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Independence Day Reflection

This Independence Day, we're reaching out to say, the best things in life are FREE... Just like God's love for you.

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Unknown
July 3, 2022

Mt Hope 8:30am

Greenfield 9:50am

Grace 11:00am

4th Sunday after Pentecost/July 4th Service

Community News

Prayer List and Prayers of the People

Prelude/Lighting of the Candles

* *Call to Worship*

Make a joyful sound to the Holy One. Let the earth rejoice.

How awesome are your works, O Sovereign!

Creation groans under the pressure of war, environmental abuse, and communal disconnection.

We cry out to you, Present God, and you hear and respond.

You turn our mourning into movement and stir our souls into action and into rest.

**Everlasting God, we will give thanks and praise for you,
clothe us in joy and peace.**

* *Invocation*

God with us, you send us into the world as your agents of restoration and change. You speak to us in the stillness of our rest and the chaos of a frenzied world. You guide us in troubling times, and you move us to dance in celebration. We give thanks for your presence among us. Open all points of receptivity within us as we worship you, Holy and Living God. Amen.

* *Opening Hymn* *“O Beautiful for Spacious Skies”*

Mt Hope PH #440

Greenfield FHP #450

Grace TH #443

Prayer of Transformation and New Life

Spirit of the Living God, temptation surrounds us. Self-preservation lures us to indifference. Fear of confrontation coaxes us to keep silent about things that matter. The desire to be right entices us to ignore the cries of our neighbors.

Too often we ignore the call to go and to be in favor of staying stuck in our attitudes and behaviors. Too often, we are the ones who refuse to welcome you into our intimate

space, who resist the work of transformation, and who remain unresponsive to the burdens of our siblings in creation. Spirit of Gentleness, redirect us back to the path of life, the way of justice, and the hope of peace. Amen.

Assurance of Grace

Our Companion and Advocate takes this journey with us. Our invitation to make the kingdom of God our dwelling place continually renews. The Righteous One opens the door and eases our entry into new life, new mercy, and new grace.

Epistle

Galatians 6:1-16 NIV

Doing Good to All

Brothers and sisters, if someone is caught in a sin, you who live by the Spirit should restore that person gently. But watch yourselves, or you also may be tempted. ² Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. ³ If anyone thinks they are something when they are not, they deceive themselves. ⁴ Each one should test their own actions. Then they can take pride in themselves alone, without comparing themselves to someone else, ⁵ for each one should carry their own load. ⁶ Nevertheless, the one who receives instruction in the word should share all good things with their instructor.

⁷ Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. ⁸ Whoever sows to please their flesh, from the flesh will reap destruction; whoever sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life. ⁹ Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. ¹⁰ Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.

Not Circumcision but the New Creation

¹¹ See what large letters I use as I write to you with my own hand! ¹² Those who want to impress people by means of the flesh are trying to compel you to be circumcised. The only reason they do this is to avoid being persecuted for the cross of Christ. ¹³ Not even those who are circumcised keep the law, yet they want you to be circumcised that they may boast about your circumcision in the flesh. ¹⁴ May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus

Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. ¹⁵ Neither circumcision nor uncircumcision means anything; what counts is the new creation. ¹⁶ Peace and mercy to all who follow this rule - to the Israel of God.

* *The Reading of the Holy Gospel*

Luke 10:1-11, 16-20 NIV

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

TH #497

Jesus Sends Out the Seventy-Two

After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them two by two ahead of him to every town and place where he was about to go. ² He told them, “The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field. ³ Go! I am sending you out like lambs among wolves. ⁴ Do not take a purse or bag or sandals; and do not greet anyone on the road.

⁵ “When you enter a house, first say, ‘Peace to this house.’ ⁶ If someone who promotes peace is there, your peace will rest on them; if not, it will return to you. ⁷ Stay there, eating and drinking whatever they give you, for the worker deserves his wages. Do not move around from house to house.

⁸ “When you enter a town and are welcomed, eat what is offered to you. ⁹ Heal the sick who are there and tell them, ‘The kingdom of God has come near to you.’ ¹⁰ But when you enter a town and are not welcomed, go into its streets and say, ¹¹ ‘Even the dust of your town we wipe from our feet as a warning to you. Yet be sure of this: The kingdom of God has come near.’

¹⁶ “Whoever listens to you listens to me; whoever rejects you rejects me; but whoever rejects me rejects him who sent me.”

¹⁷ The seventy-two returned with joy and said, “Lord, even the demons submit to us in your name.”

¹⁸ He replied, “I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. ¹⁹ I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy; nothing will harm you you. ²⁰ However, do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.”

* *Gloria Patri*

Children's Message

Recognition of Graduates (Grace)

Kaitlyn Farber – Saint Francis University

* *Meditation Hymn* “*Lead On, O King Eternal*”

Mt Hope PH #375

Greenfield CH #724

Grace VH #394

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

Creator, bless these gifts that we bring to this community and the world. May our time be used preciousy, our treasure shared faithfully, and our talents demonstrated gloriously in your name. Amen.

* *Closing Hymn* “Lord, Dismiss Us With Thy Blessing”

Mt Hope PH #63

Greenfield CH #237

Grace TH #35

* *Benediction*

Go on your way into the harvest as laborers bringing good news into a world of need. Go on your way as companions of one another, of the Spirit, and of Christ. Go on your way in the assurance that the God of peace goes with you, before you, and behind you. Go in peace. Amen.

* *Three-Fold Amen*

TH # 558

* *Postlude/Extinguishing of the Candle*

May Peace Be: Service Prayers for the Fourth Sunday after Pentecost were written by Rev. Dr. Cheryl A. Lindsay, Minister for Worship and Theology, United Church of Christ.

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Church & Community News

Date	Time	Location	Event
<i>Following Weeks</i>			
7/10 Sun	11:00 am	Greenfield	Joint Service
7/10 Sun	12:00 pm	Greenfield	Joint Consistory Meeting
7/17 Sun	8:30 am	Mt. Hope	Regular Church Services
	9:45 am	Greenfield	
	11:00 am	Grace	
7/17 Sun	12:00 pm	Grace	Reception for Confirmands with Cake & Ice Cream
7/17 Sun 7/18 Mon 7/19 Tues 7/20 Wed 7/21 Thurs	6:00 pm To 8:30 pm	Mt. Hope	Vacation Bible School Rocky Mountain Railroad

VBS July 17-21. Mark your calendars!! Volunteers Needed!!!

WINGS will be having a basket auction again this year at Claysburg Area Community Days, Aug 13-14. We wanted to get the word out in case you see items on sale or would like to make a donation for WINGS to build a basket. It's never too early to think about it because time passes quickly and before you know it, it's August!! The profits are mainly redistributed to many local non-profits during the holidays and donated to those with emergency needs. Thanks for your continued support to this fundraiser.

Community

The Greenfield Charge
Mission Giving
Our Sponsor Children
Penn West Conference
Camp Living Waters

Our Nation

National & World Leaders
Military Families

American POW's
War Torn Countries
The Unemployed
Victims of Natural Disasters
Victims of Domestic Violence/Abuse
Victims of Addictions
Others in Need of Prayer