



May 22, 2022
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Sunday Morning Meditation

While I am here, He is in me; after this life, I am in Him.

Meister Eckhart
Meister Eckhart's Sermons
(14th Century)

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

May 22, 2022
Grace 11:00am

Community News

Prayer List and Prayers of the People

Prelude/Lighting of the Candles

* *Call to Worship*

Let the Creator be home among us

In our hearts, may God be welcome

May God's love shape our every thought

May our actions lead to God's justice

May our words be words of life

May God's Spirit lead us

May God's peace dwell within us. Amen.

* *Invocation*

God's love is our nourishment

God's truth, our liberation

God's words, our wisdom

God's peace, our home

Welcome to the love of God

* *Opening Hymn* *"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"*

Mt Hope PH #15

Greenfield CH #210

Grace TH #8

Prayer of Confession

We have not yet learned to love as you love

We have spoken praise in our mouths

When our hearts were far from you

The gifts you gave for our peace

We have weaponized

Yet, even in our failings

Your love has never failed us

Even when we turned you away

You still choose to make your home among us

Our hearts are troubled

We are enmeshed in fear
Creation needs you
Our families need you
Our streets need you
Our cities need you
The soil needs you
Our souls need you
Heal us
Forgive us
Make us whole again

Assurance of Grace

Beloved of God, hear the good news.
God's faithfulness is sure
God's love will not fail us
In accordance with God's lovingkindness
You are forgiven
You are welcome
You are home
Glory to love of God. Amen.

Psalm Reading

Psalm 67 NIV

For the director of music.

With stringed instruments. A psalm. A song.

- ¹ May God be gracious to us and bless us
and make his face shine on us—^[b]
- ² so that your ways may be known on earth,
your salvation among all nations.
- ³ May the peoples praise you, God;
may all the peoples praise you.
- ⁴ May the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you rule the peoples with equity
and guide the nations of the earth.
- ⁵ May the peoples praise you, God;
may all the peoples praise you.
- ⁶ The land yields its harvest;
God, our God, blesses us.
- ⁷ May God bless us still,
so that all the ends of the earth will fear him.

Second Reading

Revelation 21:10, 22–22:5 NIV

¹⁰ And he carried me away in the Spirit to a mountain great and high, and showed me the Holy City, Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God.

²² I did not see a temple in the city, because the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple. ²³ The city does not need the sun or the moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and the Lamb is its lamp. ²⁴ The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their splendor into it. ²⁵ On no day will its gates ever be shut, for there will be no night there. ²⁶ The glory and honor of the nations will be brought into it. ²⁷ Nothing impure will ever enter it, nor will anyone who does what is shameful or deceitful, but only those whose names are written in the Lamb's book of life.

Eden Restored

22 Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, as clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb ² down the middle of the great street of the city. On each side of the river stood the tree of life, bearing twelve crops of fruit, yielding its fruit every month. And the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. ³ No longer will there be any curse. The throne of God and of the Lamb will be in the city, and his servants will serve him. ⁴ They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. ⁵ There will be no more night. They will not need the light of a lamp or the light of the sun, for the Lord God will give them light. And they will reign for ever and ever.

* *The Reading of the Holy Gospel*

John 14:23-29 NIV

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

TH #497

²³ Jesus replied, “Anyone who loves me will obey my teaching. My Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. ²⁴ Anyone who does not love me will not obey my teaching. These words you hear are not my own; they belong to the Father who sent me.

²⁵ “All this I have spoken while still with you. ²⁶ But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I

have said to you. ²⁷ Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

²⁸ “You heard me say, ‘I am going away and I am coming back to you.’ If you loved me, you would be glad that I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. ²⁹ I have told you now before it happens, so that when it does happen you will believe.

* *Gloria Patri*

Children's Message

* *Meditation Hymn* “*Of the Father's Love Begotten*”

Mt Hope PH #111

Greenfield CH #240

Grace TH #13

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

May these gifts be used to build the Beloved Community through our hands of service, in the power of the Holy Spirit, and in the name of Jesus, our Messiah. Amen.

* *Closing Hymn* “Shall We Gather at the River?”
Mt Hope Insert *Greenfield* FHP #491 *Grace* Insert

* *Benediction*

May the love of God go with us. May God’s love saturate our memories. May God’s love overwhelm us. God is love. As we carry God’s love within us, may we carry God’s love to the world around us. Go forth in the love of God. Amen.

* *Three-Fold Amen* TH # 558

* *Postlude/Extinguishing of the Candle*

Love of God: Service Prayers for Easter 6C was written by Michael Anthony Howard, who serves as Minister of Faith in Action for the Living Water Association, Ohio NorthEast, of the Heartland Conference, United Church of Christ.