of abundant life in the presence of hardship,
relationship that transcends the barriers of isolation,
and to do what we can, where we are,
to be the body of Christ.

This is what we were created for.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God,
and the Holy Spirit
will go with you and before you, today and ever more.
Amen.

Three-Fold Amen

Greenfield and Mt Hope are opening their churches for services next week, **June 14, 2020**. Details will be sent this week. At this time, Grace has not made a decision regarding opening.

The Third Quarter Trinity Newsletter deadline will be June 15th. Please submit your information to Jeanne (jpcmowry@atlanticbb.net). For those graduates that have not submitted their information, please do so by the deadline. If your student received special awards or recognition this school year, we'll include that too! Just let me know. Thanks!

Claysburg Area Community Days is Cancelled for 2020.

WINGS thanks all who may have started baskets for this year's basket auction. Please either save your basket for next year or donate to another group who may host a fundraiser during the year. We were blessed with a very successful auction last year and still have adequate funds to carry us through the upcoming year. We look forward to hosting our booth in the 2021 Community Days event.