

The _____
First Congregational Church
of Woodstock _____

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

March 12th, 2023

The Order of Morning Worship

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Ten-thirty

Welcome & Announcements

Pastor Doug Warren

Prelude & Silent Prayer

❖ Call to Worship

Psalm 95:6-7

Pastor

Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord,
our Maker! For He is our God, and we are the people of His pasture, and
the sheep of His hand.

❖ Hymn of Exultation #173

Praise Him! Praise Him!

Congregation

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They sang a new song: "You are worthy ... because you were slain, and with your blood you purchased men for God." - Rev. 5:9

1. Praise him! praise him! Je - sus, our bless - ed Re - deem - er!
 2. Praise him! praise him! Je - sus, our bless - ed Re - deem - er!
 3. Praise him! praise him! Je - sus, our bless - ed Re - deem - er!

Sing, O earth, his won - der - ful love pro - claim!
 For our sins he suf - fered and bled and died;
 Heav'n - ly por - tals loud with ho - san - nas ring!

Hail him! hail him! high - est arch - an - gels in glo - ry;
 he our Rock, our hope of e - ter - nal sal - va - tion,
 Je - sus, Sav - ior, reign - eth for - ev - er and ev - er;

strength and hon - or give to his ho - ly name!
 hail him! hail him! Je - sus the Cru - ci - fied.
 crown him! crown him! Proph - et and Priest and King!

D G D D7 G D7 G D

Like a shep - herd, Je - sus will guard his chil - dren,
 Sound his prais - es! Je - sus who bore our sor - rows,
 Christ is com - ing! o - ver the world vic - to - rious,

G Em A7 D

in his arms he car - ries them all day long:
 love un - bound - ed, won - der - ful, deep, and strong:
 pow'r and glo - ry un - to the Lord be - long:

REFRAIN

G C G

Praise him! praise him! tell of his ex - cel - lent great - ness;

G7 C Am G D7 G 7

praise him! praise him! ev - er in joy - ful song!

Scriptural Call to Repentance based on Romans 8:39 Pastor

We know that nothing is able to separate us from the love of God in Jesus Christ. Let us in freedom confess the wrong we have done.

Prayer of Collective Confession Congregation

O Lord, do not remember against us our former iniquities; let Your compassion come speedily to meet us, for we are brought very low. Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of Your name; deliver us, and atone for our sins, for Your name's sake!

Silent Reflection and Confession

Proclamation of Forgiveness 1 Peter 2:24 Pastor

He himself bore our sins in His body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By His wounds you have been healed.

Pastoral Prayer Pastor

Offering (collected from back to front) Congregation

Affirmation of Faith *The Westminster Shorter Catechism*¹ Congregation

Pastor: What benefits do believers receive from Christ at death?

Congregation: The souls of believers are at their death made perfect in holiness, and do immediately pass into glory; and their bodies, being still united to Christ, do rest in their graves till the resurrection.

Pastor: What benefits do believers receive from Christ at the resurrection?

Congregation: At the resurrection, believers being raised up in glory, shall be openly acknowledged and acquitted in the day of judgment, and made perfectly blessed in the full enjoying of God to all eternity.

Deacons' Offering (collected from back to front) Congregation


❖ Creedal Song *Barocha* Congregation

¹ A catechism is a question and answer format for teaching the truths contained in Scripture. The Westminster Shorter Catechism was written in 1647 in England primarily as an aid for teaching children. It has been used by congregations and families in both worship and instruction for the past 350 years.

Barocha


Words and Music by
Michael Card

B \flat 7 E \flat B \flat E \flat /B \flat E \flat A \flat




1. The Lord _____ bless you and keep _____ you. The Lord make His
(2. The) Lord be gra - cious to _____ you. The Lord turn His

6 E \flat B \flat A \flat /B \flat B \flat




face shine up - on _____ you, and give you peace, and give you
face _____ to - wards _____ you, and give you peace, and give you

12 B \flat 7 E \flat A \flat /E \flat E \flat B \flat 1. E \flat 2. B



peace, and give you peace _ for - ev - er. 2. The er. The
peace, and give you peace _ for - ev -

18 E B E/B E A E/A F \sharp m/A E D \sharp °/E C \sharp m/E



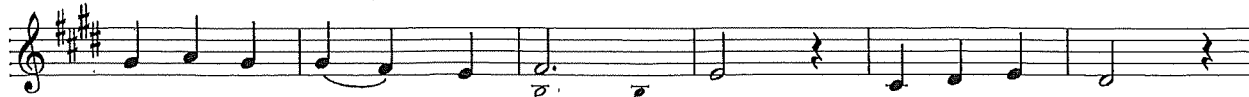
Lord bless you and keep _____ you. The Lord make His face shine up -

24 B C \sharp m/B B N.C. B B7(no3)



-on _____ you, and give you peace, and give you peace,

30 E A/E E D \sharp °/E C \sharp m/E B B^{9sus} E B



and give you peace _ for - ev - er. And give you peace,

36 N.C. B E B E



and give you peace, and give you peace _ for - ev - er. _____

⁵ Bondservants, obey your earthly masters with fear and trembling, with a sincere heart, as you would Christ, ⁶ not by the way of eye-service, as people-pleasers, but *as bondservants of Christ*, doing the will of God from the heart, ⁷ *rendering service with a good will as to the Lord and not to man*, ⁸ knowing that whatever good anyone does, this he will receive back from the Lord, whether he is a bondservant or is free. ⁹ Masters, do the same to them, and stop your threatening, knowing that he who is both their Master and yours is in heaven, and that there is no partiality with him.

❖ Hymn of Reflection #597

*Though I May Speak
with Bravest Fire*

Congregation

If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. 1 Cor. 13:1

♯ G Unison D G C G C Gsus G 7 Bm

1. Though I may speak with brav-est fire, and have the
 2. Though I may give all I pos - sess, and striv - ing
 3. Come, Spir - it, come, our hearts con - trol, our spir - its

Em Am G D D/C Bm Am⁷ G D/A G

gift to all in - spire, and have not love,
 so my love pro - fess, but not be giv'n
 long to be made whole. Let in - ward love

Am G C G Am G/B C Dsus D C G 7

my words are vain, as sound - ing brass, and hope - less gain.
 by love with - in, the pro - fit soon turns strange - ly thin.
 guide ev - ery deed; by this we wor - ship and are freed.

“Faithfulness in the Field”

Ruth 2:4-7

⁴And behold, Boaz came from Bethlehem. And he said to the reapers, “The Lord be with you!” And they answered, “The Lord bless you.” ⁵Then Boaz said to his young man who was in charge of the reapers, “Whose young woman is this?” ⁶And the servant who was in charge of the reapers answered, “She is the young Moabite woman, who came back with Naomi from the country of Moab.” ⁷She said, ‘Please let me glean and gather among the sheaves after the reapers.’ So she came, and she has continued from early morning until now, except for a short rest.”

❖ Hymn of Response #676

*Day by Day and with
Each Passing Moment*

Congregation

Your strength will equal your days. Deut. 33:25

1. Day by day and with each pass - ing mo - ment, strength I find to
 2. Ev - ery day the Lord him - self is near me with a spe - cial
 3. Help me then in ev - ery trib - u - la - tion so to trust your

meet my tri - als here; trust - ing in my Fa - ther's wise be - stow - ment,
 mer - cy for each hour; all my cares he fain would bear, and cheer me,
 prom - is - es, O Lord, that I lose not faith's sweet con - so - la - tion

I've no cause for wor - ry or for fear. He whose heart is kind be -
 he whose name is Coun - sel - or and Pow'r. The pro - tec - tion of his
 of - fered me with - in your ho - ly Word. Help me, Lord, when toil and

yond all mea - sure gives un - to each day what he deems best—lov - ing -
 child and trea - sure is a charge that on him - self he laid; "As your
 trou - ble meet - ing, e'er to take, as from a fa - ther's hand, one by

ly, its part of pain and plea - sure, min - gling toil with peace and rest.
 days, your strength shall be in mea - sure," this the pledge to me he made.
 one, the days, the mo - ments fleet - ing, till I reach the prom - ised land.

Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father, who loved us and gave us eternal comfort and good hope through grace, comfort your hearts and establish them in every good work and word.

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

Postlude

~~ Organist: Jonathan Denham ~~

~~ Please ensure cell phones are off ~~

Prelude: The Ash Grove (Wood)

Offertory: Arise, My Soul, Arise (Wesley/Twit)

Deacon's Offering: Will You Let Me Be Your Servant (Burkhardt)

Postlude: God of Grace (Manz)

Young Adult Fellowship Group will meet tonight
at 6 pm in the church library.

Deacons' Offering – Today, March 12th, 2023

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 home (802) 457-3975, at his cell number (802) 345-8870, or email him at rhondan08@myfairpoint.net.

The March Prayer letter is available in the narthex.

Women's Ministry Craft Morning

Please join us on Saturday, March 18th from 9-12 in the Billings Room. We are going to take a few hours to do some crafts together and be encouraged by a message. There will be light refreshments. Bring whatever craft or project you like to work on! If you don't have anything in mind to bring, there will be paper, colored pencils, paints, yarn, and other supplies available to use. Come learn something new or teach someone else what you know!

If you have any questions, please text or call Anne Denham at 607-838-3334 or email at a.denham356@gmail.com



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