



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

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

*November 29th, 2020*

# *The Order of Morning Worship*

*For assistance as we “gather” remotely and in-person to worship together.*

November 29th, 2020

Ten-thirty

Welcome

Elder Gil Emery

Prelude & Silent Prayer

❖ Call to Worship

Zephaniah 3: 14 – 15

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

Number 44

*How Great Thou Art*

## How Great Thou Art

*Great is the LORD, and most worthy of praise. Ps. 48:1*

Capo 1: B $\flat$ (A) E $\flat$ (D)

1. O Lord my God, when I in awe - some won - der  
 2. When thro' the woods and for - est glades I wan - der  
 3. And when I think that God, his Son not spar - ing,  
 4. When Christ shall come with shout of ac - cla - ma - tion

B $\flat$ /F(A/E) F(E) B $\flat$ (A)

con - sid - er all the worlds thy hands have made,  
 and hear the birds sing sweet - ly in the trees,  
 sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,  
 and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!

E $\flat$ (D)

I see the stars, I hear the roll - ing thun - der,  
 when I look down from loft - y moun - tain gran - deur,  
 that on the cross, my bur - den glad - ly bear - ing,  
 Then I shall bow in hum - ble ad - o - ra - tion,

B $\flat$ /F(A/E) F(E) B $\flat$ (A)

thy pow'r thro' - out the u - ni - verse dis - played.  
 and hear the brook and feel the gen - tle breeze;  
 he bled and died to take a - way my sin.  
 and there pro - claim, my God, how great thou art.

REFRAIN

Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to thee:

how great thou art, how great thou art!

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Stuart K. Hine, 1949; alt.

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Swedish folk melody  
Arr. by Stuart K. Hine, 1949

The author's original words for "works" and "rolling" in st. 1 are "works" and "mighty."  
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Seek the Lord while He may be found; call on Him while He is near. Let the wicked forsake his way and the evil man his thoughts. Let him turn to the Lord, and He will have mercy on him, and to our God, for He will freely pardon.

## Collective Confession

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 do what you command, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## Proclamation of Forgiveness

Acts 13: 38; Ephesians 1: 7

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.

## Scripture Reading

Luke 17: 11 – 19

<sup>11</sup> While He was on the way to Jerusalem, He was passing between Samaria and Galilee. <sup>12</sup> And as He entered a village, ten men with leprosy who stood at a distance met Him; <sup>13</sup> and they raised their voices, saying, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!” <sup>14</sup> When He saw *them*, He said to them, “Go and show yourselves to the priests.” And as they were going, they were cleansed. <sup>15</sup> Now one of them, when he saw that he had been healed, turned back, glorifying God with a loud voice, <sup>16</sup> and he fell on his face at His feet, giving thanks to Him. And he was a Samaritan. <sup>17</sup> But Jesus responded and said, “Were there not ten cleansed? But the nine—where *are they*? <sup>18</sup> Was no one found who returned to give glory to God, except this foreigner?” <sup>19</sup> And He said to him, “Stand up and go; your faith has made you well.”

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

**Congregation: Thanks be to God!**

## Pastoral Prayer

*Praise Him! Praise Him!*

*They sang a new song: "You are worthy ... because you were slain, and with your blood you purchased men for God." Rev. 5:9*

1. Praise him! praise him! Je - sus, our bless - ed Re - deem - er!  
 2. Praise him! praise him! Je - sus, our bless - ed Re - deem - er!  
 3. Praise him! praise him! Je - sus, our bless - ed Re - deem - er!

Sing, O earth, his won - der - ful love pro - claim!  
 For our sins he suf - fered and bled and died;  
 Heav'n - ly por - tals loud with ho - san - nas ring!

Hail him! hail him! high - est arch - an - gels in glo - ry;  
 he our Rock, our hope of e - ter - nal sal - va - tion,  
 Je - sus, Sav - ior, reign - eth for - ev - er and ev - er;

strength and hon - or give to his ho - ly name!  
 hail him! hail him! Je - sus the Cru - ci - fied,  
 crown him! crown him! Proph - et and Priest and King!

D G D D7 G D7 G D

Like a shep - herd, Je - sus will guard his chil - dren,  
 Sound his prais - es! Je - sus who bore our sor - rows,  
 Christ is com - ing! o - ver the world vic - to - rious,

G Em A7 D

in his arms he car - ries them all day long:  
 love un - bound - ed, won - der - ful, deep, and strong:  
 pow'r and glo - ry un - to the Lord be - long:

REFRAIN  
 F G C G

Praise him! praise him! tell of his ex - cel - lent great - ness;

G7 C Am G D7 G 7

praise him! praise him! ev - er in joy - ful song!

*“Appropriate Gratitude”*

## Acts 14: 8 – 18

<sup>8</sup>In Lystra a man was sitting whose feet were incapacitated. *He had been* disabled from his mother’s womb, and had never walked. <sup>9</sup>This man was listening to Paul as he spoke. *Paul* looked at him intently and saw that he had faith to be made well, <sup>10</sup>and he said with a loud voice, “Stand upright on your feet!” And *the man* leaped up and *began* to walk. <sup>11</sup>When the crowds saw what Paul had done, they raised their voice, saying in the Lycaonian language, “The gods have become like men and have come down to us!” <sup>12</sup>And they *began* calling Barnabas, Zeus, and Paul, Hermes, since he was the chief speaker. <sup>13</sup>Moreover, the priest of Zeus, whose *temple* was just outside the city, brought oxen and garlands to the gates, and wanted to offer sacrifice with the crowds. <sup>14</sup>But when the apostles Barnabas and Paul heard *about it*, they tore their robes and rushed out into the crowd, crying out <sup>15</sup>and saying, “Men, why are you doing these things? We are also men, of the same nature as you, preaching the gospel to you, to turn from these useless things to a living God, who MADE THE HEAVEN AND THE EARTH AND THE SEA, AND EVERYTHING THAT IS IN THEM. <sup>16</sup>In past generations He permitted all the nations to go their own ways; <sup>17</sup>yet He did not leave Himself without witness, in that He did good and gave you rains from heaven and fruitful seasons, satisfying your hearts with food and gladness.” <sup>18</sup>And *even by* saying these things, *only with* difficulty did they restrain the crowds from offering sacrifices to them.

❖ Hymn of Response

Number 235

*All Glory, Laud, and Honor*



## All Glory, Laud, and Honor

"Hosanna!" "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Blessed is the King of Israel!" John 12:13

1. All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to thee, Re - deem - er, King,  
 2. The peo - ple of the He - brews with palms be - fore thee went;  
 3. Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring!  
 our praise and prayer and an - thems be - fore thee we pre - sent:  
 who in all good de - light - est, thou good and gra - cious King!

Thou art the King of Is - rael, thou Da - vid's roy - al Son,  
 to thee, be - fore thy pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise;  
 All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to thee, Re - deem - er, King,

who in the Lord's name com - est, the King and bless - ed One!  
 to thee, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.  
 to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring!

Benediction

Numbers 6: 24 – 26

Elder: May the Lord bless you and keep you; may the Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; may the Lord turn His face toward you and give you peace.

**Congregation: Thanks be to God. Amen.**

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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### Christmas Poinsettias

Poinsettias always add to the festive color of Christmas and can be given as a memorial to a loved one and taken home after the Christmas Eve or the next Sunday service. To order a 6" red or white poinsettia, contact Carol Powell at 457-3833 on or before Dec. 13.

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### Christmas Eve Service

To accommodate the COVID restrictions, this year we will be offering multiple Christmas Eve Services. Reservations will be required. Watch for more details in future emails and Order of Worship.

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Copies of Pastor Doug's Advent Booklet  
are available in the Narthex.

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~~ Virtual Baby Card and Gift Shower for  
Jonathan, Annie and baby Denham ~~

When: December 13,2020

How: website, mail in cards, baby basket in church for cards and gifts

Dear Family and Friends,

You are all invited to participate in a virtual baby shower. Ruth Emery (hgemery@aol.com or 802-457-4950) and I wish it could be in person, but the current restrictions won't permit it. We are so excited to have Jonathan and Annie with us at FCCW and we as a church family love to celebrate this joyous time with them and help support them.

There are several ways that you can participate:

The **first** way can be found in the back of the church, on November 29, December 6, and December 13 as you will find a holiday basket to put your baby gift cards in. If you would like to drop off a baby gift, then Terri or myself will be there to collect them and store them until everything is in.

The **second** way, just in case you don't feel comfortable coming into the church, you can mail the cards to the church. Please put on the bottom left of the envelope, **BABY SHOWER**. The address is FCCW, 36 Elm Street, Woodstock, VT 05091.

The **third** way, is through the baby website registry that is as follows: Jonathan Denham and Anne Denham's Baby Registry on <https://www.myregistry.com/baby-registry/jonathan-denham-and-anne-denham-woodstock-vt/2581881>

After the 13th, we will make sure that the gifts and cards get to them in their new apartment.

We thank you in advance as you bless them with your love and support.

In Christian Love,

Anne Koop (anne.t.koop@gmail.com, 802-345-1217)

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## **Appropriate Gratitude**

1. Praise to idols.
2. Praise to human beings.
3. Praise to Jesus Christ.

Paul and Barnabas are praised for the healing of the disabled man from birth by those who know not God and so offered idols to them. This was completely unacceptable to God and was brought the attention to all present by the Lord's ambassadors, Paul and Barnabas. As children of God, it is imperative for us to praise the One from Whom all blessings flow!

## I Timothy 4:14

<sup>14</sup> “For everything created by God is good, and nothing is to be rejected if it is received with gratitude.”

## Acts 14: 8 – 18

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## Acts—Series Overview

### ***The Expansion of the Gospel Witness with Power***

*Acts* records God’s faithful accomplishment of all that He promised in taking the gospel to the nations. It lays the groundwork for all that will take place as His Church awaits His return. Just as Jesus lived and spoke as the Father commanded, we now are called to do in the power of His Holy Spirit. While Jesus did this perfectly, we will strive imperfectly, constantly in need of the Holy Spirit’s direction, power, and correction. Nevertheless, our faithful God will work even through our failing efforts and His gospel witness through us will prevail and penetrate every nation, tribe, & territory. For the praise of our King!

# Taking Gathered Worship Home

To whom do I give thanks in ALL things? Jesus Christ should be the complete focus of our affection and gratitude. It is only through the grace of Christ that we can receive all things with praise to Him.

*Please use the devotional material below each day this week to praise Christ. Ask Jesus to teach us His ways that we may walk in them to accomplish His purposes.*

## **Sunday Morning**

READ **Acts 14:8-18; Luke 17:11-19** DISCUSS, God uses all things (including our disbelief) to accomplish His purposes. How does God use His people's ignorance to fulfill His promise? How does His sovereignty give us comfort? How are you giving thanks to Him and Him alone? Be specific. PRAY "Risen Lord, thank You for conquering death. Enable us to joyfully submit to Your holy rule and reign over all things!"

## **Sunday Evening**

**Young Adults' Fellowship** at **6:00** tonight in the FCCW library.

## **Monday**

READ **Acts 14:8-18; Luke 17:11-19; Isaiah 42:8**. DISCUSS, How does giving praise to idols distress our God? Do we have any secret idols? How do I recognize when I have an idol? What steps do I take to be sure I do not have any idols? PRAY, "Jesus, as Your Kingdom expands according to Your proclamation, teach us to acknowledge You as the Sovereign over all things!"

## **Tuesday**

READ **Acts 14:8-18; Ruth 2:10**. DISCUSS, How has Christ revealed an idol to me? How can loyalty to each other become idolatrous? What matters when judging character? PRAY, "Jesus, we Praise You for Your great love for Your people. Teach us to trust and obey You all our days."

### Wednesday

READ **Acts 14:8-18; Colossians 1:11-12, 3:15-17**. DISCUSS, How does a rebellious human being receive pardon from King Jesus? How does a traitor become a child of God? How is this the same or different for Gentiles/Jews? PRAY, “Lord Jesus, we thank You for conquering death for us.”

### Thursday

READ **Acts 14:8-18; I Corinthians 15:57, II Corinthians 9:15**. DISCUSS, What is the difference between praising God and man? Can I express my thankfulness for a human being without giving God the glory? What makes the difference? PRAY, “Jesus, You are our elder brother if by faith we respond to You with joy. Enable us to obey You absolutely with great joy and give praise appropriately.”

### Friday

READ **Acts 14:8-18; I Chronicles 16:8; Psalm 50:14-15**. DISCUSS, How has God been teaching you from these passages this week? REJOICE if by God’s grace you are able to praise the King! PRAY for renewal and revival across our land.

### Saturday

PREPARE today for the worship service tomorrow. *Both live-stream & in-person services are available.*

Invite others to join you tomorrow for either the *live-stream or in-person service*. Ask Jesus to help us love our neighbors well.

## Psalm 50:14 – 15

- <sup>14</sup> Offer God a sacrifice of thanksgiving  
And pay your vows to the Most High;  
<sup>15</sup> Call upon Me on the day of trouble;  
I will rescue you, and you will honor Me.”