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Sunday Meditation

Breathe in me O Holy Spirit
that my thoughts may all be holy;
Act in me O Holy Spirit
that my works, too, may be holy;
Draw my heart O Holy Spirit
that I love but what is holy;
Strengthen me O Holy Spirit
to defend that is holy;
Guard me then O Holy Spirit
that I always may be holy.

St. Augustine of Hippo (AD 354-430)

Greenfield Charge United Church of Christ
Mt Hope 8:30am Greenfield 9:50am
Day of Pentecost/‘In the World’

May 19, 2024
Grace 11:00am

Community News

Prayer List and Prayers of the People

Prelude/Lighting of the Candles

* *Call to Worship*

God has done great things for us!

We declare God’s mighty works with all we have!

In a world where there is deceit and unkindness,

We declare God’s mighty works with all we have!

We praise the One who has kept us safe and provided for us.

We worship the One who has blessed us with holy wisdom!

Let us worship God together!

Come, Holy Spirit!

* *Invocation*

Jesus, our sibling and friend, we thank you for your example, which guides us as we share the good news of God’s love with a hurting world. Thank you for protecting us, teaching us, and equipping us to partner with you to work for love and justice. Help us share the joy we’ve found in our relationship with you. Empower us with the Holy Spirit, that we might testify to God’s goodness. Amen.

* *Opening Hymn*

“Holy Spirit, Truth Divine”

Mt Hope PH #242

Greenfield NCH #63

Grace TH #188

Prayer for Transformation and New Life

Gracious God, Jesus prayed that his disciples would be protected from deceit. Sometimes, it’s not easy to be bold in sharing how God’s love has impacted our lives. We ask forgiveness for the times we have not been strong enough in sharing our truth, for fear of how others would respond. Help us find strength in Your promises to us. Help us share our joy with abundance. Amen.

Words of Grace

Friends, take comfort. None of Jesus' disciples found this work to be easy, and sometimes they faltered. We aren't expected to be perfect either. We are sanctified in God's truth. Christ prays for us and guides our words and actions. We always have opportunities to grow in our discipleship, as long as we trust in Christ to lead us.

By the grace of God, we are forgiven. Amen.

First Reading

Acts 2:1-21 NRSV

The Coming of the Holy Spirit

2 When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. **2** And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. **3** Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. **4** All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

5 Now there were devout Jews from every people under heaven living in Jerusalem. **6** And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. **7** Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" **8** And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? **9** Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, **10** Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, **11** Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." **12** All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" **13** But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

Peter Addresses the Crowd

14 But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Fellow Jews and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. **15** Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. **16** No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

17 ‘In the last days it will be, God declares,
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
and your young men shall see visions,
and your old men shall dream dreams.

18 Even upon my slaves, both men and women,
in those days I will pour out my Spirit,
and they shall prophesy.

19 And I will show portents in the heaven above
and signs on the earth below,
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

20 The sun shall be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood,
before the coming of the Lord’s great and glorious day.

21 Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be
saved.’

* *The Reading of the Holy Gospel* **John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15 NRSV**
Gloria Tibi (Glory be to Thee, O Lord.) **TH #497**

26 “When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the
Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will
testify on my behalf. 27 You also are to testify, because you have
been with me from the beginning.

The Work of the Spirit

“I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I
was with you. 5 But now I am going to him who sent me, yet none
of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’ 6 But because I have said
these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. 7 Nevertheless, I
tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do
not go away, the Advocate will not come to you, but if I go, I will
send him to you. 8 And when he comes, he will prove the world
wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: 9 about sin,
because they do not believe in me; 10 about righteousness, because
I am going to the Father, and you will see me no longer; 11 about
judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned.

12 “I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them
now. 13 When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all

the truth, for he will not speak on his own but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. ¹⁴ He will glorify me because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵ All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

* *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

* *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

Loving God, we remember that one of Christ’s most important commandments is loving one another. With these gifts, help us show this love in our words and actions, caring for the vulnerable and offering hope in times of despair. Amen.

* *Closing Hymn*

“How Great Thou Art”

Mt Hope VH #505

Greenfield CH #147

Grace VH #505

* *Benediction*

Gracious God, you have given us Jesus, and his teachings of love and compassion. Through these gifts, help us enact his way of hope and liberation in a world of need. Amen.

* *Three-Fold Amen*

TH # 558

* *Postlude/Extinguishing of the Candle*

In the World: Service Prayers for the Day of Pentecost Year B was written by Rev. Jacob Nault, Pastor of Union-Congregational Church in Waupun, WI. He also works alongside the UCC’s Disabilities Ministries Board to provide music, liturgy, and other resources on issues of disability justice.