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*June 30, 2024*  
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*Sunday Meditation*

As we practice the work of forgiveness, we discover more and more that forgiveness and healing are one.

**Agnes Sanford**  
*The Healing Light (1947)*

Greenfield Charge United Church of Christ  
Mt Hope 8:30am                      Greenfield 9:50am  
6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost / Healing

June 30, 2024  
Grace 11:00am

*Community News*

*Prayer List and Prayers of the People*

*Prelude/Lighting of the Candles*

\* *Call to Worship*

adapted from Psalm 130

Out of the depths we cry to you, O Holy One. God, hear our voices! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of our supplications!

**If you, O God, should mark iniquities, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with you, so that you may be revered.**

We wait for the Divine One; our soul waits, and in the Word, we hope; our soul waits for the Holy One more than those who watch for the morning.

**O creation, hope in the Creator! For with the Holy One there is steadfast love, and with God there is great power to redeem.**

**ALL: It is the Creator who will redeem creation from all its imperfections.**

\* *Invocation*

Dear precious God, be upon us this day in our worship and praise. Strengthen our faith in the inclusive and loving teachings of Christ and may the Holy Spirit be our guide as we pray and discern our gathering as your church to be the disciples of God's realm in the world today. We pray this in the name of Jesus the Christ. Amen.

\* *Opening Hymn*    "*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*"

*Mt Hope* VH #12

*Greenfield* CH #11

*Grace* VH #12

*Prayer for Transformation and New Life*

As we gather in worship, let us take this moment to consider our needs for healing, transformation and forgiveness. I invite you to quietly reflect on our need for grace.

*Moment of Silence*

**Dear God, the creator of all things based on love. You created us in your image of love and there have been times we have fallen short of that love, not only to you but to each other and all of creation. I ask for your forgiveness and from you, present today, my siblings, sisters and brothers in Christ. I thank you for the comforting strength and compassion of the Holy Spirit to do better in bringing love and grace in all I do. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.**

### *Words of Grace*

As Jesus taught those who were healed from their brokenness through their faith—may we also believe, and therefore we also declare in the affirming knowledge that when we turn to God with our shortcomings, we are renewed in God's Love by the grace of Christ. Amen.

### *Psalm Reading*

**Psalm 130 NRSV**

#### *Waiting for Divine Redemption*

#### *A Song of Ascents.*

<sup>1</sup> Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD.

<sup>2</sup> Lord, hear my voice!

Let your ears be attentive  
to the voice of my supplications!

<sup>3</sup> If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities,  
Lord, who could stand?

<sup>4</sup> But there is forgiveness with you,  
so that you may be revered.

<sup>5</sup> I wait for the LORD; my soul waits,  
and in his word I hope;

<sup>6</sup> my soul waits for the Lord  
more than those who watch for the morning,  
more than those who watch for the morning.

<sup>7</sup> O Israel, hope in the LORD!

For with the LORD there is steadfast love,  
and with him is great power to redeem.

<sup>8</sup> It is he who will redeem Israel  
from all its iniquities.

*A Girl Restored to Life and a Woman Healed*

<sup>21</sup> When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered around him, and he was by the sea. <sup>22</sup> Then one of the leaders of the synagogue, named Jairus, came and, when he saw him, fell at his feet <sup>23</sup> and pleaded with him repeatedly, “My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well and live.” <sup>24</sup> So he went with him.

And a large crowd followed him and pressed in on him. <sup>25</sup> Now there was a woman who had been suffering from a flow of blood for twelve years. <sup>26</sup> She had endured much under many physicians and had spent all that she had, and she was no better but rather grew worse. <sup>27</sup> She had heard about Jesus and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, <sup>28</sup> for she said, “If I but touch his cloak, I will be made well.” <sup>29</sup> Immediately her flow of blood stopped, and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. <sup>30</sup> Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd and said, “Who touched my cloak?” <sup>31</sup> And his disciples said to him, “You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you say, ‘Who touched me?’ ” <sup>32</sup> He looked all around to see who had done it. <sup>33</sup> But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down before him, and told him the whole truth. <sup>34</sup> He said to her, “Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease.”

<sup>35</sup> While he was still speaking, some people came from the synagogue leader’s house to say, “Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the teacher any further?” <sup>36</sup> But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the synagogue leader, “Do not be afraid; only believe.” <sup>37</sup> He allowed no one to follow him except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James. <sup>38</sup> When they came to the synagogue leader’s house, he saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. <sup>39</sup> When he had entered, he said to them, “Why do you make a commotion and weep? The child is not dead but sleeping.” <sup>40</sup> And they laughed at him. Then he put them all outside

and took the child's father and mother and those who were with him and went in where the child was. <sup>41</sup> Taking her by the hand, he said to her, "Talitha koum," which means, "Little girl, get up!" <sup>42</sup> And immediately the girl stood up and began to walk about (she was twelve years of age). At this they were overcome with amazement. <sup>43</sup> He strictly ordered them that no one should know this and told them to give her something to eat.

\* *Gloria Patri*

*Children's Message / Congregation Conversation*

\* *Meditation Hymn*    *"'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus"*

*Mt Hope* VH #251

*Greenfield* CH #581

*Grace* VH #251

*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

**O Holy One, with gratefulness we offer and dedicate these  
gifts for the continuation of our work in Christ's Name.  
Amen.**

## \* *Closing Hymn*

*“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”*

*Mt Hope VH #28*

*Greenfield CH #139*

*Grace VH #28*

## \* *Benediction*

Dear Friends as we go out into the world seeking healing of all kinds, let us share the faith and hope that we carry in Christ. Be the light of peace and healing to a world which seeks it in the Name of God who created, redeems, and sustains us. Amen.

## \* *Three-Fold Amen*

TH # 558

## \* *Postlude/Extinguishing of the Candle*

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*Healing: Service Prayers for the Sixth Sunday after Pentecost was written by Rev. Roberto Ochoa, the Minister for Ethnic Inclusion, & Congregational Support for Rural and Small Churches for the National Setting of the United Church of Christ. He is a member of Mt. Zion Congregational UCC in Cleveland, OH.*