



*Pentecost Sunday*  
*May 24, 2026*  
*Greenfield Charge United Church of Christ*

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*Sunday Morning Meditation*

*“Without Pentecost, the Christ-event — the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus — remains imprisoned in history. The church is more than an organization; she is a Spirit-filled people.”*

*- John Stott*

# Welcome

Greenfield Charge United Church of Christ  
Mt Hope 8:30am                      Greenfield 9:50am  
Pentecost | Who Is Thirsty

May 24, 2026  
Grace 11:00am

## *Community News*

## *Prayer List and Prayers of the People*

## *Prelude/Lighting of the Candles*

### *\* Call to Worship*

How manifold are the works of the Holy One! In wisdom, God has made them all; the earth is full of God's creatures.

**May the glory of the LORD endure forever; may the Creator rejoice in God's works!**

How beautiful are the works of the Holy One! In love, God has formed them all; the earth is full of God's beloved.

**I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praise to our God while I have being.**

How wonderful are the works of the Holy One! In peace and hope, God has renewed them all; the earth is full of God's redeemed.

**May our meditation be pleasing to Spirit, Rejoice in the Holy One!**

### *\* Invocation*

Living Water, quench our thirst. Fill us from the wellspring of your love. Refresh us in the unending flow of your grace. Immerse us in the vastness of your kingdom like drops in the ocean. We live in awe of your majesty and in humility at your presence among us. Revive us again as on the Day of Pentecost and drench your church in resurrection power. Amen.

### *\* Opening Hymn*

*Mt Hope* VH #152

### *"Blessed Quietness"*

*Greenfield* FHP #108

*Grace* VH #152

## *Prayer for Transformation of New Life*

**Spirit of the Living God, draw us together into the place where your Spirit awaits us. Guide us in your direction so that as we gather, we experience the unity that comes from shared hope and mutual understanding. Fill us with more questions than answers and open our minds to visions and dreams of a world transformed in your love and peace and infused with your hope and joy. For your name and glory, we pray for new life in you. Amen.**

## *Words of Grace*

Body of Christ, the Spirit is with us as Comforter, Counselor, and Conscience. The Holy One will continue to demonstrate the way and amaze us with deeds of power and grace, strength and mercy, might and compassion. Receive the gift of new possibilities, unity in Christ, and transformation for the world through witness, justice, and love.

## *First Lesson*

**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.”<sup>12</sup> All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?”<sup>13</sup> But others sneered and said, “They are filled with new wine.”

*Peter Addresses the Crowd*

<sup>14</sup> 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. <sup>15</sup> Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. <sup>16</sup> No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

<sup>17</sup> ‘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.

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

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

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

<sup>21</sup> Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.’

\* *The Gospel Reading*

**John 20:19-23 NRSV**

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

**TH #497**

*Jesus Appears to the Disciples*

<sup>19</sup> When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.”<sup>20</sup> After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup> Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.”<sup>22</sup> When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup> If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

*\* 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

**Spirit, receive these gifts for the mutual flourishing of all the creatures of earth and the benefit of your kingdom. Sustain us as caretakers, prosper our work, and stir the gifts in us. Amen.**

\* *Closing Hymn*

*“On Pentecost They Gathered”*

*Mt Hope* Insert

*Greenfield* NCH #272

*Grace* Insert

\* *Benediction*

Having been quenched and ignited by Spirit  
And united in the waters of the baptized life  
Let us go from this gathering as members of the Body of Christ—  
Together even when distant  
Understanding across differences  
Resolved beyond fear and empowered by the Spirit  
Joyful in amazement and in mystery  
Visioning, prophesying, dreaming  
As on the Day of Pentecost

\* *Three-Fold Amen*

TH # 558

\* *Postlude/Extinguishing of the Candle*

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**Who Is Thirsty:** Service Prayers for the Day of Pentecost Year A was written by the Rev. Dr. Cheryl A. Lindsay, Minister for Worship and Theology for the United Church of Christ.