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First Congregational Church
of Woodstock _____

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

*October 27th, 2024
Reformation Sunday*

The Order of Morning Worship

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Ten-thirty

Welcome & Announcements

Pastor Doug Warren

Prelude & Silent Prayer

Prayer of Blessing

Jerry & Christine Morton

Elders

❖ 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.

❖ Hymn of Exultation #1 *All People That On Earth Do Dwell*¹ Congregation

¹ In celebration of Reformation Sunday, we are singing one of the great Reformation hymns composed for the Geneva Psalter and used to spread the grace of God throughout the world.

All People That on Earth Do Dwell

Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth. Ps. 100:1

1. All peo - ple that on earth do dwell, sing
2. The Lord ye know is God in deed; with -
3. O en - ter then his gates with praise, ap -
4. For why? The Lord our God is good, his

to the Lord with cheer - ful voice; him serve with fear, his
out our aid he did us make; we are his folk, he
proach with joy his courts un - to; praise, laud, and bless his
mer - cy is for - ev - er sure; his truth at all times

praise forth - tell, come ye be - fore him and re - joice.
doth us feed, and for his sheep he doth us take.
name al - ways, for it is seem - ly so to do.
firm - ly stood, and shall from age to age en - dure.

“I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. You shall have no other gods before me.

“You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. 5 You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me, but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.

“You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain, for the Lord will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain.

“Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates. For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day. Therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

“Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.

“You shall not murder.

“You shall not commit adultery.

“You shall not steal.

“You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

“You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor's.”

Prayer of Collective Confession

Micah 7:18-20

Congregation

Who is a God like You, pardoning iniquity and passing over transgression for the remnant of His inheritance? He does not retain His anger forever, because He delights in steadfast love. He will again have compassion on us; He will tread our iniquities underfoot. You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea. You will show faithfulness to Jacob and steadfast love to Abraham, as You have sworn to our fathers from the days of old.

Silent Reflection and Confession

Savior. ²⁴ Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit in everything to their husbands.

²⁵ Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, ²⁶ that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, ²⁷ so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish. ²⁸ In the same way husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. ²⁹ For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ does the church, ³⁰ because we are members of his body. ³¹ "Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh." ³² This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church. ³³ However, let each one of you love his wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.

❖ Hymn of Reflection #32 *Great is Thy Faithfulness* Congregation

*Because of the LORD's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail.
They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. Lam. 3:22, 23*

Chords: G D, G, A7, Dsus D G, D, A7, D, E, B7, E7, A, A7, D

1. Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther; there is no
 2. Sum - mer and win - ter and spring-time and har - vest, sun, moon, and
 3. Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth, thine own dear

shad - ow of turn - ing with thee; thou chang - est not, thy com -
 stars in their cours - es a - bove, join with all na - ture in
 pres - ence to cheer and to guide, strength for to - day and bright

Em D Gmaj⁷ Em⁷ Bdim D A⁷ D

pas-sions, they fail not; as thou hast been thou for - ev - er wilt be.
 man - i - fold wit - ness to thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.
 hope for to - mor - row, bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

REFRAIN
 A D B⁷ Em A⁷

Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Morn - ing by

D Bdim A E⁷ A A⁷ D Em D

morn - ing new mer - cies I see: all I have need - ed thy hand hath pro -

HIS UNCHANGEABLENESS

G Bdim D A⁷ D

vid - ed— Great is thy faith - ful - ness, Lord, un - to me!

Thomas O. Chisholm, 1923

FAITHFULNESS 11.10.11.10.ref.
 William M. Runyan, 1923

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“Restoring God’s Design for Marriage”

Mark 10:1-12

And he left there and went to the region of Judea and beyond the Jordan, and crowds gathered to him again. And again, as was his custom, he taught them.

² And Pharisees came up and in order to test him asked, “Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?” ³ He answered them, “What did Moses command you?” ⁴ They said, “Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of divorce and to send her away.” ⁵ And Jesus said to them, “Because of your hardness of heart he wrote you this commandment. ⁶ But from the beginning of creation, ‘God made them male and female.’ ⁷ ‘Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, ⁸ and the two shall become one flesh.’ So they are no longer two but one flesh. ⁹ What therefore God has joined together, let not man separate.”

¹⁰ And in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. ¹¹ And he said to them, “Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her, ¹² and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.”

❖ Hymn of Response #347 *The Church’s One Foundation* Congregation

Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. Eph. 2:20

The musical score is written on two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is primarily composed of quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are printed below the treble staff.

1. The church - 's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;
 2. E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, yet one o'er all - the earth,
 3. Though with a scorn - ful won - der men see her sore op - pressed,
 4. The church shall nev - er per - ish! Her dear Lord to de - fend,



she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the Word:
her char - ter of sal - va - tion one Lord, one faith, one birth;
by schis - ms rent a - sun - der, by her - e - sies dis - tressed,
to guide, sus - tain, and cher - ish, is with her to the end;

from heav'n he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;
one ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,
yet saints their watch are keep - ing, their cry goes up, "How long?"
though there be those that hate her, and false sons in her pale,

with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
and to one hope she press - es, with ev - 'ry grace en - dued.
And soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.
a - gainst or foe or trai - tor she ev - er shall pre - vail.

5. 'Mid toil and tribulation,
and tumult of her war,
she waits the consummation
of peace forevermore;
till with the vision glorious
her longing eyes are blest,
and the great church victorious
shall be the church at rest.

6. Yet she on earth hath union
with God the Three in One,
and mystic sweet communion
with those whose rest is won:
O happy ones and holy!
Lord, give us grace that we,
like them, the meek and lowly,
on high may dwell with thee.

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

~~ Organist: Jonathan Denham ~~

~~ Please ensure cell phones are off ~~

Prelude: A Mighty Fortress (J. C. Bach)

Offertory: "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" (Reger)

Postlude: Prelude and Fugue in C (J. S. Bach)

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Note: Daylight Saving Time ends next Sunday, November 3. Enjoy an extra hour of sleep and join us for Sunday School at 9:00 am and Worship at 10:30 am!

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Save the Date!

Sunday, November 3 — Daylight Saving Time ends—set clocks back one hour.

Thursday, November 14 — **7:00 pm Annual Congregational Meeting**

Sunday, November 24 — Thanksgiving Fellowship Meal at 1:00 pm, followed by a special Worship Service

Friday, December 13 — Wassail Weekend Events

4:30 pm Building & History Tour

5:00 pm Organ Concert

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Saturday, December 14 — Wassail Weekend Events

11:00 am-2:00 pm Hot Wassail & S'mores

2:00 pm Parade Watch Party

3:00 pm The Ten of NYC A Capella Concert

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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/November:

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|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 10/6 Paige Gibbs & Kristen Warren    | 11/3 Keri Bristow & Robyn Huck |
| 10/13 Tom Johnston & Keri Bristow    | 11/10 _____ & _____            |
| 10/20 Paige Gibbs & Steve Briggs     | 11/17 Paige Gibbs & _____      |
| 10/27 Keri Bristow & Nancy Stockwell | 11/24 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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## 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** — 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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