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Sunday Morning Thought

Remember that life's greatest lessons are usually learned at the worst times and from the worst mistakes.

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

June 28, 2020
Grace 11:00am

4th Sunday after Pentecost
Rewards of Welcome

Community News

Prelude

Lighting of the Candles

* *Call to Worship*

God calls into our midst those who are beloved in all their diversity:

We welcome them.

God calls into our midst all those who are vulnerable, in need of teaching, healing, shelter

We welcome them

God calls into our midst all those with a word of challenge that proclaims God's kingdom for all

We welcome them.

Let us worship God, who calls us to be "prophets of welcome":

Alleluia!

* *Opening Hymn*

"No, Not One"

vs 1,3,5

Mt Hope VH #208

Greenfield CH #609

Grace VH #208

Gathering Prayer

Holy One, who calls us into community, and invites us to welcome your prophets and messengers, let us experience your welcome to us gathered in various places but joined in this moment. Show us that we are beloved and honored in your presence and in this community. Show us how to put our resources at the service of all, help us know that the cup of water given in your name nourishes the one who gives and the one who receives. Satisfy our thirst to know your presence here and now.

Prayer of Confession

God of all, you call us into obedience to the ways of life and holiness, to honor your image in all whom we meet. When we ration your welcome to a very few:

Lord have mercy.

God of abundance, you call us to stop clinging to things, to trust in your goodness to provide all we need. When we grasp and hoard and do not share,

Christ have mercy.

God of hope, you call us to imagine a future “kingdom” where all find a place at the table, a safe and joyful welcome to neighbors, children, creation. When we stop short of your vision of your world of mercy and justice for all,

Lord have mercy.

Words of Assurance

Holy One, who is still speaking through our words,
Help us to hear your assurance in the peace we share together.
You will always welcome us by name. Amen.

The Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Statement

* Doxology

* Offertory Prayer

TH # 551

Let us pray ...

Welcoming One, bless these gifts with your Spirit

Transform these gifts into the balm that your world needs.

In these gifts, may we welcome in a new world of love. Amen.

First Reading

Genesis 22:1-14 NIV

Abraham Tested

22 Some time later God tested Abraham. He said to him,
“Abraham!”

“Here I am,” he replied.

² Then God said, “Take your son, your only son, whom you love— Isaac—and go to the region of Moriah. Sacrifice him there as a burnt offering on a mountain I will show you.”

³ Early the next morning Abraham got up and loaded his donkey. He took with him two of his servants and his son Isaac. When he had cut enough wood for the burnt offering, he set out for the place God had told him about. ⁴ On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place in the distance. ⁵ He said to his servants, “Stay here with the donkey while I and the boy go over there. We will worship and then we will come back to you.”

⁶ Abraham took the wood for the burnt offering and placed it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. As the two of them went on together, ⁷ Isaac spoke up and said to his father Abraham, “Father?”

“Yes, my son?” Abraham replied.

“The fire and wood are here,” Isaac said, “but where is the lamb for the burnt offering?”

⁸ Abraham answered, “God himself will provide the lamb for the burnt offering, my son.” And the two of them went on together.

⁹ When they reached the place God had told him about, Abraham built an altar there and arranged the wood on it. He bound his son Isaac and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. ¹⁰ Then he reached out his hand and took the knife to slay his son. ¹¹ But the angel of the LORD called out to him from heaven, “Abraham! Abraham!”

“Here I am,” he replied.

¹² “Do not lay a hand on the boy,” he said. “Do not do anything to him. Now I know that you fear God, because you have not withheld from me your son, your only son.”

¹³ Abraham looked up and there in a thicket he saw a ram^[a] caught by its horns. He went over and took the ram and sacrificed it as a burnt offering instead of his son. ¹⁴ So Abraham called that place The LORD Will Provide. And to this day it is said, “On the mountain of the LORD it will be provided.”

Second Reading

Romans 6:12-14 NIV

¹² Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its evil desires. ¹³ Do not offer any part of yourself to sin as an instrument of wickedness, but rather offer yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life; and offer every part of yourself to him as an instrument of righteousness. ¹⁴ For sin shall no longer be your master, because you are not under the law, but under grace.

* *The Reading of the Holy Gospel*

Matthew 10:40-42 NIV

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

TH #497

⁴⁰ “Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me, and anyone who welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. ⁴¹ Whoever welcomes a prophet as a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward, and whoever welcomes a righteous person as a righteous person will receive a righteous person’s reward. ⁴² And if anyone gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones who is my disciple, truly I tell you, that person will certainly not lose their reward.”

This ends the Gospel of our Risen Lord, Jesus Christ.

Praise be to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

* *Gloria Patri*

Children's Message

Meditation Hymn

“Draw Me Nearer”

Mt Hope VH #357

Greenfield CH #552

Grace VH #357

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

* *Closing Hymn* “Count Your Blessings” vs 1,2,4
Mt Hope VH #297 Greenfield CH #786 Grace VH #297

* *Benediction*

Whoever welcomes you welcomes me,
Quench our thirst for love,
Satisfy our need to be known,
Assure us that we are indeed prophets of welcome.
Let us go to proclaim this peace in God’s name.

* *Three-Fold Amen*

* *Postlude/Extinguishing of the Candle* TH # 558

* *Postlude 2/Exiting the Church*