Board of Missions Prayer Request:

For the 2025 Easter sacrificial offering, we have the opportunity to support two of our church's global partners - Herb and Heather, serving in the Middle East, and Ruth and Daniel, serving as leaders of Another Hope Children's Ministries in Uganda. Please keep an eye out for upcoming information from these two partners, and prayerfully consider giving to bless them! (See insert page)

<u>FCCW Members</u>: The new meeting date is April 19th at 10:00AM. Here is the revised call to meet:

The Elders call for a congregational meeting to be held at 10:00 AM Saturday the 19th of April for the following purpose:

"To vote on authorizing the Deacons and Elders to enter into a lease agreement with LBLC for a period of 15 months."

Upcoming Events:

Friday, April 13^{8h}—Valley Bible Church invites us to Good Friday Service at 7:00 PM at VBC in White River Junction

Sunday, April 20th—Celebration of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ

Weekly Opportunities

- Tuesdays, 7:00 am—FCCW Breakfast Club (Middle School & High School Bible Study) Contact Michael Byrne at <u>michael@fccw.net</u>
- Tuesdays, 10:00 am—Ladies' Bible Study at FCCW and via ZOOM, contact Bonnie Atwood, (802) 457-4120, <u>bonhope2@gmail.com</u>
- Tuesdays, 6:00 pm—Prayer Meeting via Zoom, contact Dick Atwood at (802) 457-4120, <u>rbatwood1@gmail.com</u>
- Wednesdays, 6:15 am Men's Bible Study at FCCW and via ZOOM, contact Dick Atwood, (802) 457-4120, <u>rbatwood1@gmail.com</u>

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

April 13, 2025

We are so pleased you are here with us today to worship Jesus Christ and celebrate the love of the Lord.

If you are a visitor, please sign the guest book in the entryway or fill out a welcome card at your seat and drop it in the offering plate.

OUR MISSION

We are a Christ-centered community, proclaiming the grace and truth of the Gospel in Woodstock, the Upper Valley and the world, sharing Christ in word and deed.

OUR VISION

We endeavor through the Holy Spirit's power to faithfully serve in this calling by ...

- Proclaiming Christ's truth and grace.
- Nurturing young and old in biblical growth.
- Reaching the lost with the only hope for salvation.
- Healing the broken with Christ's love and mercy.
- Practicing repentance, forgiveness, and reconciliation as Christ has commanded.

The Order of Worship
April 13, 2025 10:30 AM
Welcome & Announcements Deacon Karl Huck
Prelude & Prepare for Worship Organist, Jonathan Denham
♥ Call to Worship Matthew 11:28-30
₩ Hymn 235 All Glory, Laud, and Honor
Pastoral Prayer
Collection of Tithes & Offerings
♥ Doxology, hymnal 731 Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow
☆ Responsive Reading Psalm 11, hymnal p. 787
₩ Hymn 260Were You There?
Scripture ReadingZachariah 9:9-13, pew Bible p. 797

SermonJonathan Fischer *The Triumphal Entry* John 12:12-19 pew Bible p. 899

₩ Hymn 198..... Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates!

☆ Benediction

Please be seated for a moment reflection after the benediction and consider praying for someone seated near you

Postlude

 <u>Families with Young Children:</u> We encourage parents to keep children with them in the pew during worship. There are a few toys and coloring supplies as well as children's bulletins available at the entrance to the sanctuary. If needed, however, there is a library space available for young ones and their adult helpers, (through the door up front to your left, then turn right) where you can watch the worship service livestream, and a selection of toys are available. We're glad you're here!

<u>Please help us welcome our guest preacher, Jonathan Fischer.</u> Jonathan grew up in the Northeast, served as a pastor from 2013 to 2021, and is currently a member at Valley Bible Church and works in construction in the Upper Valley. He is grateful for the opportunity to bring God's Word today.

Easter is coming, Christ is risen!

Help us display the "Lilies of the Field" for our Easter service by sharing a flowering plant in memory of loved ones. Plants can be taken home after the Easter service. Please contact Carol Powell @ 802-457-3833 or Elaine Johnston @ 802457-3012. Thank you!

This Morning's Instrumental Music

Prelude: The Palms (Faure) Offertory: Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates (Krug) Handbells: Jonathan Denham, Robyn Huck and Heidi Tucker Postlude: Jubilate (Rawsthorne)

Today: please join the Deaconesses for Vespers at the Woodstock Terrace (3PM), Homestead (3:45), and Merten's House (4:15)

Good Friday, April 18th—Valley Bible Church has invited us to their "Lessons and Carols" Good Friday worship, 7:00PM at Valley Bible Church, 851 Fairview Terrace, WRJ, VT.

Easter Sunday, April 20th—Celebration of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ

Sunrise Service on Mt. Tom: meet at Faulkner Park at 6 to hike up, worship begins at the star at 7:00AM, led by Tom Johnston

Early Breakfast at FCCW: 8-9:00, email Karl Huck to volunteer or contribute! <u>karlhuck@gmail.com</u>

Worship at 10:30 with guest preacher Hugh Diggins