

*The* \_\_\_\_\_  
**First Congregational Church**  
*of Woodstock* \_\_\_\_\_

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

*July 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024  
Baptismal Service*

# *The Order of Morning Worship*

July 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Nine-thirty

Welcome & Announcements

Pastor Doug Warren

Prelude & Silent Prayer

❖ Call to Worship

Romans 10:8-13

Pastor

“If you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.” So let us call upon the one true God, believing Him in our hearts and confessing Him with our mouths.

❖ Invocation

Pastor

❖ Hymn of Exultation #125 *Let All Things Now Living*

Congregation

## Let All Things Now Living

*Sing to the LORD, all the earth; proclaim his salvation day after day. 1 Chron. 16:23*

Capo 3: F (D) Gm(Em) C(A)

1. Let all things now liv - ing a song of thanks - giv - ing  
 2. His law he en - forc - es: the stars in their cours - es,

F(D) Bb(G) F(D) C7(A7) F(D)

to the God the Cre - a - tor tri - um - phant - ly raise,  
 the sun in its or - bit, o - be - dient - ly shine;

Gm(Em) C(A)

who fash - ioned and made us, pro - tect - ed and stayed us,  
 the hills and the moun - tains, the riv - ers and foun - tains,

F(D) Bb(G) F(D) C7(A7) F(D)

who guides us and leads to the end of our - days.  
 the deeps of the o - cean pro - claim him di - vine.

His ban - ners are o'er us, his light goes be - fore us,  
 We too should be voic - ing our love and re - joic - ing,

a pil - lar of fire shin - ing forth in the night,  
 with glad ad - o - ra - tion a song let us raise,

'til shad - ows have van - ished and dark - ness is ban - ished,  
 'til all things now liv - ing u - nite in thanks - giv - ing

as for - ward we trav - el from light in - to light.  
 to God in the high - est, ho - san - na and praise!

Katherine K. Davis, 1939  
 Alt. 1990, mod.

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 Traditional Welsh melody  
 Arr. by Katherine K. Davis, 1939

Pastoral Prayer

Pastor

Offering

(collected from back to front)

Congregation

Sacrament of Christian Baptism

Words of Institution

Matt 28:18-20; Acts 2:39; Col 2:9-12

Do you come to be baptized in order to receive from Christ this sacrament as a sign and seal of His redeeming love? **I do.**

Administration of Sacrament

Pastor

*Ethan Byrne*

I baptize you in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.  
Amen.

❖ Baptismal Song

*Lord I Need You*

Congregation

Verse 1

Lord I come I confess  
Bowing here I find my rest  
And without You I fall apart  
You're the one that guides my heart

Chorus 1

Lord I need You oh I need You  
Ev'ry hour I need You  
My one defense my righteousness  
Oh God how I need You

Verse 2

Where sin runs deep Your grace is more  
Where grace is found is where You are  
And where You are Lord I am free  
Holiness is Christ in me  
Where You are Lord I am free  
Holiness is Christ in me

Bridge

So teach my song to rise to You  
When temptation comes my way  
And when I cannot stand I'll fall on You  
Jesus You're my hope and stay  
And when I cannot stand I'll fall on You  
Jesus You're my hope and stay

Chorus 2

Lord I need You oh I need You  
Ev'ry hour I need You  
My one defense my righteousness  
Oh God how I need You  
My one defense my righteousness  
Oh God how I need You

Reception of a New Member

Pastor

*Ethan Byrne*

(please see reception card for vows)

Prayer of Reception

Elder Stephen Briggs

Right Hand of Fellowship

Congregation

(please see reception card)

❖ Scripture Reading

Psalm 23:1-6

Pastor

<sup>1</sup> The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

<sup>2</sup> He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters.

<sup>3</sup> He restores my soul.

He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

<sup>4</sup> Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I will fear no evil, for you are with me;

your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

<sup>5</sup> You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;

you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

<sup>6</sup> Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,

and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

❖ Hymn of Reflection #599

*Savior, Like a Shepherd  
Lead Us*

Congregation

# Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us

599

*I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me. John 10:14*

1. Sav - ior, like a shep-herd lead us, much we need thy ten - der care;  
 2. We are thine; do thou be - friend us, be the guard - ian of our way;  
 3. Thou hast prom - ised to re - ceive us, poor and sin - ful though we be;  
 4. Ear - ly let us seek thy fa - vor; ear - ly let us do thy will;

in thy pleas - ant pas - tures feed us, for our use thy folds pre - pare:  
 keep thy flock, from sin de - fend us, seek us when we go a - stray:  
 thou hast mer - cy to re - lieve us, grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free:  
 bless - ed Lord and on - ly Sav - ior, with thy love our bo - soms fill:

bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, thou hast bought us, thine we are;  
 bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, hear, O hear us when we pray;  
 bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, let us ear - ly turn to thee;  
 bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, thou hast loved us, love us still;

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*“Our Good Shepherd”*

Mark 6:30-44

<sup>30</sup> The apostles returned to Jesus and told him all that they had done and taught. <sup>31</sup> And he said to them, “Come away by yourselves to a desolate place and rest a while.” For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. <sup>32</sup> And they went away in the boat to a desolate place by themselves. <sup>33</sup> Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they ran there on foot from all the towns and got there ahead of them. <sup>34</sup> When he went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. And he began to teach them many things. <sup>35</sup> And when it grew late, his disciples came to him and said, “This is a desolate place, and the hour is now late. <sup>36</sup> Send them away to go into the surrounding countryside and villages and buy themselves something to eat.” <sup>37</sup> But he answered them, “You give them something to eat.” And they said to him, “Shall we go and buy two hundred denarii worth of bread and give it to them to eat?” <sup>38</sup> And he said to them, “How many loaves do you have? Go and see.” And when they had found out, they said, “Five, and two fish.” <sup>39</sup> Then he commanded them all to sit down in groups on the green grass. <sup>40</sup> So they sat down in groups, by hundreds and by fifties. <sup>41</sup> And taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and said a blessing and broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples to set before the people. And he divided the two fish among them all. <sup>42</sup> And they all ate and were satisfied. <sup>43</sup> And they took up twelve baskets full of broken pieces and of the fish. <sup>44</sup> And those who ate the loaves were five thousand men.

❖ Hymn of Response

*Give Praise To God*

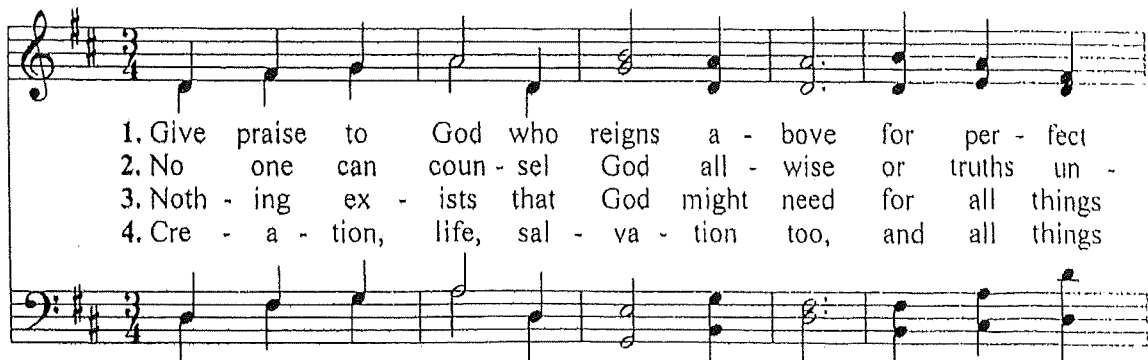
Congregation



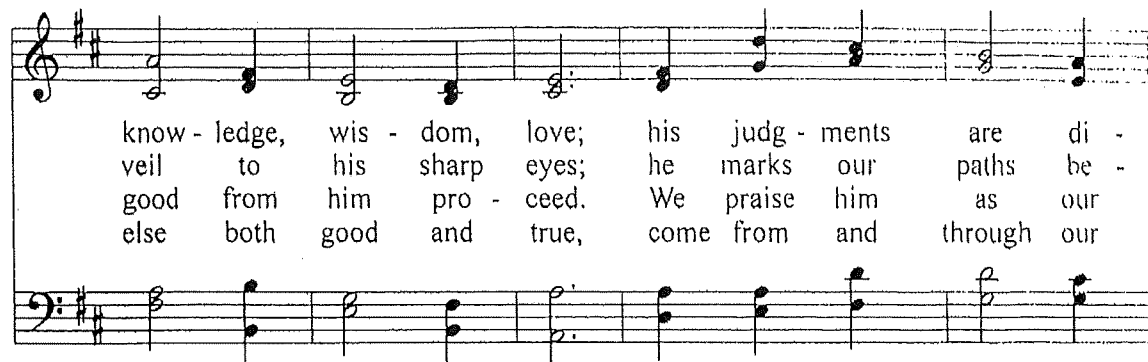
# Give Praise to God

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*For from him and through him and to him are all things.  
To him be the glory forever! Amen. Rom. 11:36*



1. Give praise to God who reigns a - bove for per - fect  
2. No one can coun - sel God all - wise or truths un -  
3. Noth - ing ex - ists that God might need for all things  
4. Cre - a - tion, life, sal - va - tion too, and all things



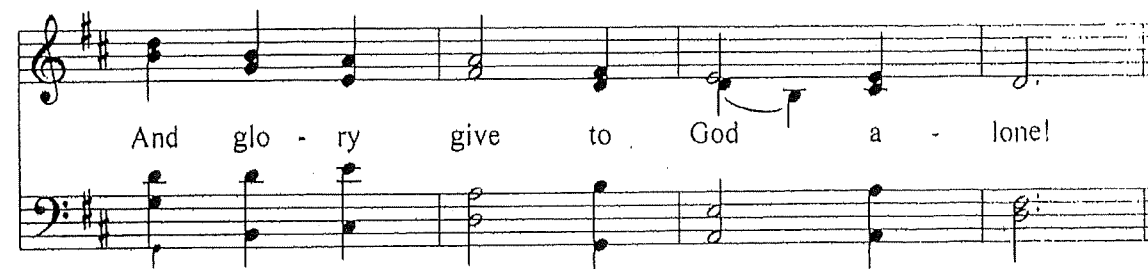
know - ledge, wis - dom, love; his judg - ments are di -  
veil to his sharp eyes; he marks our paths be -  
good from him pro - ceed. We praise him as our  
else both good and true, come from and through our



vine, de - vout, his paths be - yond all tra - cing out.  
hind, be - fore; he is our stead - fast Coun - se - lor.  
Lord, and yet we nev - er place God in our debt.  
God al - ways, and fill our hearts with grate - ful praise.



Come, lift your voice to heaven's high throne,



And glo - ry give to God a - lone!

Now may the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

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

Postlude

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~~ Organist: Jonathan Denham ~~

~~ Please ensure cell phones are off ~~

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## Save the Date!

**Saturday, August 24** — Libby Warren and Chip Black's wedding here at FCCW

**Thursday, August 29** — Supper Talk: *Understanding Anger*. Meal at **6 pm** followed by the presentation given by Robyn Huck.

**Thursday, October 17**— Supper Talk: *Lemuel Haynes, the "Black Puritan": His Ties to Vermont and FCCW*. Meal at **6 pm** followed by the presentation given by Preston Bristow.

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## Nursery Summer Hiatus

The nursery is on hiatus for the summer. Children of all ages are welcome and encouraged to be in the worship service. The nursery room downstairs is open with the worship service streaming on the television, and any parents are welcome to be there or in the library with their children for part or all of the service.

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## Greeter Sign Up

There is a sign-up sheet in the Billings Room for Sunday morning greeters. If you would like to help welcome folks on Sunday morning please take a moment to sign up!

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## July Prayer Letter

Copies are available on the back table. Our missionaries of the month are Daniel & Elizabeth Ransom. Pick up a copy of the prayer letter and read about what God is doing through their ministry in Perugia, Italy, as well as some specific ways you can pray for their family and the people they minister to in Italy.

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## Weekly Gathering Opportunities

**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](mailto:rbatwood1@gmail.com).

**Thursdays, 6:30 pm** — Women's Summer Bible Study meets in the library. Contact Robyn [robynhuck@gmail.com](mailto:robynhuck@gmail.com) or Nancy [nancystockwell60@gmail.com](mailto:nancystockwell60@gmail.com)

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### WE ARE HIRING - WE ARE GROWING!

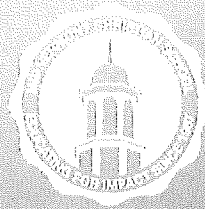
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#### Full Time:

- Elementary School Teacher
- JSH Mathematics & General Education Teacher

#### Part time: (2 PT = 1 FT)

- Elementary General Music Teacher
- JSH Foreign Language Teacher
- Marketing/Fundraising Coordinator
- Athletic Director
- After School Care Director
- Physical Education Teacher
- Student Support Services Director



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