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First Congregational Church
of Woodstock _____

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

November 14, 2021

The Order of Morning Worship

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Ten-thirty

Welcome

Pastor Doug Warren

Prelude & Silent Prayer

- ❖ Call to Worship Psalm 86 Congregation
- Pastor: We will praise You, O Lord our God, with our whole hearts; we will glorify Your name forever; for You have delivered us from the power of death.
- Congregation: Bring joy to Your servants, O Lord, for to You we lift up our souls. There is none like You; no deeds can compare with Yours.**
- Pastor: All the nations You have made will come and worship before You. They will bring glory to Your name, for You alone are God.
- Congregation: Teach us now Your way, O Lord, and we will live in Your truth. Give us undivided hearts that we may fear and praise Your great name.**
- ❖ Hymn of Exultation #508 *Jesus, Lover of My Soul* Congregation

Jesus, Lover of My Soul

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? Rom. 8:35

Dm A⁷ Dm A Dm A⁷ Dm A

1. Je - sus, lov - er of my soul, let me to thy bo - som fly,
 2. Oth - er ref - uge have I none, hangs my help - less soul on thee;
 3. Thou, O Christ, art all I want; more than all in thee I find:
 4. Plen - teous grace with thee is found, grace to cov - er all my sin;

Dm A⁷ Dm A Dm C F C⁷ Dm A⁷ Dm

while the near - er wa - ters roll, while the tem - pest still is high:
 leave, ah! leave me not a - lone, still sup - port and com - fort me!
 raise the fall - en, cheer the faint, heal the sick, and lead the blind.
 let the heal - ing streams a - bound; make and keep me pure with - in:

F B^b F B^b C⁷ F C⁷ F Dm A Dm C F E⁷ Am

hide me, O my Sav - ior, hide, till the storm of life is past;
 All my trust on thee is stayed, all my help from thee I bring;
 Just and ho - ly is thy name; I am all un - righ - teous - ness;
 thou of life the foun - tain art, free - ly let me take of thee;

B^b F Dm Gm A Dm A⁷ Dm

safe in - to the ha - ven guide, O re - ceive my soul at last!
 cov - er my de - fense - less head with the shad - ow of thy wing.
 false and full of sin I am, thou art full of truth and grace.
 spring thou up with - in my heart, rise to all e - ter - ni - ty.

The nations rage, the kingdoms totter; He utters His voice, the earth melts. The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress. Come, behold the works of the LORD, how he has brought desolations on the earth; he breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the chariots with fire.

Collective Confession

Congregation

Holy Father, we long to have You change our hearts. We confess to You that we do not obey You as we should. We don't think Your thoughts, speak Your truth, or do the good that You command. We do not love our neighbors as You have loved us. We bend the truth to our own purposes. We harbor bitterness when we don't get our own way. We neglect and leave the oppressed with no defender. We break Your holy law and delight in what You have forbidden. Merciful Lord, we humbly ask that You would forgive us and change our hearts. Conform us to the image of Your Son. Holy Spirit, work in us we pray, that we might be like You.

Silent Reflection and Confession

Proclamation of Forgiveness

Psalm 130

Pastor

If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand? O Israel, put your hope in the Lord, for with the Lord is unfailing love and with Him is full redemption. He Himself will redeem Israel from all their sins.

Offering

(collected from back to front)

Congregation

- ❖ Affirmation of Faith *The Westminster Shorter Catechism*¹ Congregation
- Pastor: What is the chief end of man?
- Congregation: Man's chief end is to glorify God and enjoy Him forever.**
- Pastor: What rule has God given to direct us in how to glorify and enjoy Him?
- Congregation: The Word of God, which is contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, is the only rule to direct us as to how we may glorify and enjoy Him.**

❖ Creedal Song #735

Gloria Patri

Congregation

¹ A catechism is a question and answer format for teaching the truths contained in Scripture. The Westminster Shorter Catechism was written in 1647 in England primarily as an aid for teaching children. It has been used by congregations and families in both worship and instruction for the past 350 years.

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Gloria Patri

*Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; worship the LORD in the splendor
of his holiness. Ps. 29:2*

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the

The first system of musical notation for 'Gloria Patri'. It consists of a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff, both in 4/4 time and B-flat major. The treble staff contains a vocal line with lyrics 'Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the'. The bass staff contains a piano accompaniment of chords.

Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in

The second system of musical notation. The treble staff continues the vocal line with lyrics 'Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in'. The bass staff continues the piano accompaniment.

the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er

The third system of musical notation. The treble staff continues the vocal line with lyrics 'the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er'. The bass staff continues the piano accompaniment.

shall be, world with - out end. A - men, a - men.

The fourth system of musical notation. The treble staff continues the vocal line with lyrics 'shall be, world with - out end. A - men, a - men.' and ends with a double bar line. The bass staff continues the piano accompaniment and ends with a double bar line and a fermata over the final chord.

❖ Scripture Reading

Revelation 5:6-10

Pastor

⁶ And between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders I saw a Lamb standing, as though it had been slain, with seven horns and with seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. ⁷ And he went and took the scroll from the right hand of him who was seated on the throne. ⁸ And when he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each holding a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. ⁹ And they sang a new song, saying,

“Worthy are you to take the scroll
and to open its seals,
for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God
from every tribe and language and people and nation,
¹⁰ and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God,
and they shall reign on the earth.”

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Deacons' Offering

(collected from back to front)

Congregation

Pastoral Prayer

Pastor

❖ Hymn of Reflection

God, Be Merciful to Me

Congregation

GOD BE MERCIFUL TO ME (PS. 51)

Words by Richard Redhead
Music by Christopher Miner

Real Key

A E F#m D

1. God, be mer - ci - ful to me, _____
 2. My trans - gres - sions I con - fess, _____
 3. I e - vil, born in sin; _____
 4. Bro - ken, hum - bled to the dust _____

3 A E F#m D

On thy grace I rest my plea;
 Grief and guilt my soul op - press;
 Thou de - sir - est and truth with in,
 By thy wrath and judge - ment just,

5 A E F#m D

Plen - teous have in com - pas - sion thou, _____
 I have sinned a - gainst thy grace _____
 Thou a - lone my Sav - iour art, _____
 Let my con - trite heart re - joice _____

7 A E F#m

Blot out my trans - gres - sions now;
 And pro - voked thee to thy face;
 Teach thy wis - dom to my heart; _____
 And in glad - ness hear thy voice;

9 D E A E/G# F#m

Wash me, Make me pure with in, _____
 I con - fess thy judge - ment just, _____
 Make me pure, thy grace be - stow, _____
 From my sins O hide thy face, _____

11 D E A E F#m D

Cleanse, O cleanse me from my sin.
 Speech - less, I thy mer - cy trust.
 Wash me whit - er than the snow.
 Blot them out in bound - less grace.

5. Gracious God, my heart renew,
 Make my spirit right and true
 Cast me not away from thee,
 Let thy Spirit dwell in me;
 Thy salvation's joy impart,
 Steadfast make my willing heart.

6. Sinners then shall learn from me,
 And return O God to Thee
 Savior all my guilt remove,
 And my tongue shall sing Thy love
 Touch my silent lips O Lord,
 And my mouth shall praise accord

“Brought Safely Through”

Acts 28:1-16

After we were brought safely through, we then learned that the island was called Malta. ²The native people showed us unusual kindness, for they kindled a fire and welcomed us all, because it had begun to rain and was cold. ³When Paul had gathered a bundle of sticks and put them on the fire, a viper came out because of the heat and fastened on his hand. ⁴When the native people saw the creature hanging from his hand, they said to one another, “No doubt this man is a murderer. Though he has escaped from the sea, Justice has not allowed him to live.” ⁵He, however, shook off the creature into the fire and suffered no harm. ⁶They were waiting for him to swell up or suddenly fall down dead. But when they had waited a long time and saw no misfortune come to him, they changed their minds and said that he was a god.

⁷Now in the neighborhood of that place were lands belonging to the chief man of the island, named Publius, who received us and entertained us hospitably for three days. ⁸It happened that the father of Publius lay sick with fever and dysentery. And Paul visited him and prayed, and putting his hands on him, healed him. ⁹And when this had taken place, the rest of the people on the island who had diseases also came and were cured. ¹⁰They also honored us greatly, and when we were about to sail, they put on board whatever we needed.

¹¹After three months we set sail in a ship that had wintered in the island, a ship of Alexandria, with the twin gods as a figurehead. ¹²Putting in at Syracuse, we stayed there for three days. ¹³And from there we made a circuit and arrived at Rhegium. And after one day a south wind sprang up, and on the second day we came to Puteoli. ¹⁴There we found brothers and were invited to stay with them for seven days. And so we came to Rome. ¹⁵And the brothers there, when they heard about us, came as far as the Forum of Appius and Three Taverns to meet us. On seeing them, Paul thanked God and took courage. ¹⁶And when we came into Rome, Paul was allowed to stay by himself, with the soldier who guarded him.

Christ for the World We Sing

Repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations.
 Luke 24:47

1. Christ for the world we sing; the world to Christ we bring
 2. Christ for the world we sing; the world to Christ - we bring
 3. Christ for the world we sing; the world to Christ we bring
 4. Christ for the world we sing; the world to Christ we bring

with lov - ing zeal; the poor and them that mourn, the faint and
 with fer - vent pray'r; the way - ward and the lost, by rest - less
 with one ac - cord; with us the work to share, with us re -
 with joy - ful song; the new - born souls whose days, re - claimed from

o - ver - borne, sin - sick and sor - row worn, whom Christ doth heal.
 pas - sions tossed, re - deemed at count - less cost from dark de - spair.
 proach to dare, with us the cross to bear, for Christ our Lord.
 er - ror's ways, in - spired with hope and praise, to Christ be - long.

Benediction

Jude 24-25

Pastor

Pastor: To Him who is able to keep you from falling and to present you before His glorious presence without fault and with great joy—to the only God our Savior be glory, majesty, power and authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, now and forever more.

Congregation: Thanks be to God. Amen.

The Congregation may be seated after the Benediction for silent prayer.

Postlude

~~ Organist: Jonathan Denham ~~
~~ Please ensure cell phones are off ~~

Deacons' Offering – Today, November 14

Our church receives many requests for help from not just within our church body but the community at large. The deacons have a great many opportunities to share God's love with folks in need, whether it is paying a bill for them or buying them a pair of glasses. This is a vital ministry that our church has to reach into our communities and share the gospel in a loving, gracious way. If you are in need or know someone who is, please contact Dan Bruce, the Deacons' Mercy Minister at home (802) 457-3975, at his cell number (802) 345-8870, or email him at rhondan08@myfairpoint.net.

Young Adult Fellowship Group will meet tonight
at 6 pm in the church library.

The November newsletter is on the table in the narthex.

Annual Curbside Coat & Food Drive

Saturday, December 4th

Come join the Community Outreach Team in helping collect winter gear and food for those in need in our community. Curbside collection from 10-noon, followed by sorting in the Billings Room.

Teachers Needed

WCCC is in need of **Teachers/Assistants**, and **Substitutes**. Please contact Ruth Brisson at rbrissonwccc@gmail.com or 410-925-7959, if you are interested in serving in any of these roles.
