



June 14, 2020
Greenfield Charge United Church of Christ

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Lay Speaker
Mrs. Wendy Farber

Pianist/Organist
Lisa C

Sunday Morning Prayer

*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.*

Peace Prayer of Saint Francis

*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.*

Greenfield Charge United Church of Christ
Mt Hope 8:30am Greenfield 9:50am
2nd Sunday after Pentecost

June 14, 2020
Grace 11:00am

Community News

Prelude

Lighting of the Candles

* *Call to Worship*

Strangers visit Abraham and Sarah,
and they welcome them with a feast!

How wonderful!

Strangers promise Sarah and Abraham
a child in their old age!

Too wonderful!

Strangers leave Abraham and Sarah
To wait and ponder:

“Is anything to wonderful for God?”

Let us worship our Wonder-full God!

* *Opening Hymn*

“Wonderful Words of Life”

Mt Hope VH #168

Greenfield CH #406

Grace VH #168

Gathering Prayer

Holy One, who we so often don't recognize,
come into our midst and make your presence known!

Renew our strength,
refresh our imaginations,
retool our weary efforts

to carry your Peace into the world.

Amaze us with your power to make all things new

And let us face your world with curiosity and hope.

In the name of the One who leads us on the Way, Jesus, the Christ.

Amen!

Prayer of Confession

(inspired by Genesis 18:1-15 and Matthew 9:25-10:8)

Like Sarah and Abraham, we may be discouraged,
tired of waiting for a future that seems impossible

Is anything too wonderful for God?

Oh God, you call us to seek you in all times and places,
and work with courage to prepare the way for your Kingdom,
but our resolve too often fails and we give up too soon.

Holy One, Have mercy.

Oh God, you call us to offer peace to friends and strangers
to prepare the way your Kingdom,
but we fail to cultivate the spirit of peace in our own lives.

Christ, have mercy.

Oh God, you call us to be full of joyful confidence
to prepare the way for your Kingdom,
but anxious doubt often burdens us and
blocks our witness to your good news.

Holy One, have mercy.

Words of Assurance

Sarah laughed at first, doubting God's promise;
Sarah laughed at last, delighted at God's promise fulfilled.
May we laugh in hope and delight in pondering:
How wonderful: In Christ, our sins are forgiven!

Thanks be to God!

First Reading

Genesis 18:10-15 NIV

The Three Visitors

¹⁰ Then one of them said, "I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah your wife will have a son."

Now Sarah was listening at the entrance to the tent, which was behind him. ¹¹ Abraham and Sarah were already very old, and Sarah was past the age of childbearing. ¹² So Sarah laughed to herself as she thought, "After I am worn out and my lord is old, will I now have this pleasure?"

¹³ Then the LORD said to Abraham, “Why did Sarah laugh and say, ‘Will I really have a child, now that I am old?’ ¹⁴ Is anything too hard for the LORD? I will return to you at the appointed time next year, and Sarah will have a son.”

¹⁵ Sarah was afraid, so she lied and said, “I did not laugh.”

But he said, “Yes, you did laugh.”

Second Reading

Romans 5:1-8 NIV

Peace and Hope

Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ² through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God. ³ Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; ⁴ perseverance, character; and character, hope. ⁵ And hope does not put us to shame, because God’s love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.

⁶ You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷ Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. ⁸ But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

* *The Reading of the Holy Gospel*

Matthew 9:35-38 NIV

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

TH #497

The Workers Are Few

³⁵ Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness. ³⁶ When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷ Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. ³⁸ Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.”

This is the Gospel of our Risen Lord, Jesus Christ.
Praise be to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

* *Gloria Patri*

Children's Message

Meditation Hymn “And Can It Be?” *Verses #1,3,5*
Mt Hope VH #10 *Greenfield CH #347 #1,2,4* *Grace VH #10*

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

* Doxology

* Offertory Statement

* Offertory Prayer

TH # 551

Let us pray ...

**Holy One, accept these gifts and multiply them
so that the wonder of your love, and justice and peace
may be known throughout the world!**

* *Closing Hymn*

“To God Be The Glory”

Verses 1,3

Mt Hope VH #4

Greenfield CH #56

Grace VH #4

* *Benediction*

Go forth from this time together with hearts open to the surprising, inexhaustible love of God. Greet friends and strangers with the gifts of Christ: Mercy, and justice, and joy. Expect the Spirit to meet us wherever we are, in struggle, in grief, and in peace. Ponder: Is anything too wonderful for God?

* *Three-Fold Amen*

TH # 558

* *Postlude/Extinguishing of the Candle*

* *Postlude 2/Exiting the Church*

Church & Community News

Date	Time	Location	Event
<i>Following Weeks</i>			
6/21 Sun	8:30 am	Mt. Hope	Regular Church Services
	9:45 am	Greenfield	
	11:00 am	Grace	
6/28 Sun	8:30 am	Mt. Hope	Regular Church Services
	9:45 am	Greenfield	
	11:00 am	Grace	
7/5 Sun	8:30 am	Mt. Hope	Regular Church Services
	9:45 am	Greenfield	
	11:00 am	Grace	
7/12 Sun	8:30 am	Mt. Hope	Regular Church Services
	9:45 am	Greenfield	
	11:00 am	Grace	
7/19 Sun	8:30 am	Mt. Hope	Regular Church Services
	9:45 am	Greenfield	
	11:00 am	Grace	
7/29 Sun	8:30 am	Mt. Hope	Regular Church Services
	9:45 am	Greenfield	
	11:00 am	Grace	

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.

Prayer List

Zaiden B

Phyllis C

Roger C

Bob G

Rev Jerry M

Robin P

Rick S (Greenfield request)

David & Peggy R (Mt Hope request)

Nancy G (Greenfield)

Peggy C (Grace request)

Peter S (Grace request - coworker)

Jim N (Grace request - coworker)

Babe B (Grace request)