



*September 6, 2020*  
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*Centering Words*

*If you look at the world, you'll be distressed. If you look within, you'll be depressed. If you look at God, you'll be at rest.*

*- Corrie ten Boom*

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

September 6, 2020  
Grace 11:00am

14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

*Community News*

*Prayer List and Prayers of the People*

*Prelude*

*Lighting of the Candles*

\* *Call to Worship*

Praise God!

**Sing to God a new song!**

Give thanks to our Maker.

**We rejoice in our sovereign God.**

Let us praise God with dancing and music.

**Let the faithful sing for joy as we praise God together!**

\* *Opening Hymn*    “**Love, Divine, All Loves Excelling**”    vs 1,3,4  
Mt Hope VH #25                      Greenfield CH #648                      Grace VH #25

*Gathering Prayer*

As we gather here in your name, O Christ, you are already among us. Keep us open to your presence in us and around us that we may grow closer to you. Amen.

*Prayer of Confession*

Gracious God, too often we take you for granted.

When you call us to leave the situations that constrain us,  
we are too complacent to hear your voice,  
and too timid to leave what is familiar.

Make us ready to go where you lead us. Amen.

## *Words of Assurance*

God's grace is abundant, God's love is never-ending.  
As children of God, receive forgiveness and blessing.

## *Psalm Reading*

*119:33-40 NIV*

- 33 Teach me, LORD, the way of your decrees,  
that I may follow it to the end.<sup>[a]</sup>
- 34 Give me understanding, so that I may keep your law  
and obey it with all my heart.
- 35 Direct me in the path of your commands,  
for there I find delight.
- 36 Turn my heart toward your statutes  
and not toward selfish gain.
- 37 Turn my eyes away from worthless things;  
preserve my life according to your word.<sup>[b]</sup>
- 38 Fulfill your promise to your servant,  
so that you may be feared.
- 39 Take away the disgrace I dread,  
for your laws are good.
- 40 How I long for your precepts!  
In your righteousness preserve my life.

## *The Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings*

Offertory Statement

\* Doxology

\* Offertory Prayer

TH # 551

**We dedicate to you, generous God, our lives.**

**Receive these offerings as a sign of our gratitude and  
commitment. Amen.**

*Love Fulfills the Law*

<sup>8</sup> Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another, for whoever loves others has fulfilled the law. <sup>9</sup> The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery,” “You shall not murder,” “You shall not steal,” “You shall not covet,” and whatever other command there may be, are summed up in this one command: “Love your neighbor as yourself.” <sup>10</sup> Love does no harm to a neighbor. Therefore love is the fulfillment of the law.

*The Day Is Near*

<sup>11</sup> And do this, understanding the present time: The hour has already come for you to wake up from your slumber, because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed. <sup>12</sup> The night is nearly over; the day is almost here. So let us put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light. <sup>13</sup> Let us behave decently, as in the daytime, not in carousing and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and debauchery, not in dissension and jealousy. <sup>14</sup> Rather, clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ, and do not think about how to gratify the desires of the flesh.

\* *The Reading of the Holy Gospel*

*Matthew 18:15-20 NIV*

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

TH #497

*Dealing With Sin in the Church*

<sup>15</sup> “If your brother or sister sins, go and point out their fault, just between the two of you. If they listen to you, you have won them over. <sup>16</sup> But if they will not listen, take one or two others along, so that ‘every matter may be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses.’ <sup>17</sup> If they still refuse to listen, tell it to the church; and if they refuse to listen even to the church, treat them as you would a pagan or a tax collector.

<sup>18</sup> “Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.

<sup>19</sup> “Again, truly I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything they ask for, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. <sup>20</sup> For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them.”

\* *Gloria Patri*

*Children's Message*

*Meditation Hymn* "Have Thine Own Way, Lord"

*Mt Hope* VH #328

*Greenfield* CH #591

*Grace* VH #328

*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*

"Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus"

*Mt Hope* VH #368

*Greenfield* CH #730

*Grace* VH #368

\* *Benediction*

Let us go forth into the world  
to meet all creation with the Spirit of Hope and Justice!

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*