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Sunday Morning Thought

*Good things come to those who **believe**, better things come to those who are **patient** and the best things come to those who **don't give up**.*

- Author Unknown

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

August 9, 2020
Grace 11:00am

10th Sunday after Pentecost

Community News

Prayer List and Prayers of the People

Prelude

Lighting of the Candles

* *Call to Worship*

Over the turbulent waves in our lives, Jesus calls us.

We get so busy watching the waves, we block out Jesus' call.

Look again. Jesus is calling to you.

Lord, help us hear your voice.

Come, place your trust in Jesus.

* *Opening Hymn* “When Morning Gilds the Skies”

Mt Hope VH #41

Greenfield CH #215

Grace VH #41

Gathering Prayer

Lord, we come to you this day, seeking your healing and restoring love. Give us courage to reach out to you in the good and easy times as well as in the times of strain and stress. Open our hearts to receive your message of peace and hope. In Jesus' Name, we pray.
Amen

Prayer of Confession

Lord, you know us too well.

You know how easy it is for us to come to you

and to proclaim loudly of our faith when all is going well.

But when the waters get rough

and the waves threaten to swamp our little boats,

we cry and wail in fear.

We are sure that these waves

will be the very things that destroy us.

Over the wind and the waves
you call to us to place our trust in you.

That's not so easy for us.

We are so used to getting lots of reassurances
and written guarantees of safety.

But still you call to us.

Help us take our focus off the wind and the waves
and place our gaze directly on you.

Attune our hearts and our lives to hear your call
and to respond in faith.

For we offer this prayer in the name of Jesus.

Amen.

Words of Assurance

Don't be afraid.

Jesus is with you at all times.

You are healed, forgiven, and loved.

Come and live in the love of the Lord.

The Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Statement

* Doxology

* Offertory Prayer

TH # 551

**Bless our offering, O Lord, and bless us to your service. May
you find us faithful. Amen and Amen.**

Epistle Reading

Romans 10:5-15 NIV

⁵ Moses writes this about the righteousness that is by the law: "The person who does these things will live by them."⁶ But the righteousness that is by faith says: "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?'" (that is, to bring Christ down)⁷ "or 'Who will descend into the deep?'" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead).⁸ But what does it say? "The word is near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart," that is, the message concerning faith that we proclaim:⁹ If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.¹⁰ For it is with your heart that you believe

and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved. ¹¹ As Scripture says, “Anyone who believes in him will never be put to shame.” ¹² For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile—the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him, ¹³ for, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

¹⁴ How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? ¹⁵ And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written: “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”

* *The Reading of the Holy Gospel*
Gloria Tibi (Glory be to Thee, O Lord.)

Matthew 14:22-33 NIV
TH #497

Jesus Walks on the Water

²² Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowd. ²³ After he had dismissed them, he went up on a mountainside by himself to pray. Later that night, he was there alone, ²⁴ and the boat was already a considerable distance from land, buffeted by the waves because the wind was against it.

²⁵ Shortly before dawn Jesus went out to them, walking on the lake. ²⁶ When the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified. “It’s a ghost,” they said, and cried out in fear.

²⁷ But Jesus immediately said to them: “Take courage! It is I. Don’t be afraid.”

²⁸ “Lord, if it’s you,” Peter replied, “tell me to come to you on the water.”

²⁹ “Come,” he said.

Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus. ³⁰ But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, “Lord, save me!”

³¹ Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. “You of little faith,” he said, “why did you doubt?”

³² And when they climbed into the boat, the wind died down. ³³ Then those who were in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”

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

Praise be to you, Lord Jesus Christ

* *Gloria Patri*

Children's Message

Meditation Hymn

“Jesus Calls Us”

Mt Hope VH #386

Greenfield CH #592

Grace VH #386

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* “Leaning on the Everlasting Arms”
Mt Hope VH #206 Greenfield CH #575 Grace VH #206

* *Benediction*

Neither wind nor waves can swamp you!
Place your trust in God’s mercy and love.
Go into the world in peace, confident of God’s presence and love
for all creation. Amen.

In the name of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy
Spirit, one God, now and forevermore. **Hallelujah! Amen!**

* *Three-Fold Amen*

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

* *Postlude 2/Exiting the Church*