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Centering Meditation

When you pray for the release of some area of life in a friend and find that you are called upon to set right something in your own life that has acted as a stumbling block to him.

Douglas Steere
Prayer and Worship (1978)

Greenfield Charge United Church of Christ
Mt Hope 8:30am Greenfield 9:50am
18th Sunday after Pentecost | Proper 21

September 26, 2021
Grace 11:00am

Community News

Prayer List and Prayers of the People

Prelude/Lighting of the Candles

* *Call to Worship*

I am the church; you are the church.

We are the church together.

We depend on our seniors and long-time members
to remember where we came from and where we have been.

We are the church together.

We depend on our children to retell our sacred stories
as they grow.

We are the church together.

We depend on our youth and young adults
to ask us why we do things this way
and to suggest something new.

We are the church together.

We need each other to be the church.

We are the church together.

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

Mt Hope VH #41

Greenfield CH #215

Grace VH #41

Prayer of Confession

Creator of us all,

We sometimes forget:

We forget that we are not alone,

We forget that you made us,

We forget that we have had help along the way,

We forget to ask for what we need.

Embodied God,

Remind us that we are surrounded.

**We are surrounded by the people you have created,
And by the many gifts you have given them to share.
Remind us of our own gifts,
And the ways we may use them in community.**

Suffering Savior,

**We confess that in our own struggle to survive,
We have ignored other communities.**

**We have forgotten that they too have the right to survive.
Make us mindful. Make us compassionate.
Help us to see you in one another.**

In your name we pray, Amen.

Words of Assurance

Beloved in Christ, know that you are God's own and that through divine love you are freed to begin anew the work of living together in compassionate community.

Epistle Reading

James 5:13-20 NIV

The Prayer of Faith

¹³ Is anyone among you in trouble? Let them pray. Is anyone happy? Let them sing songs of praise. ¹⁴ Is anyone among you sick? Let them call the elders of the church to pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord. ¹⁵ And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise them up. If they have sinned, they will be forgiven. ¹⁶ Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.

¹⁷ Elijah was a human being, even as we are. He prayed earnestly that it would not rain, and it did not rain on the land for three and a half years. ¹⁸ Again he prayed, and the heavens gave rain, and the earth produced its crops.

¹⁹ My brothers and sisters, if one of you should wander from the truth and someone should bring that person back, ²⁰ remember this: Whoever turns a sinner from the error of their way will save them from death and cover over a multitude of sins.

* *The Reading of the Holy Gospel*

Mark 9:38-50 NIV

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

TH #497

Whoever Is Not Against Us Is for Us

³⁸ “Teacher,” said John, “we saw someone driving out demons in your name and we told him to stop, because he was not one of us.”

³⁹ “Do not stop him,” Jesus said. “For no one who does a miracle in my name can in the next moment say anything bad about me, ⁴⁰ for whoever is not against us is for us. ⁴¹ Truly I tell you, anyone who gives you a cup of water in my name because you belong to the Messiah will certainly not lose their reward.

Causing to Stumble

⁴² “If anyone causes one of these little ones—those who believe in me—to stumble, it would be better for them if a large millstone were hung around their neck and they were thrown into the sea. ⁴³ If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life maimed than with two hands to go into hell, where the fire never goes out. ^[44] ⁴⁵ And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life crippled than to have two feet and be thrown into hell. ^[46] ⁴⁷ And if your eye causes you to stumble, pluck it out. It is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell, ⁴⁸ where

“the worms that eat them do not die,
and the fire is not quenched.”

⁴⁹ Everyone will be salted with fire.

⁵⁰ “Salt is good, but if it loses its saltiness, how can you make it salty again? Have salt among yourselves, and be at peace with each other.”

* *Gloria Patri*

Children's Message

* *Meditation Hymn*

Mt Hope Insert

“Sweet Hour of Prayer”

Greenfield CH #640

Grace TH #475

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

**May these tangible gifts and all the intangible gifts we share
among us make known to the world that God is within us
and among us. Amen.**

* *Closing Hymn*

“Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart”

Mt Hope PH #345

Greenfield CH #169

Grace TH #7

* *Benediction*

Today and every day,
take care of one another,
knowing that each of you is God’s gift
to this community and to the world.

In the name of the triune God: the Creator, the Christ, and the Holy
Spirit.

* *Three-Fold Amen*

TH # 558

* *Postlude/Extinguishing of the Candle*