



*March 13, 2022*  
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*St. Patrick's Day Meditation*

‘St. Patrick’s Day is an enchanted time – a day to begin transforming winter’s dreams into summer’s magic.’

**Adrienne Cook**

Greenfield Charge United Church of Christ  
Mt Hope 8:30am                      Greenfield 9:50am  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent

March 13, 2022  
Grace 11:00am

*Community News*

*Prayer List and Prayers of the People*

*Prelude/Lighting of the Candles*

\* *Call to Worship*

The Holy One calls us to trust and pray.

**God is our light and salvation,  
the stronghold of our lives.**

The Holy One calls us to take courage,  
as we travel the path with Jesus.

**Teach us your ways, O God,  
and lead us on our journeys.**

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

**Behold the beauty of the Holy One,  
and bless God's holy name.**

\* *Invocation*

Lifegiving lover of all nations, you promised Abraham and Sarah that their descendants would be more plentiful than all the stars in the night sky. You made a covenant to guide them throughout the ages. Just as you guided our ancestors in faith, guide us here today, and teach us your ways. Help us remember the ancient stories, even as we place our trust in you and exalt your name. Bless us as we follow the path that leads us to the cross with Jesus. Amen.

\* *Opening Hymn*

*“The God of Abraham Praise”*

*Mt Hope VH #39*

*Greenfield CH #23*

*Grace VH #39*

## *Call to Confession*

Loving Guide and Protector of your children, when Jesus began his walk toward Jerusalem, he knew the journey could cost his life.

**When we cannot see the road ahead, we are tempted to turn back instead of trusting the path you lay before our feet.**

When Herod threatened to kill Jesus, he remained with the people, casting out demons and healing the afflicted.

**When trouble comes, we are tempted to run away and protect ourselves, rather than remain with those who need our help.**

Facing the cross, Jesus longed to gather the people as a hen gathers her brood beneath her wings.

**Forgive us when we are not willing to take shelter in your loving arms.**

## *Assurance of Grace*

Hear the good news: The Holy One forgives and guides us, conforming us into the very image of Christ. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. **Amen.**

## *Epistle Reading*

**Philippians 3:17 – 4:1 NIV**

<sup>17</sup> Join together in following my example, brothers and sisters, and just as you have us as a model, keep your eyes on those who live as we do. <sup>18</sup> For, as I have often told you before and now tell you again even with tears, many live as enemies of the cross of Christ. <sup>19</sup> Their destiny is destruction, their god is their stomach, and their glory is in their shame. Their mind is set on earthly things. <sup>20</sup> But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>21</sup> who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body.

**4** Therefore, my brothers and sisters, you whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, dear friends!

*Reading of the Holy Gospel*

**Luke 13:31-35 NIV**

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

**TH #497**

*Jesus' Sorrow for Jerusalem*

<sup>31</sup> At that time some Pharisees came to Jesus and said to him, “Leave this place and go somewhere else. Herod wants to kill you.”

<sup>32</sup> He replied, “Go tell that fox, ‘I will keep on driving out demons and healing people today and tomorrow, and on the third day I will reach my goal.’ <sup>33</sup> In any case, I must press on today and tomorrow and the next day—for surely no prophet can die outside Jerusalem!

<sup>34</sup> “Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those sent to you, how often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, and you were not willing. <sup>35</sup> Look, your house is left to you desolate. I tell you, you will not see me again until you say, ‘Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.’”

\* *Gloria Patri*

*Children's Message*

\* *Meditation Hymn*    **“In the Cross of Christ I Glory”**

*Mt Hope* VH #102

*Greenfield* CH #328

*Grace* VH #102

*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

**Holy One, our light and our salvation, the stronghold of our lives, accept these gifts as a token of our commitment to walk in your ways. Amen.**

\* *Closing Hymn*

**"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"**

*Mt Hope VH #28*

*Greenfield CH #139*

*Grace VH #28*

\* *Benediction*

Brothers and sisters, stand firm in Christ. Trust God's promises in all things and take shelter in the Spirit's loving arms in times of trouble. Go in peace, to love and serve the world. Amen.

\* *Three-Fold Amen*

**TH # 558**

\* *Postlude/Extinguishing of the Candle*