



*May 10, 2026*  
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*Sunday Morning Meditation*

*"God's love is often first known to us  
through the quiet, faithful care of another—  
a love that nurtures, forgives, and stays."*

# Welcome

Greenfield Charge United Church of Christ

May 10, 2026

Mt Hope 8:30am

Greenfield 9:50am

Grace 11:00am

6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter | Mother's Day | Coming to You

## *Community News*

## *Prayer List and Prayers of the People*

## *Prelude/Lighting of the Candles*

### *\* Call to Worship*

Bless the Holy One, O peoples; let the sound of God's praise be heard.

**For God who claims us, tests us, and sustains us comes and invites us to come to **them**.**

Bless the Holy One, O peoples; let the sound of God's praise be heard.

**Blessed be God, who has not rejected our prayer or removed **their** steadfast love from us.**

Bless the Holy One, O peoples; let the sound of God's praise be heard.

**Come as we proclaim, witness, and testify to all God has done. Bless the Holy One!**

### *\* Invocation*

Holy and Present God, hear the sound of praise as we share this space and time gathered among you. May our hearts be opened and our minds engaged. Let the Spirit of Truth live in our songs of adoration, prayers of intercession, and words of pondering. In your name, glory and honor. Amen.

### *\* Opening Hymn*

### *"I Love to Tell the Story"*

*Mt Hope* VH #401

*Greenfield* CH #444

*Grace* VH #401

## *Prayer for Transformation and New Life*

Gracious and Eternal One, you breathe life into us and know us fully, yet at times remain unknown to us. We search for you, we fumble toward you, and we trust that when we seek, we will find. Still, there are moments when we refuse to seek, preferring to keep you contained so you will not fully shape our lives. We close ourselves to your revealing word, guiding hand, and nudging Spirit. Forgive us for not coming to you as you come to us—fully and persistently—and grant us strength to reach for you in every season.  
Amen.

## *Words of Grace*

Beloved, you are known and received by God—wonderfully made, though not perfect. Draw near to the One who knows your limits and loves you, who sees your faults yet calls forth your good. Seek the Spirit who finds and redirects you, and receive the God who comes with peace, grace, mercy, and joy—renewing and restoring you in hope and love.

## *Psalm Reading*

**Psalm 66:8-20 NRSV**

- <sup>8</sup> Bless our God, O peoples;  
let the sound of his praise be heard,  
<sup>9</sup> who has kept us among the living  
and has not let our feet slip.  
<sup>10</sup> For you, O God, have tested us;  
you have tried us as silver is tried.  
<sup>11</sup> You brought us into the net;  
you laid burdens on our backs;  
<sup>12</sup> you let people ride over our heads;  
we went through fire and through water;  
yet you have brought us out to a spacious place.  
<sup>13</sup> I will come into your house with burnt offerings;  
I will pay you my vows,  
<sup>14</sup> those that my lips uttered  
and my mouth promised when I was in trouble.  
<sup>15</sup> I will offer to you burnt offerings of fatted calves,

with the smoke of the sacrifice of rams;  
I will make an offering of bulls and goats.

<sup>16</sup> Come and hear, all you who fear God,  
and I will tell what he has done for me.

<sup>17</sup> I cried aloud to him,  
and he was extolled with my tongue.

<sup>18</sup> If I had cherished iniquity in my heart,  
the Lord would not have listened.

<sup>19</sup> But truly God has listened;  
he has heard the words of my prayer.

<sup>20</sup> Blessed be God,  
who has not rejected my prayer  
or removed his steadfast love from me.

\* *The Gospel Reading*

John 14:15-21 NRSV

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

TH #497

*The Promise of the Holy Spirit*

<sup>15</sup> “If you love me, you will keep my commandments. <sup>16</sup> And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. <sup>17</sup> This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

<sup>18</sup> “I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. <sup>19</sup> In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. <sup>20</sup> On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. <sup>21</sup> They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me, and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.”

\* *Gloria Patri*

*Children's Message / Congregation Conversation*

\* *Meditation Hymn*

“*Children of the Heavenly Father*”

*Mt Hope* VH #258

*Greenfield* CH #719

*Grace* VH #258

## *Today's Message*

### *Mother's Day Poem/Prayer*

God of gentle strength,  
You gather us as a mother gathers her children.

In quiet sacrifices and unseen acts of love,  
in laughter shared and tears wiped away,  
your presence is revealed.

Bless those who nurture,  
those who guide,  
those who carry love in steady, faithful ways.

And where hearts are heavy today,  
bring comfort.  
Where there is longing, bring peace.

May we all grow  
into the fullness of your love—  
tender, fierce, and unending.

Amen.

### *\* 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

**Righteous God, receive these gifts we offer from our hearts  
and hands that they and we might be of service in your  
kingdom and for your glory. Amen.**

*\* Closing Hymn*

*“The Old Rugged Cross”*

*Mt Hope VH #104*

*Greenfield CH #327*

*Grace VH #104*

*\* Benediction*

Go forth from this time and place but never from God's presence.  
Go forth to witness and minister in the world.  
Go forth knowing that as you go...the Holy One comes to you  
With strength and courage for the journey.  
Go, in peace to love and to serve the Holy One and God's good  
creation.

*\* Three-Fold Amen*

TH # 558

*\* Postlude/Extinguishing of the Candle*

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**Coming to You:** Service Prayers for the Sixth Sunday in Easter Year A was written by the Rev. Dr. Cheryl A. Lindsay, Minister for Worship and Theology for the United Church of Christ.