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First Congregational Church
of Woodstock _____

*Declaring, "Jesus Christ is the same, yesterday, today,
and forever." Hebrews 13:8*

May 2nd, 2021

The Order of Morning Worship

For assistance as we “gather” remotely and in-person to worship together.

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Ten-thirty

Welcome

Pastor Doug Warren

Prelude & Silent Prayer

❖ Call to Worship

Isaiah 6

Pastor: I saw the Lord, seated on a throne, high and exalted,

Congregation: And the train of his robe filled the temple.

Above him were seraphs, each with six wings: with two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they were flying. And they were calling to one another:

Congregation: “Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory.”

❖ Hymn of Exultation

Number 2

O Worship the King

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All you have made will praise you, O LORD; your saints will extol you. Ps. 145:10



1. O wor - ship the King all - glo - rious a - bove, O grate - ful - ly
 2. O tell of his might, O sing of his grace, whose robe is the
 3. The earth with its store of won - ders un - told, Al - might - y, your
 4. Your boun - ti - ful care what tongue can re - cite? It breathes in the



- sing his pow'r and his love; our shield and De - fend - er, the
 light, whose can - o - py space. His char - iots of wrath the deep
 pow'r has found - ed of old; has 'stab - lished it fast by a
 air; it shines in the light; it streams from the hills; it de -



- An - cient of Days, pa - vil - ioned in splen - dor and gird - ed with praise.
 thun - der - clouds form, and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.
 change - less de - cree, and round it has cast, like a man - tle, the sea.
 scends to the plain; and sweet - ly dis - tils in the dew and the rain.



5. Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
 in you do we trust, nor find you to fail;
 your mercies how tender, how firm to the end,
 our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend!

6. O measureless Might! Ineffable Love!
 While angels delight to hymn you above,
 the humbler creation, though feeble their lays,
 with true adoration shall lisp to your praise.

Scriptural Call to Repentance

Isaiah 30: 15 – 18

In repentance and rest is your salvation, in quietness and trust is your strength, but you would have none of it. Yet the Lord longs to be gracious to you; He rises to show you compassion. For the Lord is God of justice. Blessed are those who wait for Him!

Collective Confession

Psalms 51

Be gracious to us, O God, according to Your lovingkindness; according to the greatness of Your compassion blot out our transgressions. Wash us thoroughly from our iniquity, and cleanse us from our sin. For we know our transgressions, and our sin is ever before us. Against You, You only, we have sinned, and done what is evil in Your sight, So that You are justified when You speak, and blameless when You judge.

Silent Confession and Reflection

Proclamation of Forgiveness

Hebrews 2: 18

Because Jesus Himself suffered when He was tempted,
He is able to help those who are being tempted.

Scripture Reading

Ephesians 1: 15 – 23

¹⁵ For this reason I too, having heard of the faith in the Lord Jesus which *exists* among you and your love for all the saints, ¹⁶ do not cease giving thanks for you, while making mention *of you* in my prayers; ¹⁷ that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you a spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of Him. ¹⁸ *I pray that* the eyes of your heart may be enlightened, so that you will know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, ¹⁹ and what is the surpassing greatness of His power toward us who believe. *These are* in accordance with the working of the strength of His might ²⁰ which He brought about in Christ, when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly *places*, ²¹ far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. ²² And He put all things in subjection under His feet, and gave Him as head over all things to the church, ²³ which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Pastoral Prayer

❖ Hymn of Reflection

God, Be Merciful to Me

God Be Merciful To Me (Psalm 51)

Words by Richard Redhead
Music by Christopher Miner
Arranged by Joel Littlepage

A E F#m D

1. God, be mer - ci - ful to me,
2. My trans - gres - sions I con - fess,
3. I am e - vil, born in sin;
4. Bro - ken, hum - bled to the dust

3 A E F#m D

On thy grace I rest my plea;
Grief and guilt - my soul op - press;
Thou de - sir - est and truth with in;
By thy wrath and judge - ment just,

5 A E F#m D

Plen - teous in com - pas - sion thou,
I have sinned a - gainst thy grace
Thou a - lone con - my trife Sav - iour art,
Let my con - trite heart re - joice

7 A E F#m

Blot out my trans - gres - sions now;
And pro - voked thee to thy face;
Teach thy wis - dom - my heart;
And in glad - ness hear thy voice;

Him, though He is not far from each one of us; ²⁸ for in Him we live and move and exist, as even some of your own poets have said, ‘For we also are His children.’ ²⁹ Being then the children of God, we ought not to think that the Divine Nature is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and thought of man. ³⁰ Therefore having overlooked the times of ignorance, God is now declaring to men that all *people* everywhere should repent, ³¹ because He has fixed a day in which He will judge the world in righteousness through a Man whom He has appointed, having furnished proof to all men by raising Him from the dead.”

³² Now when they heard of the resurrection of the dead, some *began* to sneer, but others said, “We shall hear you again concerning this.” ³³ So Paul went out of their midst. ³⁴ But some men joined him and believed, among whom also were Dionysius the Areopagite and a woman named Damaris and others with them.

❖ Hymn of Response

Number 498

Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!

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498

A friend of ... "sinners." Matt. 11:19

1. Je - sus! what a Friend for sin - ners! Je - sus! lov - er of my soul;
 2. Je - sus! what a strength in weak - ness! Let me hide my - self in him;
 3. Je - sus! what a help in sor - row! While the bil - lows o'er me roll,
 4. Je - sus! what a guide and keep - er! While the tem - pest still is high,
 5. Je - sus! I do now re - ceive him, more than all in him I find;

friends may fail me, foes as - sail me, he, my Sav - ior, makes me whole.
 tempt - ed, tried, and some - times fail - ing, he, my strength, my vic - t'ry wins.
 • e - ven when my heart is break - ing, he, my com - fort, helps my soul.
 storms a - bout me, night o'er - takes me, he, my pi - lot, hears my cry.
 he hath grant - ed me for - give - ness, I am his, and he is mine.

REFRAIN

Hal - le - lu - jah! what a Sav - ior! Hal - le - lu - jah! what a Friend!

Sav - ing, help - ing, keep - ing, lov - ing, he is with me to the end.

Communion

Congregation

❖ Communion Hymn

Behold the Lamb

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Words and Music by
Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty
and Stuart Townend

VERSE

G²/B

A/C#

D

Em⁷ D/F#

A

D/F#

G²

1. Be - hold the Lamb who bears our sins a - way, slain for us:
2. The bod - y of our Sav-iour, Je - sus Christ, torn for you:
3. The blood that cleans - es ev - 'ry stain of sin, shed for you:
4. And so with thank - ful - ness and faith we rise to re - spond

4

D/A

A^{7sus}

A⁷

G²/B

A/C#

D

Em⁷ D/F#

A

D/F#

And we re - mem - ber the prom - ise made that all who come in faith find for -
Eat and re - mem - ber the wounds that heal, the death that brings us life, paid the
Drink and re - mem - ber He drained death's cup that all may en - ter in to re -
and to re - mem - ber our call to fol - low in the steps of Christ as His

7

G²

A^{7sus}

A⁷

D

D/F#

G²

D²/F#

Gmaj⁷

A²

D/F#

-give - ness at the cross. So, we share in this Bread of Life, and we
price to make us one. So, we share in this Bread of Life, and we
-ceive the life of God. So, we share in this Bread of Life, and we
bod - y here on earth. As we share in His suf - fer - ing, we pro -

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11 G^2 $D^2/F\#$ G^2 A $D/F\#$ G^2 $D^2/F\#$ $Gmaj^7$ A^{7sus}

drink of His sac - ri - fice, as a sign of our bonds of peace
 drink of His sac - ri - fice, as a sign of our bonds of love
 drink of His sac - ri - fice, as a sign of our bonds of grace
 -claim: Christ will come a - gain! And we'll join in the feast of heav'n

TURNAROUND / OUTRO

15 G^2/B $Gmaj^7$ A^7 D^2 D^2/G

a-round the ta - ble of the King.
 a-round the ta - ble of the King.
 a-round the ta - ble of the King.
 a-round the ta - ble of the King.

18 D^2 D^2/G D^2

Benediction

Hebrews 13: 20 – 21

Pastor: Now the God of peace, who brought up from the dead the great Shepherd of the sheep through the blood of the eternal covenant, even Jesus our Lord, equip you in every good thing to do His will, working in us that which is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever and ever.

Congregation: Thanks be to God. Amen.

The Congregation may be seated after the Benediction for silent prayer.

Postlude

~~ Organist: Jonathan Denham ~~
~~ Please ensure cell phones are off ~~

Deacons' Offering – Next Sunday, May 9

Our church receives many requests for help from not just within our church body but the community at large. The Deacons' have a great many opportunities to share God's love with folks in need, whether it is paying a bill for them or buying them a pair of glasses. This is a vital ministry that our church has to reach into our communities and share the gospel in a loving, gracious way. If you are in need or know someone who is, please contact Dan Bruce, the Deacons' Mercy Minister at 802 – 457 – 3975 or email him at rhondan08@myfairpoint.net.

Meet and Greet for Parents and Caregivers

Saturday, May 22
10:30 am – 11:30 am

A reception for parents and caregivers of children from birth to kindergarten. This will be an opportunity to meet other young families in our community. Activities provided for the children as caregivers get to know each other. Light refreshments will be served.

OPEN TO PUBLIC

RSVP RECOMMENDED AT FCCW.NET

RAIN OR SHINE

STROLLERS WELCOME

Posters are in the Narthex. Feel free to share it with your family, friends, and neighbors.

Spring Bike Tune-Up Day

Saturday, May 15
9am – Noon

FREE Basic Bike Maintenance

It is time to tune up your bike for all your summer adventures. Stop on by the First Congregational Church on Elm Street for a bike tune. Professionals will be available to give your bike a once over and get it ready for the summer.

-Lubricating chains, pumping and changing tires, adjusting brakes
-Wylie Dulmage of "Go By Bike Vermont" will be available on site to handle more complicated bike repairs

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC, NO RSVP REQUIRED

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Leadership Training Sessions 2021

Our training for prospective elder and deacon candidates will be open to any men who would like to grow in their own walk with the Lord. This year these sessions will be held on the second Saturday of the month starting in March and running through October. Each one will run from 9:00am until noon and will be available both in person and via Zoom. We will be studying Living by Example on May 8th. Hope to see you there!

Upcoming Dates and Topics:

5/8 Living by Example

6/12 Deaconal Topic

7/10 Higher Standard for Leadership

To register, please email Terri at fccwinfo@gmail.com.

Young Adult Fellowship Group tonight at 6 pm.

The May Newsletter is available
on the table in the Narthex.



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