



June 20, 2021
Father's Day
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Sunday Meditation

Since God Himself is a steadfast Rock, the foundation of all certitude and steadfastness, it must be by faith or holding fast to God that man can become steadfast.

Andrew Murray
Have Mercy Upon Me (1896)
Greenfield Charge United Church of Christ **June 20, 2021**

Mt Hope 8:30am

Greenfield 9:50am

Grace 11:00am

4th Sunday after Pentecost | Proper 7 | Father's Day

Community News

Prayer List and Prayers of the People

Prelude/Lighting of the Candles

* *Call to Worship*

It's awesome when all of the people live together in unity!

**When waters are rough,
We hold each other tightly.
When the sea begins to swallow us,
We hold each other tightly and call on God.**

But we also need God and each other when there are no looming waves.

**We can splash and play in the shallow end
And venture into deeper waters with trusted friends.
Delighting in refreshing currents of community
And savoring each burst of laughter,
Let's invite others to join in the fun!**

* *Opening Hymn* *"This is My Father's World"*

Mt Hope VH #21

Greenfield CH #143

Grace VH #21

Gathering Prayer

**Ever-living God, you are like the sea: Powerful and endless,
yet soothing and constant. Let us feel your refreshing
presence as we gather near your waters to wade in the
possibilities of life that you offer us this day.**

Prayer of Confession

O God, sometimes we are like David, and sometimes Goliath: forgive us for our two-sided nature. We face the powerful with righteous anger, but cling to any sense of power that we attain. We are grateful when grace is extended to us, yet remain absent-minded of this when others have wronged us. We treat our own as family, yet ignore sisters and brothers whom we see only from a distance. As people of paradox, we long for oneness with ourselves and others, with Christ and creation, so that justice and love may flow freely.

<Silent Reflection>

Words of Assurance

God's grace washes upon the turbulent shores of our lives; and we are forgiven to begin again to live at peace with ourselves and others, with Christ and creation, allowing justice and love to flow freely through our lives. Let's offer each other a sign of Christ's peace.

First Reading

1 Samuel 17:4a, 8-11, 32-49 NIV

⁴ A champion named Goliath, who was from Gath, came out of the Philistine camp.

⁸ Goliath stood and shouted to the ranks of Israel, "Why do you come out and line up for battle? Am I not a Philistine, and are you not the servants of Saul? Choose a man and have him come down to me. ⁹ If he is able to fight and kill me, we will become your subjects; but if I overcome him and kill him, you will become our subjects and serve us." ¹⁰ Then the Philistine said, "This day I defy the armies of Israel! Give me a man and let us fight each other." ¹¹ On hearing the Philistine's words, Saul and all the Israelites were dismayed and terrified.

³² David said to Saul, "Let no one lose heart on account of this Philistine; your servant will go and fight him."

³³ Saul replied, "You are not able to go out against this Philistine and fight him; you are only a young man, and he has been a warrior from his youth."

³⁴ But David said to Saul, “Your servant has been keeping his father’s sheep. When a lion or a bear came and carried off a sheep from the flock, ³⁵ I went after it, struck it and rescued the sheep from its mouth. When it turned on me, I seized it by its hair, struck it and killed it. ³⁶ Your servant has killed both the lion and the bear; this uncircumcised Philistine will be like one of them, because he has defied the armies of the living God. ³⁷ The LORD who rescued me from the paw of the lion and the paw of the bear will rescue me from the hand of this Philistine.”

Saul said to David, “Go, and the LORD be with you.”

³⁸ Then Saul dressed David in his own tunic. He put a coat of armor on him and a bronze helmet on his head. ³⁹ David fastened on his sword over the tunic and tried walking around, because he was not used to them.

“I cannot go in these,” he said to Saul, “because I am not used to them.” So he took them off. ⁴⁰ Then he took his staff in his hand, chose five smooth stones from the stream, put them in the pouch of his shepherd’s bag and, with his sling in his hand, approached the Philistine.

⁴¹ Meanwhile, the Philistine, with his shield bearer in front of him, kept coming closer to David. ⁴² He looked David over and saw that he was little more than a boy, glowing with health and handsome, and he despised him. ⁴³ He said to David, “Am I a dog, that you come at me with sticks?” And the Philistine cursed David by his gods. ⁴⁴ “Come here,” he said, “and I’ll give your flesh to the birds and the wild animals!”

⁴⁵ David said to the Philistine, “You come against me with sword and spear and javelin, but I come against you in the name of the LORD Almighty, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. ⁴⁶ This day the LORD will deliver you into my hands, and I’ll strike you down and cut off your head. This very day I will give the carcasses of the Philistine army to the birds and the wild animals, and the whole world will know that there is a God in Israel. ⁴⁷ All those gathered here will know that it is not by sword or spear that the LORD saves; for the battle is the LORD’s, and he will give all of you into our hands.”

⁴⁸ As the Philistine moved closer to attack him, David ran quickly toward the battle line to meet him. ⁴⁹ Reaching into his bag and taking out a stone, he slung it and struck the Philistine on the forehead. The stone sank into his forehead, and he fell facedown on the ground.

* *The Reading of the Holy Gospel*

Mark 4:35-41 NIV

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

TH #497

Jesus Calms the Storm

³⁵ That day when evening came, he said to his disciples, “Let us go over to the other side.” ³⁶ Leaving the crowd behind, they took him along, just as he was, in the boat. There were also other boats with him. ³⁷ A furious squall came up, and the waves broke over the boat, so that it was nearly swamped. ³⁸ Jesus was in the stern, sleeping on a cushion. The disciples woke him and said to him, “Teacher, don’t you care if we drown?”

³⁹ He got up, rebuked the wind and said to the waves, “Quiet! Be still!” Then the wind died down and it was completely calm.

⁴⁰ He said to his disciples, “Why are you so afraid? Do you still have no faith?”

⁴¹ They were terrified and asked each other, “Who is this? Even the wind and the waves obey him!”

* *Gloria Patri*

Children's Message

Recognition of Graduates (Grace)

Leah Farber – Bellwood-Antis

* *Meditation Hymn*

“Count Your Blessings”

Mt Hope VH #297

Greenfield CH #786

Grace VH #297

Today's Message

A Father's Day Prayer

.God our Father, we give you thanks and praise for fathers young and old. We pray for young fathers, newly embracing their vocation. May they find courage and perseverance to balance work, family and faith in joy and sacrifice. We pray for Fathers around the world whose children are lost or suffering; May they know that the God of compassion walks with them in their sorrow. We pray for men who are not fathers but still mentor and guide us with fatherly love and advice. We remember fathers, grandfathers, and great grandfathers who are no longer with us but who live forever in our memory and nourish us with their love. Amen.

A Father's Day Reading

Catherine A. Herbert

My Father Is A Christian

My father is a Christian;
He leads our household well;
With instruction from the Bible,
Right behavior he'll compel.

Yet he steers us with compassion;
His gentle love is true;
He conforms to our Lord Jesus,
So we know just what to do.
He teaches us with purpose,
Guides us in all Godly ways
So we will take the right path,
And serve our Lord with praise.

I'm glad you're a Christian, Dad;
You help me see things clearly.
I'll always look up to you,
And love you very dearly.

* *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

**Bighearted God, we ask you to take these gifts, bless them, and use them to calm storms and create in our communities new, imaginative, and life-giving streams.
Amen.**

* *Closing Hymn*

“The Family of God”

Mt Hope VH #500

Greenfield CH #419

Grace VH #500

* *Benediction*

We are the waters in which God swims! Through the currents, crashing waves, and depths of the unknown, a Holy Presence remains. May God continue charting new courses and ways of being in the world that unite creation in a collective call of “Peace! Be still!”

* *Three-Fold Amen*

TH # 558

* *Postlude/Extinguishing of the Candle*