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Sunday Morning Meditation

The Ascension is not the absence of Christ, but his new presence.

- Pope Benedict XVI

Welcome

Greenfield Charge United Church of Christ
Mt Hope 8:30am Greenfield 9:50am
Ascension Sunday

May 17, 2026
Grace 11:00am

Community News

Prayer List and Prayers of the People

Prelude/Lighting of the Candles

* *Call to Worship*

Look to the heavens people of God.

See the power of the Most High God.

Christ ascends to heaven in glory.

Shout to God with cries of joy.

Clap your hand, children of Love incarnate.

Sing praises to God, our King.

* *Invocation*

God, Most High, as Christ ascended into the heavens, may our hearts ascend to you. Open our eyes to the power of your Spirit, and open our lives to the fullness of your power, that we may be clothed with power on high. Help us wait patiently for the baptism of your Spirit, that we may be found worthy of your great gifts. Amen.

* *Opening Hymn "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"*

Mt Hope VH #8

Greenfield CH #43

Grace VH #8

Prayer for Yearning

Merciful God, we yearn for the promise of your glorious inheritance but settle for less. We long to see with the eyes of our hearts enlightened that we might aspire to the glories of Christ above. Teach us anew to wait for your Holy Spirit, that we may be clothed with power on high. In the

name of the one who ascended to heaven to show us the way to live here on earth, we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Wait in patient for God's Spirit. Wait in longing for the hope to which we are called. God will fill us with Christ's glorious Spirit and clothe us with power on high.

First Lesson

Acts 1:1-11 NRSV

The Promise of the Holy Spirit

1 In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and teach ² until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. ³ After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. ⁴ While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; ⁵ for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

The Ascension of Jesus

⁶ So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" ⁷ He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." ⁹ When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰ While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹ They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

Psalm Reading

Psalm 47:1-9 NRSV

God's Rule over the Nations

- ¹ Clap your hands, all you peoples;
shout to God with loud songs of joy.
- ² For the Lord, the Most High, is awesome,
a great king over all the earth.
- ³ He subdued peoples under us
and nations under our feet.
- ⁴ He chose our heritage for us,
the pride of Jacob whom he loves. Selah
- ⁵ God has gone up with a shout,
the Lord with the sound of a trumpet.
- ⁶ Sing praises to God, sing praises;
sing praises to our King, sing praises.
- ⁷ For God is the king of all the earth;
sing praises with a psalm.
- ⁸ God is king over the nations;
God sits on his holy throne.
- ⁹ The princes of the peoples gather
as the people of the God of Abraham.
For the shields of the earth belong to God;
he is highly exalted.

* *The Gospel Reading*

Luke 24:44-53 NRSV

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

TH #497

⁴⁴ Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” ⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶ and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day ⁴⁷ and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹ And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised, so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.”

The Ascension of Jesus

⁵⁰ Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. ⁵¹ While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. ⁵² And they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, ⁵³ and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

** Gloria Patri*

Children's Message / Congregation Conversation

** Meditation Hymn*

“Majestic Sweetness”

Mt Hope VH #196

Greenfield FHP #130

Grace VH #196

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

O God, for your power and might, we praise you. For your love and mercy, we thank you. For giving us your Spirit and your every blessing, we honor you with our lives and gifts. Receive from our hand the fruit of our industry, in ministry to a world in need of your glory. In the name of the one who ascended to heaven, that we might have fullness’ of life here on earth, we pray. Amen.

* *Closing Hymn* “Crown Him With Many Crowns”

Mt Hope VH #7

Greenfield CH #45

Grace VH #7

* *Benediction*

Lift your eyes to the heavens.

We lift them to the one who ascended in glory.

Trust the power of God’s Holy Spirit.

We embrace the one who clothes us with power.

Go as witnesses of the risen Lord.

We celebrate the one who brings us eternal life.

* *Three-Fold Amen*

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* *Postlude/Extinguishing of the Candle*