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First Congregational Church
of Woodstock _____

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

January 19th, 2025

The Order of Morning Worship

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Ten-thirty

Welcome & Announcements

Pastor Doug Warren

Prelude & Silent Prayer

❖ Call to Worship from Psalm 19 Pastor

The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims His handiwork. Day to day pours out speech, and night to night reveals knowledge. There is no speech, nor are there words, whose voice is not heard. Their voice goes out through all the earth and their words to the end of the world.

❖ Hymn of Exultation #115 *All Creatures of Our God & King* Congregation

All you have made will praise you, O LORD; your saints will extol you. Ps. 145:10

1. All crea - tures of our God and King, lift up your voice and
2. Thou rush - ing wind that art so strong, ye clouds that sail in
3. Thou flow - ing wa - ter, pure and clear, make mu - sic for thy
4. And all ye men of ten - der heart, for - giv - ing oth - ers,
5. Let all things their Cre - a - tor bless, and wor - ship him in-

with us sing al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Thou burn - ing
heav'n a - long, O praise him, al - le - lu - ia! Thou ris - ing
• Lord to hear, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Thou fire so
take your part, O sing ye, al - le - lu - ia! Ye who long
hum - ble - ness, O praise him, al - le - lu - ia! Praise, praise the

sun with gold - en beam, thou sil - ver moon with soft - er gleam,
 morn in praise re - joice, ye lights of eve - ning, find a voice,
 • mas - ter - ful and bright, that giv - est man both warmth and light,
 pain and sor - row bear, praise God and on him cast your care,
 Fa - ther, praise the Son, and praise the Spir - it, three in one,

O praise him, O praise him, al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Francis of Assisi, ca. 1225
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 Geistliche Kirchengesänge, Gologne, 1623

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

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 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

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.

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

Verse 1

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine upon you.
And give you peace
And give you peace
And give you peace forever

(repeat v. 1)

Verse 2

The Lord be gracious to you
The Lord turn his face towards you
And give you peace
And give you peace
And give you peace forever.

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❖ Scripture Reading

Isaiah 5:1-7

Pastor

Let me sing for my *beloved* my love song concerning his vineyard:

My *beloved* had a vineyard on a very fertile hill.

² He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; and he looked for it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes.

³ And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, *judge between me and my vineyard.*

⁴ What more was there to do for my vineyard, that I have not done in it? When I looked for it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes?

⁵ *And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard.*

I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured;

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

I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down.

⁶ *I will make it a waste*; it shall not be pruned or hoed, briers and thorns shall grow up;

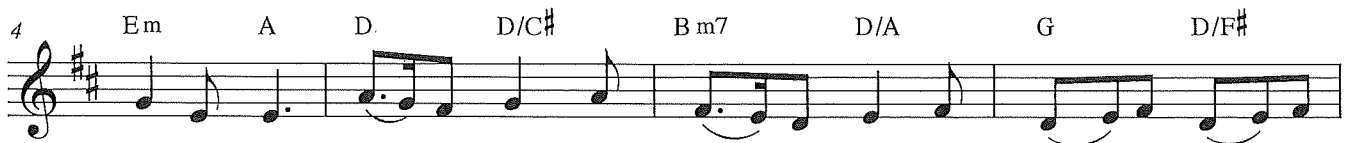
I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it.

⁷ For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel, and the men of Judah are his pleasant planting; and he looked for justice, *but behold, bloodshed*; for righteousness, *but behold, an outcry!*

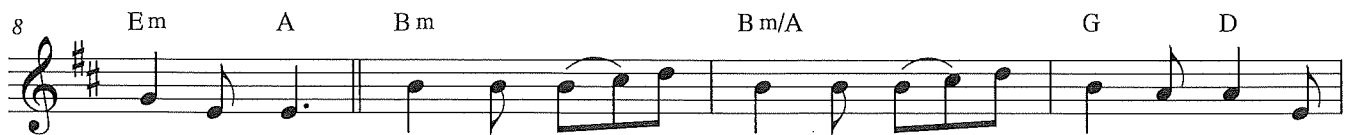
❖ Hymn of Reflection *Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah* Congregation



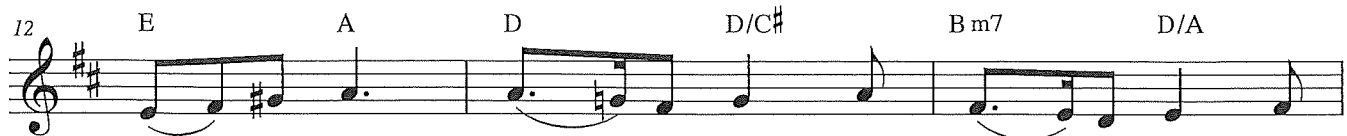
1. Hal - le - lu - jah, praise Je - ho - vah, O my soul, Je -
 2. Hap - py is the man that choos - es Is - rael's God to
 3. Food He dai - ly gives the hun - gry, Sets the mourn - ing
 4. Hal - le - lu - jah, praise Je - ho - vah, O my soul, Je -



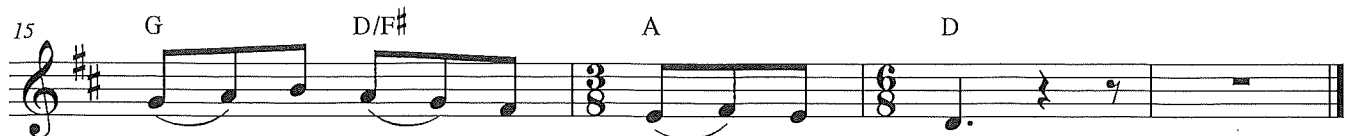
ho - vah praise; I will sing the glor' - ous prais - es, Of my God thru
 be his aid; He is blest whose hope of bless - ing On the Lord his
 pris'ner free, Rais - es those bowed down with an - guish, Makes the sight - less
 ho - vah praise; I will sing the glor' - ous prais - es, Of my God thru



all my days. Put no con - fi - dence in princ - es, Nor for help on
 God is stayed. Heav'n and earth the Lord cre - a - ted, Seas and all that
 eyes to see. Well Je - ho - vah loves the right - eous, And the stran - ger
 all my days. O - ver all God reigns for - ev - er, Thru all ag - es



man de - pend; He shall die, to dust re - turn - ing,
 they con - tain; He de - liv - ers from op - press - ion,
 He be - friends, Helps the fa - ther - less and wid - ow,
 He is King; Un - to Him, thy God, O Zi - on,



And his pur - pos - es shall end.
 Right - eous - ness He will main - tain.
 Judg - ment on the wick - ed sends.
 Joy - ful hal - le - lu - jahs sing.

“The Patient Vineyard Owner Will Judge Rightly”

Mark 12:1-12

And he began to speak to them in parables. “A man planted a vineyard and put a fence around it and dug a pit for the winepress and built a tower, and leased it to tenants and went into another country.² When the season came, he sent a servant to the tenants to get from them some of the fruit of the vineyard.³ And they took him and beat him and sent him away empty-handed.⁴ Again he sent to them another servant, and they struck him on the head and treated him shamefully.⁵ And he sent another, and him they killed. And so with many others: some they beat, and some they killed.⁶ He had still one other, a beloved son. Finally he sent him to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’⁷ But those tenants said to one another, ‘This is the heir. Come, let us kill him, and the inheritance will be ours.’⁸ And they took him and killed him and threw him out of the vineyard.⁹ What will the owner of the vineyard do? He will come and destroy the tenants and give the vineyard to others.¹⁰ Have you not read this Scripture:

“The stone that the builders rejected

has become the cornerstone;

¹¹ this was the Lord's doing,

and it is marvelous in our eyes’?”

¹² And they were seeking to arrest him but feared the people, for they perceived that he had told the parable against them. So they left him and went away.

O Father, You Are Sovereign

The LORD Almighty has purposed, and who can thwart him? His hand is stretched out, and who can turn it back? Is. 14:27

1. O Fa - ther, you are sov - ereign in all the worlds you made;
 2. O Fa - ther, you are sov - ereign in all af - fairs of man;
 3. O Fa - ther, you are sov - ereign, the Lord of hu - man pain,
 4. O Fa - ther, you are sov - ereign! We see you dim - ly now,

your might - y word was spo - ken and light and life o - beyed.
 no pow'rs of death or dark - ness can thwart your per - fect plan.
 trans - mut - ing earth - ly sor - rows to gold of heav'n - ly gain.
 but soon be - fore your tri - umph earth's ev - ery knee shall bow.

Your voice com - mands the sea - sons and bounds the o - cean's shore,
 All chance and change tran - scend - ing, su - preme in time and space,
 All e - vil o - ver - rul - ing, as none but Con - qu'ror could,
 With this glad hope be - fore us our faith springs up a - new:

sets stars with - in their cours - es and stills the tem - pest's roar.
 you hold your trust - ing chil - dren se - cure in your em - brace.
 your love pur - sues its pur - pose—our souls' e - ter - nal good.
 our sov - ereign Lord and Sav - ior, we trust and wor - ship you!

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: How Great Thou Art (Cooman)

Offertory: Everlasting God (Arr. Bennett)

Postlude: St. Theodulph (Gawthrop)

Save the Date!

Sunday, February 9, 9:00-10:00 — Discussion of mission & vision statements during Adult Sunday School

Friday, February 21 & Saturday, February 22 — Introduction to FCCW Workshop

Saturday, March 8, 1:00 pm — Bridal Shower for Karis Warren

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.

Nursery Volunteer Schedule for January/February:

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| 1/5 Kristen Warren & Heidi Tucker | 2/2 _____ & _____ |
| 1/12 Elaine Johnston & Jennifer Barnes | 2/9 Robyn Huck & _____ |
| 1/19 Robyn Huck & Kristen Warren | 2/16 Keri Bristow & _____ |
| 1/26 Keri Bristow & _____ | 2/23 Keri Bristow & _____ |

Introduction to FCCW Workshop

Interested in knowing more about FCCW? Want to explore questions about the Bible in a small group? What does it mean to be a member? What opportunities are there to serve at FCCW? Consider attending the *Introduction to FCCW Workshop* being offered **Friday** night, **February 21**, from **6-9 pm** (includes dinner) and **Saturday** morning, **February 22**, from **9 am-noon** (includes continental breakfast.) This two-part workshop will give insight into how FCCW functions and the importance of membership. To register, please contact Kristen at fccwinfo@gmail.com.

Session One—Worship

Session Two—Joyous Knowledge

Session Three—Radical Love for One Another

Session Four— Extending His Grace

Session Five— Belonging to His Community

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.

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.

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.

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