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Sunday Morning Meditation

The place God calls you to is the place where your deep gladness and the world's deep hunger meet.

– Frederick Buechner
Listening to Your Life (1992)

Greenfield Charge United Church of Christ
Mt Hope 8:30am Greenfield 9:50am
6th Sunday of Easter

May 14, 2023
Grace 11:00am

Community News

Prayer List and Prayers of the People

Prelude/Lighting of the Candles

* *Call to Worship*

In the shadows of the night, God calls us,

Here I am, for you called me.

In the daylight, God calls us.

Here I am, for you called me.

God calls to each of us by name.

Here I am, for you called me.

* *Invocation*

Creating God, how deeply you know us. In the mystery of your love, you see who we are and who we might become. Our bodies are your creation; they are wonderfully made. Our minds reflect your handiwork. Our spirits are a gift from you. You call us by name and invite us to follow. Lead us now into the depths of your love. Amen.

* *Opening Hymn*

“O Jesus, I Have Promised”

Mt Hope PH #218

Greenfield CH #676

Grace TH #271

Prayer for Confession

O God, you call to us. We hear you but aren't sure who is calling. We hear you but are distracted by many things. We hear you but are afraid to answer. Open our hearts to your voice. Help us set aside our doubts, our fears, and our distractions, that we may answer you faithfully, Amen.

Words of Assurance

God searches us, knows us, loves us, and forgives us. God's love shelters us and keeps us safe.

Old Testament Reading

1 Samuel 3:1-10 NIV

The Lord Calls Samuel

¹ The boy Samuel ministered before the LORD under Eli. In those days the word of the LORD was rare; there were not many visions.

² One night Eli, whose eyes were becoming so weak that he could barely see, was lying down in his usual place. ³ The lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the house of the LORD, where the ark of God was. ⁴ Then the LORD called Samuel.

Samuel answered, "Here I am." ⁵ And he ran to Eli and said, "Here I am; you called me."

But Eli said, "I did not call; go back and lie down." So he went and lay down.

⁶ Again the LORD called, "Samuel!" And Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, "Here I am; you called me."

"My son," Eli said, "I did not call; go back and lie down."

⁷ Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD: The word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him.

⁸ A third time the LORD called, "Samuel!" And Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, "Here I am; you called me."

Then Eli realized that the LORD was calling the boy. ⁹ So Eli told Samuel, "Go and lie down, and if he calls you, say, 'Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

¹⁰ The LORD came and stood there, calling as at the other times, "Samuel! Samuel!"

Then Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

Psalm Reading

Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18 NIV

- ¹ You have searched me, LORD,
and you know me.
- ² You know when I sit and when I rise;
you perceive my thoughts from afar.
- ³ You discern my going out and my lying down;
you are familiar with all my ways.
- ⁴ Before a word is on my tongue
you, LORD, know it completely.
- ⁵ You hem me in behind and before,
and you lay your hand upon me.
- ⁶ Such knowledge is too wonderful for me,
too lofty for me to attain.
- ¹³ For you created my inmost being;
you knit me together in my mother's womb.
- ¹⁴ I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made;
your works are wonderful,
I know that full well.
- ¹⁵ My frame was not hidden from you
when I was made in the secret place,
when I was woven together in the depths of the earth.
- ¹⁶ Your eyes saw my unformed body;
all the days ordained for me were written in your book
before one of them came to be.
- ¹⁷ How precious to me are your thoughts, God!
How vast is the sum of them!
- ¹⁸ Were I to count them,
they would outnumber the grains of sand—
when I awake, I am still with you.

* *The Reading of the Holy Gospel*

John 14:15-21 NIV

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

TH #497

Jesus Promises the Holy Spirit

¹⁵ “If you love me, keep my commands. ¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever— ¹⁷ the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will beⁱⁿ in you. ¹⁸ I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. ¹⁹ Before long, the world will not see me anymore, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. ²⁰ On that day you will realize that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you. ²¹ Whoever has my commands and keeps them is the one who loves me. The one who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love them and show myself to them.”

* *Gloria Patri*

Children's Message / Congregation Conversation

* *Meditation Hymn* “*Breathe on me, Breath of God*”

Mt Hope VH #155

Greenfield CH #393

Grace VH #155

Today's Message

Special Music

"Mother's Apron"

Beaver Walter

* *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

God, you are the source of all goodness and life. We bring our offering to you this day, knowing that all we have comes from you. We hear your call and we answer, bringing all that we have and all that we are. Use our gifts, our talents, and our bodies for your work of peace and justice. Amen.

* *Closing Hymn*

"Here I Am, Lord"

Mt Hope Insert

Greenfield CH #589

Grace Insert

* *Benediction*

God, who knows us better than we know ourselves, calls us to follow.

We go in Jesus's name to share the good news of God's love.

Go in peace, knowing that God loves you.

We follow the call of Love and go with God's abundant blessing.

* *Three-Fold Amen*

TH # 558