

The _____
First Congregational Church
of Woodstock _____

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

April 21st, 2024

The Order of Morning Worship

April 21st, 2024

Ten-thirty

Welcome & Announcements

Pastor Doug Warren

Prelude & Silent Prayer

❖ Call to Worship Romans 1:7 Pastor
 “To all those ... who are loved by God and called to be saints: Grace to you
 and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.”

❖ Hymn of Exultation #591 *Jesus Calls Us* Congregation

Jesus Calls Us

591

"Come, follow me," Jesus said. ... At once they left their nets and followed him.
Matt. 4:19, 20

Capo 1: ♮ (G) (D⁷) (G) 7 1 1

1. Je - sus calls us: o'er the tu - mult of our
2. As, of old, a - pos - tles heard it by the
3. Je - sus calls us from the wor - ship of the
4. In our joys and in our sor - rows, days of
5. Je - sus calls us: by thy mer - cies, Sav - ior,

(C) (B) (E⁷) (A) (D⁷)

life's wild, rest - less sea, day by day his sweet voice
Gal - i - le - an lake, turned from home and toil and
• vain world's gold - en store, from each i - dol that would
toil and hours of ease, still he calls, in cares and
may we hear thy call, give our hearts to thine o -

(G) ♮ (G⁷) (C) (D⁷) (G) 7

sound - eth, say - ing, "Chris - tian, fol - low me":
kin - dred, leav - ing all for his dear sake.
• keep us, say - ing, "Chris - tian, love me more."
plea - sures, "Chris - tian, love me more than these."
be - dience, serve and love thee best of all.

Scriptural Call to Repentance

Habakkuk 2:14, 18-20

Pastor

For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea... “What profit is an idol when its maker has shaped it, a metal image, a teacher of lies? For its maker trusts in his own creation when he makes speechless idols! Woe to him who says to a wooden thing, Awake; to a silent stone, Arise! Can this teach? Behold, it is overlaid with gold and silver, and there is no breath at all in it. But the LORD is in His holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before Him.”

Prayer of Collective Confession

from Psalm 25

Congregation

Remember Your mercy, O LORD, and Your steadfast love, for they have been from of old. Remember not the sins of our youth or our transgressions; according to Your steadfast love remember us, for the sake of Your goodness, O LORD! For Your name’s sake, O LORD, pardon our guilt, for it is great. Turn to us and be gracious to us, for we are lonely and afflicted. The troubles of our hearts are enlarged; bring us out of our distresses. Consider our affliction and our trouble, and forgive all our sins.

Silent Reflection and Confession

Proclamation of Forgiveness

Romans 8:1

Pastor

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

Pastoral Prayer

Pastor

Offering

(collected from back to front)

Congregation

Affirmation of Faith

*The Nicene Creed*¹

Congregation

Pastor: Christian, what is it that we believe?

Congregation: We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven, and

¹ The Nicene Creed originated at the Council of Nicea (325). It was formulated to answer heresies that denied the biblical doctrine of the Trinity and of the person of Christ.

was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and was buried; and the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; and He shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets; and we believe in one holy catholic² and apostolic church; we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

❖ Creedal Song

Barocha

Congregation

²The term “catholic” here means universal and does not mean any particular denomination.

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.

¹⁶ On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem:

“Fear not, O Zion;

let not your hands grow weak.

¹⁷ The LORD your God is in your midst,

a mighty one who will save;

he will rejoice over you with gladness;

he will quiet you by his love;

he will exult over you with loud singing.

❖ Song of Reflection

Behold, What Manner of Love

Congregation

Behold What Manner Of Love

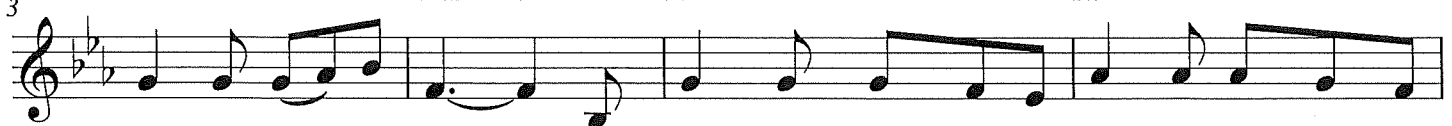
*Words and Music by
Patricia Van Tine*

VERSE

♩. = 78

E \flat A \flat 

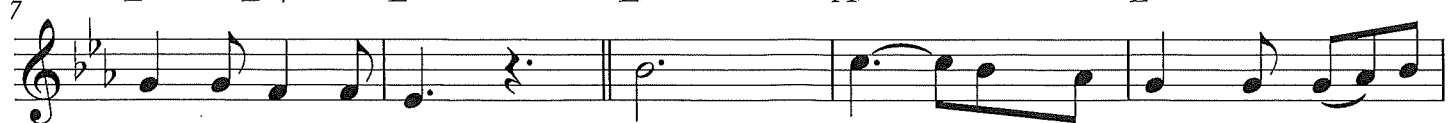
Be - hold, what man - ner of love the Fa - ther has

E \flat B \flat susB \flat E \flat A \flat 

giv - en un - to us.

Be - hold, what man - ner of love the Fa - ther has

CHORUS

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

giv - en un - to us,

that

we should be called the sons of

B \flat susB \flat E \flat A \flat E \flat B \flat 7E \flat 

God,

that

we should be called the sons of God._____

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“God’s Love for His People”

Mark 3:13-19

¹³ And he went up on the mountain and called to him those whom he desired, and they came to him. ¹⁴ And he appointed twelve (whom he also named apostles) so that they might be with him and he might send them out to preach ¹⁵ and have authority to cast out demons. ¹⁶ He appointed the twelve: Simon (to whom he gave the name Peter); ¹⁷ James the son of Zebedee and John the brother of James (to whom he gave the name Boanerges, that is, Sons of Thunder); ¹⁸ Andrew, and Philip, and Bartholomew, and Matthew, and Thomas, and James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus, and Simon the Zealot, ¹⁹ and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him.

❖ Hymn of Response #693

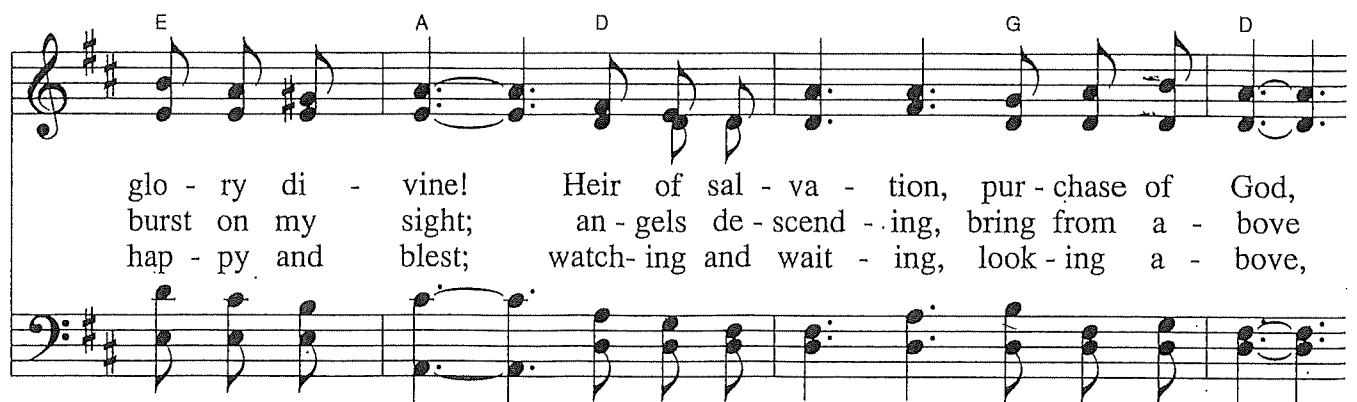
Blessed Assurance

Congregation

I will sing praise to my God as long as I live. Ps. 146:2



1. Bless - ed as - sur - ance, Je - sus is mine! O what a fore - taste of
2. Per - fect sub - mis - sion, per - fect de - light, vi - sions of rap - ture now
3. Per - fect sub - mis - sion, all is at rest, I in my Sav - ior am



glo - ry di - vine! Heir of sal - va - tion, pur - chase of God,
burst on my sight; an - gels de - scend - ing, bring from a - bove
hap - py and blest; watch - ing and wait - ing, look - ing a - bove,

G Em A7 D Γ REFRAIN

born of his Spir - it, washed in his blood.
 ech - oes of mer - cy, whis - pers of love. This is my sto - ry,
 filled with his good - ness, lost in his love.

G D G D A E A A7

this is my song, prais - ing my Sav - ior all the day long; this is my

D G D G Em A7 D 7

sto - ry, this is my song, prais - ing my Sav - ior all the day long.

Fanny J. Crosby, 1873

ASSURANCE 9.10.9.9.ref.
 Phoebe P. Knapp, 1873

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

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

Postlude

~~ Organist: Jonathan Denham ~~

~~ Please ensure cell phones are off ~~

Prelude: Variations on Slane (Lasky)

Offertory: The Love of the Father (Ferguson/Thomas)

Postlude: Jesus Calls Us (Lovelace)

Letter to the First Congregational Church of Woodstock

Dear Church Family,

Representatives of the Board of Elders, Deacons, and Woodstock Christian Child Care have been meeting with the New Peace Network leaders, David and Judi Glidden, over the last few months to work toward better communication and operational procedures. It has been a positive opportunity for growth and mutual understanding. We would like to update you as to our progress and invite you to an informational meeting after church **TODAY**. We hope that many of you will attend to listen and understand what we have learned.

Sincerely,

Doug Warren, Karl Huck, Tom Johnston, Terri DeDell, Peter Vanderhoof, Keri Bristow, and Ruth Brisson

Young Adult Fellowship Group will meet in the library
this evening at 6:00 pm.

Save the Date!

Today! Sunday, April 21 — *Informational Meeting following the worship service*

Sunday, May 5 — Visit from missionary Caleb Rayapati

Saturday, May 18, 2:00-4:00 pm — Libby Warren's Bridal Shower

Thursday, May 30, 6:00 pm — Supper Talk: Beyond "Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God." Who was Jonathan Edwards and why should we know about him? Meal at 6 pm followed by the presentation given by Paul Hoehner

Saturday, June 1, 8:00-9:00 am — Men's Prayer Breakfast

Sunday, June 2 — No Sunday School, worship service at 10:30

Friday, June 7 — Congregational Prayer Gathering

Sunday, June 9 — Summer schedule begins with worship at 9:30

Sunday, July 21 — Church Picnic on the WCCC playground (rain date July 28)

Saturday, August 24 — Libby Warren's wedding here at FCCW

April Prayer Letter

Copies are available on the back table. Our missionaries of the month are Steve and Miki Thrall. Pick up a copy of the prayer letter and read about what God is doing through their ministry in Normandy, France, as well as some specific ways you can pray for them and the artists they minister to.

Bridal Shower

Ladies of all ages are invited to a bridal shower on Saturday, May 18th, from 2:00-4:00 pm at the parsonage (36 Elm St.) Come celebrate bride-to-be Libby Warren!

New address lists, 2024 committee lists, and copies of the 2023 annual report are available in the Billings Room.

Nursery Staff Position

We are looking to hire someone as our Nursery Attendant. Please join us in praying for the Lord to raise up a mature, responsible adult (18+) who loves Jesus and children and who would be the anchor for caring for the little ones on Sunday mornings, assisted by volunteers from the congregation. For more information or to apply, please contact Karl Huck at karlhuck@gmail.com. Thank you.

Weekly Gathering Opportunities

Sundays, 6:00 pm — Young Adult Fellowship Group in the library

Tuesdays, 7:00 am — Middle School & High School Bible Study—meet at Maplefields to grab breakfast, then on to the church for study, discussion, and prayer.

Tuesdays, 10:00 am — Ladies' Bible Study meets in person at the Thompson Senior Center and via ZOOM, please contact Bonnie Atwood at (802) 457-4120 or email bonhope2@gmail.com.

Tuesdays, 6:00 pm — Prayer Meeting, in person in the library and via ZOOM

Wednesdays, 6:15 am — Men's Bible Study, in person in the library and via ZOOM, please contact Dick Atwood at (802) 457-4120 or email rbatwood1@gmail.com.
