



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

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

*September 29<sup>th</sup>, 2024*

# *The Order of Morning Worship*

September 29<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Ten-thirty

Welcome & Announcements

Pastor Doug Warren

Moment for Missions

Elevation Family Ministries

Prelude & Silent Prayer

❖ Call to Worship

Zephaniah 3:14-15

Pastor

Sing aloud, O daughter of Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter of Jerusalem! The LORD has taken away the judgments against you; he has cleared away your enemies. The King of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst; you shall never again fear evil.

❖ Hymn of Exultation #307

*Nothing But the Blood of Jesus*

Congregation

## Nothing but the Blood

*The blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin. 1 John 1:7*

1. What can wash a - way my sin? noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus;  
 2. For my cleans - ing this I see— noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus;  
 3. Noth - ing can for sin a - tone— noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus;  
 4. This is all my hope and peace— noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus;  
 5. Now by this I'll o - ver - come— noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus;

what can make me whole a - gain? noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus.  
 for my par - don this my plea— noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus.  
 • naught of good that I have done— noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus.  
 this is all my righ - teous - ness— noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus.  
 now by this I'll reach my home— noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus.

REFRAIN

O pre - cious is the flow that makes me white as snow;

no oth - er fount I know, noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus.

Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. *In the strength of this assurance, let us confess our sins to God.*

## Prayer of Collective Confession

Congregation

**Almighty and most merciful Father, we are thankful that Your mercy is higher than the heavens, wider than our wanderings, deeper than all our sin. Forgive our frivolous attitude toward life, our callousness toward suffering, our envy of those who have more than we have, our obsession with creating a life of constant pleasure, our indifference to the treasures of heaven, our neglect of Your wise and gracious law. Help us to change our way of life so that we may desire what is good, love what You love, and joyfully do what You command, through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

## Silent Reflection and Confession

## Proclamation of Forgiveness

from Acts 13:38; Eph 1:7

Pastor

Through Jesus Christ forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you. In Christ we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace.

## Pastoral Prayer

Pastor

## Offering

(collected from back to front)

Congregation

## ❖ Creedal Song

*The Gospel Song*

Congregation

Holy God in love became  
 Perfect Man to bear my blame  
 On the cross He took my sin  
 By His death I live again

<sup>4</sup> Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows;  
yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted.

<sup>5</sup> But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities;

upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed.

<sup>6</sup> All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way;

and *the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.*

<sup>7</sup> He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth;  
like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent,

so he opened not his mouth.

<sup>8</sup> By oppression and judgment he was taken away; and as for his generation, who considered  
that *he was cut off out of the land of the living*, stricken for the transgression of my people?

<sup>9</sup> And they made his grave with the wicked and with a rich man in his death,

although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth.

<sup>10</sup> Yet it was the will of the Lord to crush him; he has put him to grief;  
when his soul makes an offering for guilt, he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days;

the will of the Lord shall prosper in his hand.

<sup>11</sup> Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be satisfied;  
by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant,

make many to be accounted righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities.

# When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

*May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. Gal. 6:14*

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line and a bass line. The lyrics are arranged in four verses, with the first three verses starting with a different line of text and the fourth verse continuing from the previous system. The Gregorian chant accompaniment is indicated by chord symbols above the notes.

**Verse 1:** When I sur - vey the won - drous cross on which the

**Verse 2:** For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the

**Verse 3:** See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sor - row and

**Verse 4:** Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were a

Prince of glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I  
 death of Christ my God: all the vain things that  
 love flow min - gled down: did e'er such love and  
 pres - ent far too small; love so a - maz - ing,

count but loss, and pour con - tempt on all my pride.  
 charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.  
 sor - row meet, or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?  
 so di - vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

Isaac Watts, 1707, 1709

HAMBURG L.M.  
 Gregorian chant  
 Arr. by Lowell Mason, 1824

*“Come and Die!”*

Mark 8:29-38

<sup>29</sup> And he asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered him, “You are the Christ.” <sup>30</sup> And he strictly charged them to tell no one about him.

<sup>31</sup> And he began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes and be killed, and after three days rise again. <sup>32</sup> And he said this plainly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. <sup>33</sup> But turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man.”

<sup>34</sup> And calling the crowd to him with his disciples, he said to them, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. <sup>35</sup> For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it. <sup>36</sup> For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul? <sup>37</sup> For what can a man give in return for his soul? <sup>38</sup> For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of Man also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

❖ Hymn of Response #610

*“Take Up Your Cross,”  
the Savior Said*

Congregation

# "Take Up Your Cross," the Savior Said

*If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. Matt. 16:24*

Capo 1: ♮ (D) (Bm) (Em) (A) (D) 7

1. "Take up your cross," the Sav - ior said, "if you would  
 2. Take up your cross; let not its weight fill your weak  
 3. Take up your cross; nor heed the shame, and let your  
 4. Take up your cross, then, in his strength, and calm - ly  
 5. Take up your cross, and fol - low on, nor think till

(Em) (A) (D) (G) (A) (E7)

my dis - ci - ple be; take up your cross with  
 soul with vain a - larm; his strength shall bear your  
 • fool - ish pride be still; your Lord re - fused not  
 sin's wild del - uge brave; 'twill guide you to a  
 death to lay it down; for on - ly he who

(A) ♮ (D) (D7) (Gmaj7) (D/A) (A) (D) 7

will - ing heart, and hum - bly fol - low af - ter me."  
 spir - it up, and brace your heart, and nerve your arm.  
 • e'en to die up - on a cross, on Cal - v'ry's hill.  
 bet - ter home, it points to glo - ry o'er the grave.  
 bears the cross may hope to wear the glo - rious crown.



The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

*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 ~~

*Prelude: Near the Cross (Hustad)*  
*Offertory: Beloved (Feliz)*  
*Postlude: "Postlude" in A Minor (Bach)*

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## Services for Eddie English

Services for Eddie will begin with visitation on Friday, Oct. 4, 5:00-7:00 pm at the Cabot Funeral Home in Woodstock. A memorial service will be held at FCCW on **Saturday, Oct. 5**, beginning at **1:00 pm**, and will be *followed by a reception at the church*. A graveside service at Prosper Cemetery will be held at 4:00 pm that afternoon.

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## Reception—Help Needed!

The Hospitality Committee would appreciate contributions of cookies, brownies, AND bars, and sweetbreads for Eddie's reception. They need to know by the deadline Monday, Sept. 30. They would also appreciate help setting up and cleaning up for October 5. If you are able to help please call 802-457- 3975 or email [rhondan08@myfairpoint.net](mailto:rhondan08@myfairpoint.net).

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## Evening Women's Bible Study

We'll be starting a study of the second half of Romans on Wednesday evening, October 9, at 6:30. We had a wonderful group of women this summer, and completed chapters 1-7. Now we'll again use Tim Keller's material for chapters 8-16. Please purchase your own copy ahead of time if possible. The title is *Romans 8-16: In view of God's mercy*, and it is available on Amazon.

Just as we did during the summer, we'll start and end with a hymn, share prayer requests, and will conclude by 8:00. Come on time because we'll start at 6:30 no matter how many have gathered!

We hope you can join us as we dig into this magnificent section of Scripture. Any questions can be directed to Robyn [robynhuck@gmail.com](mailto:robynhuck@gmail.com) or Nancy [nancystockwell60@gmail.com](mailto:nancystockwell60@gmail.com).

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## Save the Date!

**Friday, October 4, 5-7 pm** — Visitation for Eddie English at Cabot Funeral Home

**Saturday, October 5, 1 pm** — Memorial Service for Eddie at FCCW, followed by a reception

**Saturday, October 5, 4 pm** — Graveside Service at Prosper Cemetery

**Wednesday, October 9, 6:30 pm-8:00 pm** — Women's Bible Study begins

**Saturday, October 12, 5 pm** — Supper Club

**Sunday, October 13** — 12:00pm – 1:00pm Budget Informational Meeting

**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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## Fall Supper Clubs

We currently have one Supper Club scheduled for Friday, October 12 at 5:00 pm. Please sign up in the Billings Room or contact Michelle D'Hooghe at [shellid71@gmail.com](mailto:shellid71@gmail.com) if you would like to attend. Can't make that date? We will schedule more if there is interest!

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## Nursery Volunteers Needed

Can you give one Sunday to help minister to the youngest members of our church family? If you are willing to help one Sunday or more, you can find the sign-up sheet with the fall schedule in the Billings Room, or contact Kristen at [fccwinfo@gmail.com](mailto:fccwinfo@gmail.com).

Nursery Volunteer Schedule for October:

10/6 Paige Gibbs & \_\_\_\_\_

10/13 Tom Johnston & Keri Bristow

10/20 Paige Gibbs & \_\_\_\_\_

10/27 Keri Bristow & \_\_\_\_\_

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## Nursery Attendant Position

First Congregational Church of Woodstock, Vermont (FCCW) is looking for someone to serve as our Sunday morning Nursery Attendant. Applicant should be a mature, responsible adult (18+) who loves Jesus and children and will be the anchor in caring for our little ones (ages 0-5). A volunteer assistant from the congregation will be provided and will be responsible for teaching the Sunday School lesson each week. Minimal cleaning and maintenance is required. Hours are 8:45 am-12:15 pm each Sunday and the pay is \$24/hour. For more information or to apply, please contact Karl Huck at [karlhuck@gmail.com](mailto:karlhuck@gmail.com).

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## Library Announcement

Dear Congregation,

No longer is there an obstacle to using our library online. The library link from the church home page takes one directly to the library page without a sign in.

Please rejoice with me.

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## Weekly Gathering Opportunities

**Tuesdays, 7:00 am** — FCCW Breakfast Club (Middle School & High School Bible Study)—meet at Maplefields to grab breakfast, then on to the church for study, discussion, and prayer. Contact Michael Byrne at [michael@clickthruvt.com](mailto:michael@clickthruvt.com).

**Tuesdays, 10:00 am** —Ladies' Bible Study meets in person at FCCW and via ZOOM, please contact Bonnie Atwood at (802) 457-4120 or email [bonhope2@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:rbatwood1@gmail.com).

**Wednesdays, 6:30 pm** — (begins Oct. 9!) Women's 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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