



Trinity Sunday/Memorial Day
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Sunday Meditation

Just like the leaves on each shamrock I see,
There are three parts of the Holy Trinity
First is God the Father
then Jesus, His only son and
The Holy Spirit
together as one

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Greenfield Charge United Church of Christ
Mt Hope 8:30am Greenfield 9:50am
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Grace 11:00am

Community News

Prayer List and Prayers of the People

Prelude/Lighting of the Candles

* *Call to Worship*

(Adapted from Psalm 29)

Come into this household of the living God, the Three in One.
Gather in the wonder of the mystery that God has invited us to
share in.

**We have come as the family of Christ, led by the Spirit of
God.**

Ascribe to the Divine glory and strength; ascribe to God the glory
that is due. Worship the Triune God in the Beauty of Holiness.

**Our hope is that in this time of worship and learning, we
might embrace what lies beyond our imagination and
understanding.**

* *Opening Hymn*

“Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation”

Mt Hope PH #263

Greenfield CH #403

Grace TH #324

Gathering Prayer

(Isaiah 6:8b)

O God of Mystery,

Within your very self you model the beloved community.

You are the Wisdom within our hearts,

The Word who dwells among us,

The Spirit who calls us beyond ourselves.

Let us know your presence here today

In a new way, that we might celebrate your love

and go forth rejoicing with the Prophet Isaiah,

saying: “Here am I. Send me.”

Prayer of Confession

As heirs of God, let us come to lay before God our sin and wrongdoings and lack of faith. Let us come with hearts that seek newness.

Holy One, we acknowledge that too often we try to live not acknowledging the mystery of your Being. Even though you have shown us your truth, we allow ourselves to rest in our own uncertainties. We find ourselves unable or unwilling to embrace the love through which you sent Christ to live among us. We take for granted the grandeur of you as Creator, of Christ as Redeemer, and of the Holy Spirit as ever-present sustainer. We do not live out the beloved community you desire for all. Forgive us, we pray, and help us give testimony to your love.

Words of Assurance

We trust in these promises: that the Triune God, in each of its persons, promises us newness of life, a gift of new birth. The Divine Trinity invites us to testify to its Being as the foundation for reconciliation of all God's people and for Creation. In these truths we trust and give thanks.

Thanks Be to God!

Epistle Lesson

Romans 8:12-17 NIV

¹² Therefore, brothers and sisters, we have an obligation—but it is not to the flesh, to live according to it. ¹³ For if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live.

¹⁴ For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God. ¹⁵ The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, “Abba, Father.”

¹⁶ The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children. ¹⁷ Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.

Jesus Teaches Nicodemus

3 Now there was a Pharisee, a man named Nicodemus who was a member of the Jewish ruling council. **2** He came to Jesus at night and said, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the signs you are doing if God were not with him.”

3 Jesus replied, “Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again.”

4 “How can someone be born when they are old?” Nicodemus asked. “Surely they cannot enter a second time into their mother’s womb to be born!”

5 Jesus answered, “Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit. **6** Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. **7** You should not be surprised at my saying, ‘You must be born again.’ **8** The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit.”

9 “How can this be?” Nicodemus asked.

10 “You are Israel’s teacher,” said Jesus, “and do you not understand these things? **11** Very truly I tell you, we speak of what we know, and we testify to what we have seen, but still you people do not accept our testimony. **12** I have spoken to you of earthly things and you do not believe; how then will you believe if I speak of heavenly things? **13** No one has ever gone into heaven except the one who came from heaven—the Son of Man. **14** Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, **15** that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him.”

16 For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. **17** For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

* *Gloria Patri*

Children's Message

* *Meditation Hymn*

Mt Hope VH #200

"Blessed Assurance"

Greenfield CH #572

Grace VH #200

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

* Doxology

TH # 551

* Offertory Prayer

O Lord God, these offerings we make here are tokens, they represent our love for you. We thank you for your Spirit's gifts to us, so mysterious, bountiful, and astounding. They are blessings upon blessings. These blessings reveal your presence among us as the merciful, holy, and loving one. Amen.

* *Closing Hymn*

“God of Our Fathers”

Mt Hope PH #433

Greenfield CH #809

Grace TH #440

* *Benediction*

(Philippians 4:7, RSV)

And the peace of God which passes all understanding, will keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

* *Three-Fold Amen*

TH # 558

* *Postlude/Extinguishing of the Candle*