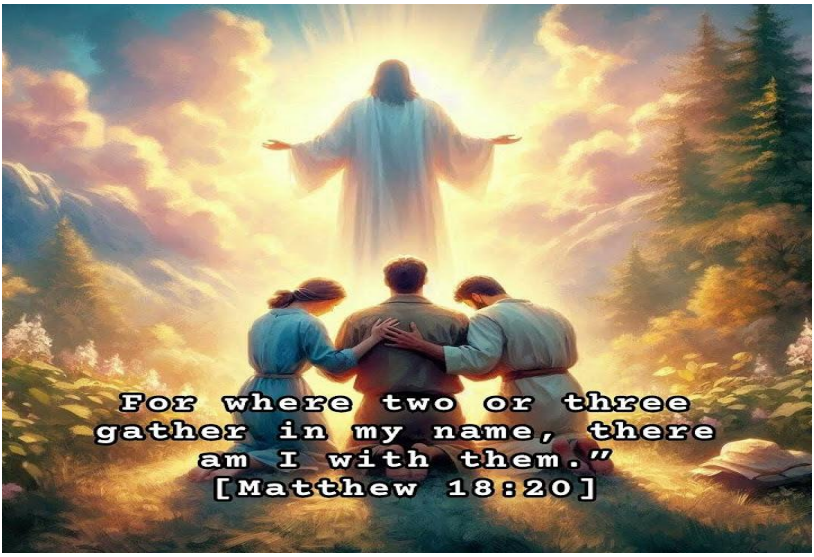


# *September 6, 2026*
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## *Sunday Morning Meditation*

*"Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that."*

***- Martin Luther King Jr.***

# Welcome

**Greenfield Charge United Church of Christ** **September 6, 2026**
**Joint Service** **Grace 10:00am**
**15th Sunday after Pentecost**

*Community News*
*Prayer List and Prayers of the People*
*Prelude/Lighting of the Candles*

* *Call to Worship*

The night is nearly over; the day is almost here.
**We lay aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light**
We owe no one anything, except to love one another, for love is the fulfillment of the law.
**We come to worship with hearts awakened, ready to cast off the old and embrace the new.**
Let us awaken to the call of God, to live as people of the day, and to shine God's love in all we do.
**We worship the One who calls us into the light to love one another as God has loved us. Amen.**

* *Invocation*

Loving God, as we gather in your presence, we seek to put on the armor of light and to live as your children. Help us cast aside the darkness and embrace the love that fulfills our law. Awaken us to your call, that we may walk in the light of Christ each day. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

* *Opening Hymn* ***"Hail, Thou Once-despised Jesus!"*** **TH #179**

## *Prayer of Confession*

**Merciful God, we have not always sought reconciliation as you have called us to do. We have allowed pride and fear to keep us from addressing conflicts with love and grace. Forgive the times we have withheld forgiveness and failed to seek peace. Help us approach others with an open heart, ready to heal and restore relationships. Amen.**

## *Words of Grace*

Hear the good news: Where two or three are gathered in God's name, God is there among us. When we seek reconciliation, God is present, offering grace and healing. In Christ, we are forgiven and restored, called to live in peace with one another. Embrace this mercy and know that through God's love, all of us – beloved children of God – are made whole. Amen.

## *Psalm Reading* **Psalm 149 NRSV**

***Praise for God's Goodness to Israel***

1 Praise the Lord!
Sing to the Lord a new song,
his praise in the assembly of the faithful.
2 Let Israel be glad in its Maker;
let the children of Zion rejoice in their King.
3 Let them praise his name with dancing,
making melody to him with tambourine and lyre.
4 For the Lord takes pleasure in his people;
he adorns the humble with victory.
5 Let the faithful exult in glory;
let them sing for joy on their couches.
6 Let the high praises of God be in their throats
and two-edged swords in their hands,
7 to execute vengeance on the nations
and punishment on the peoples,
8 to bind their kings with fetters
and their nobles with chains of iron,
9 to execute on them the judgment decreed.
This is glory for all his faithful ones.
Praise the Lord!

## Epistle Reading — Romans 13:8-14 NRSV

### *Love for One Another*

**8** Owe no one anything, except to love one another, for the one who
loves another has fulfilled the law. **9** The commandments, "You
shall not commit adultery; you shall not murder; you shall not
steal; you shall not covet," and any other commandment, are
summed up in this word, "You shall love your neighbor as
yourself." **10** Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is
the fulfilling of the law.

### *An Urgent Appeal*

**11** Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is already the
moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us
now than when we became believers; **12** the night is far gone; the
day is near. Let us then throw off the works of darkness and put on
the armor of light; **13** let us walk decently as in the day, not in
reveling and drunkenness, not in illicit sex and licentiousness, not
in quarreling and jealousy. **14** Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ,
and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

## * The Gospel Reading — Matthew 18:15-20 NRSV

## Gloria Tibi (Glory be to Thee, O Lord.) — TH #497

### *Reproving Another Who Sins*

**15** "If your brother or sister sins against you, go and point out the
fault when the two of you are alone. If you are listened to, you
have regained that one. **16** But if you are not listened to, take one or
two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed
by the evidence of two or three witnesses. **17** If that person refuses
to listen to them, tell it to the church, and if the offender refuses to
listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a gentile and a
tax collector. **18** 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. **19** Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about
anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in
heaven. **20** For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am
there among them."

* Gloria Patri

Children's Message / Congregation Conversation

* Meditation Hymn **"*We're Marching to Zion*"** **VH #49**

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

**Generous and loving God, all that we have comes from you. Receive these gifts and use them to bring light where there is darkness, love where there is division, and hope where it is needed most. Help us to give not only from what we have, but from hearts filled with love for you and for our neighbors. In Christ's name, Amen.**

## * Closing Hymn *"Jesus Calls Us"* *VH #386*

## * Benediction

Go now with hearts open to reconciliation and peace. As Christ is present whenever two or three are gathered in the name of love, may you seek this presence in all your relationships. Walk in love, speak the truth with grace, and strive to live in harmony with one another. And may the peace of Christ, which surpasses all understanding, guard your hearts and minds as you go forth to serve in love and unity Amen.

## * Three-Fold Amen **TH # 558**

## * Postlude/Extinguishing of the Candle