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First Congregational Church
of Woodstock _____

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

March 28th, 2021

The Order of Morning Worship

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

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Ten-thirty

Welcome

Pastor Doug Warren

Easter Offering Announcement

Anne Koop

Prelude & Silent Prayer

❖ Call to Worship Zechariah 9: 9 and John 12: 13

Pastor: Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!

Congregation: Shout Aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!

Pastor: Look, your King comes to you;

Congregation: Triumphant and victorious is He,

Pastor: Humble and riding on a donkey,

Congregation: On a colt, the foal of a donkey.

Pastor: King Jesus comes, King Jesus, Son of God!

Congregation: He is the Son of Man, our promised Messiah.

All: Hail! King Jesus! He is Lord of All!

Those who would like to participate are invited to bring a palm frond forward and lay at the foot of the cross during the last verse of the hymn. This is what the crowd did before Jesus as an ancient symbol of recognizing their King. The Date Palm was a symbol of the king's provision for his people.

❖ Hymn of Exultation

Number 235

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

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"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!

Like the people who greeted Jesus as He entered Jerusalem, and then later pronounced, "Crucify Him," we are fickle people who often deny Christ in our thoughts, words, and deeds. Remembering the events of Jesus' last week help us see ourselves for what we are: sinners in need of a Savior, a Savior--praise God--we have in Christ. In honesty and hope we confess now our sins to God.

Collective Confession

Lord Jesus, You are Lord of all Creation. You are the ruling King of all the earth and we humble ourselves before You. We sing to You our hosannas, like Your people of old, yet we confess that with these same mouths that praise You, we have often denied You. As much as we might join in the assembly to lay palm branches before You, testifying that You are the rightful King, we likewise rebel against You. We have ignored Your commands. We have disparaged Your name. We have claimed our own authority instead of submitting to Yours. Lord, we pray, forgive us for our disloyalty. Make us faithful servants. Heal us from our insurrection and defiance, we pray in Christ's holy name.

Word of Comfort

Psalm 118

In Christ, God answers us and sets us free! In Christ, we are forgiven!
Thanks be to God!

Scripture Reading

Philippians 4: 14 – 20

¹⁴Nevertheless, you have done well to share *with me* in my affliction.

¹⁵You yourselves also know, Philippians, that at the first preaching of the gospel, after I left Macedonia, no church shared with me in the matter of giving and receiving but you alone; ¹⁶for even in Thessalonica you sent *a gift* more than once for my needs. ¹⁷Not that I seek the gift itself, but I seek for the profit which increases to your account. ¹⁸But I have received everything in full and have an abundance; I am amply supplied, having received from Epaphroditus what you have sent, a fragrant aroma, an acceptable sacrifice, well-pleasing to God. ¹⁹And my God will supply all your needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus. ²⁰Now to our God and Father *be* the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Pastor: The grass withers, the flower fades,
 Congregation: but the Word of our God will stand forever.

Pastoral Prayer

❖ Hymn of Reflection

Number 597

Though I May Speak with Bravest Fire

If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. 1 Cor. 13:1

Unison

The musical score is written in G major and 2/2 time. It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line and a bass line. The first system includes the lyrics: '1. Though I may speak with bravest fire, and have the gift to all inspire, and have not love, so my love profess, but not be giv'n long to be made whole. Let inward love'. The second system includes the lyrics: 'my words are vain, as sounding brass, and hopeless gain. by love within, the profit soon turns strangely thin. guide every deed; by this we worship and are freed.' The score includes various chords such as G, D, C, Gsus, G7, Bm, Em, Am, D/C, Bm, Am7, D/A, G, Am, G/B, C, Dsus, D, and C.

1. Though I may speak with bravest fire, and have the
 2. Though I may give all I possess, and striving
 3. Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control, our spirits

gift to all inspire, and have not love,
 so my love profess, but not be giv'n
 long to be made whole. Let inward love

my words are vain, as sounding brass, and hopeless gain.
 by love within, the profit soon turns strangely thin.
 guide every deed; by this we worship and are freed.

Hal Hopson, 1972

GIFT OF LOVE L.M.
 American folk tune
 Arr. by Hal Hopson, 1972

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“*Serving in the Lord’s Treasury*”

2 Corinthians 9: 6 – 15

⁶Now this *I say*, he who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. ⁷Each one *must do* just as he has purposed in his heart, not grudgingly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. ⁸And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that always having all sufficiency in everything, you may have an abundance for every good deed; ⁹as it is written,

“HE SCATTERED ABROAD, HE GAVE TO THE POOR,
HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS ENDURES FOREVER.”

¹⁰Now He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness; ¹¹you will be enriched in everything for all liberality, which through us is producing thanksgiving to God. ¹²For the ministry of this service is not only fully supplying the needs of the saints, but is also overflowing through many thanksgivings to God. ¹³Because of the proof given by this ministry, they will glorify God for *your* obedience to your confession of the gospel of Christ and for the liberality of your contribution to them and to all, ¹⁴while they also, by prayer on your behalf, yearn for you because of the surpassing grace of God in you. ¹⁵Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!

❖ Hymn of Response

Number 562

All to Jesus I Surrender

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We have left everything to follow you! Mark 10:28

C F C G⁷ Em G⁷ C F C G⁷ Em C

1. All to Je - sus I sur - ren - der, all to him I free - ly give;
 2. All to Je - sus I sur - ren - der, hum - bly at his feet I bow,
 3. All to Je - sus I sur - ren - der, make - me, Sav - ior, whol - ly thine;
 4. All to Je - sus I sur - ren - der, Lord, I give my - self to thee;

F C G⁷ Em G⁷ C F C G⁷ Em C

may I ev - er love and trust him, in his pres - ence dai - ly live.
 world - ly plea - sures all for - sak - en, take me, Je - sus, take me now.
 may thy Ho - ly Spir - it fill me, may I know thy pow'r di - vine.
 fill me with thy love and pow - er, let thy bless - ing fall on me.

REFRAIN
 C F C G G G⁷ C

I sur - ren - der all, I sur - ren - der all;
 I sur - ren - der all, I sur - ren - der all.

F C F C/G G⁷ C 7

All to thee, my bless - ed Sav - ior, I sur - ren - der all.

Benediction

Philippians 4: 7

Pastor: Now may the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

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 ~~

Young Adult Fellowship Group tonight at 6 pm.

Easter Services

Thursday, April 1 at 7:00 pm Maundy Thursday Observance

Sunday, April 4 – He Is Risen!

7:00 am Sunrise Service on Mount Tom

10:30 am Morning Worship Celebration

Reservations will be required for all services. Please go to fccw.net/Easter to reserve your seat.

If you have any question, please contact Terri at fccwinfo@gmail.com or call 802-457-9818.

No Sunday School Easter Sunday, April 4

Easter Celebration Breakfast

The Community Outreach Team (COT) is distributing free breakfast sandwiches, with coffee and hot chocolate, on Saturday April 3rd from 8:30 to 10:30 am in front of our church. We are doing this as a way to celebrate Easter with the community in word and deed. In addition to food, the COT will be handing out pamphlets that contain an Easter message, information about FCCW, and an invitation to join with us in worship on Easter morning; in person on Mt. Tom, and virtually during the Sunday morning service. Additionally, the Elders will be on-hand Saturday morning to give tours of the sanctuary and to answer any spiritual questions.

The outreach to the community is free of charge to those who are not members of our church. Church members are also encouraged to come for breakfast, but with a caveat. The cost of the breakfast is to bring a guest with you - whether it is a co-worker, neighbor, friend or family member. Please help us to make the event a true outreach to all of our communities.

How else can you help? First and foremost, please pray for the Easter breakfast outreach; for those who volunteer and for those who stop by our church for breakfast. If you would like to volunteer on Saturday morning you may contact Sheryl Hoehner at schoehner@gmail.com. The members of the COT are often greatly encouraged by our interaction with the community during the events that we host. If you join us, we think that you will be too.

Easter Offering Recipient

Galmi Hospital, in Niger, will be the recipient of our Easter sacrificial offering this year. Matt and Tara Megill, missionaries supported by us, are serving in Niger. Matt is the director of HIV & TB Programs and when asked about their needs, turned the focus to the hospital itself.

Galmi Hospital was built in 1950, outside the town of Galmi in south central Niger. The hospital began with one doctor but quickly expanded to a 56-bed facility. Today the hospital has 180 beds, three operating theatres, an HIV clinic, malnutrition center and an outpatient program that handles over 250 cases per day. Most of the doctors are missionaries but the nursing and medical support

roles are covered by Nigeriens. This site will continue to be needed as a hospital for many years to come. Niger is one of the poorest and least developed countries in the world. According to the 2020 UN Human Development Index, Niger ranks 189th out of 189 countries. Many of the existing health facilities are cost prohibitive for the average Nigerien.

Galmi Hospital is often the only hospital that people can afford to use. Although government-run hospitals are subsidized for the care they provide, patients incur the cost of all medicines and/or materials. These must be purchased at private pharmacies which are beyond the means of the majority of Nigeriens. Galmi Hospital provides a comprehensive care for set fees that are within reason. Galmi Hospital also provides free care through our benevolent fund to people who would be rejected from government care, despite the severity of their condition due to their inability to pay. Galmi Hospital draws patients from across Niger. In this largely Muslim nation, only 0.3% of the population is Christian, and so this hospital with its evangelists and Christian proclamation represents a strategic Gospel center for the nation. Every patient who visits the outpatient department will have the opportunity to hear the Gospel by means of the Jesus Film in the waiting room as well as their interaction with Christian doctors who are encouraged to take time with patients to share their faith and pray with them.

The ministry goals and vision for this project is to redevelop hospital facilities for the provision of high-quality medical care and to manage the redevelopment in ways that will not interrupt the provision of services. Also, the goal is to continue to shine the light of Jesus Christ in Niger through the provision of high-quality medical care.

The project has been ongoing, but there is still work to do on the construction of a new medical ward. Please pray about your part in this special opportunity to be a light in the land of Niger. All of our gifts will be an encouragement to Matt and the other doctors and medical staff serving there.

The online giving will be available from March 21st to April 18th. Go to fccw.net/donate to give electronically. Checks and cash may be given via the mail or the offering box on the table at church until to April 18th. Please put cash in an envelope and label Easter offering. Please make checks payable to FCCW and write on the memo line Easter Offering.

To learn more about Galmi Hospital go to <https://galmi.org/>



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Leadership Training Sessions 2021

Our training for prospective elder and deacon candidates will be open to any men who would like to grow in their own walk with the Lord. This year these sessions will be held on the second Saturday of the month starting in March and running through October. Each one will run from 9:00am until noon and will be available both in person and via Zoom. This month's topic will be Stewardship on April 10th. Hope to see you there!

To register, please email Terri at fccwinfo@gmail.com.

Serving in the Lord's Treasury

1. Stewards Should Manage and Enjoy God's Resources.

2. We're to *Allocate Resources for Ministry* in Significant Proportions.

3. Systematic & Thoughtfully Managing the Lord's Resources.

CONCLUSION: How we handle the money God entrusts to us testifies to His Lordship. There is a correlation between how you steward the material treasure God has entrusted to you and the spiritual treasure He will give you. We give as worship to God for what He has done for us and who He is. Let us do so together by faith in our Lord Jesus.

Galatians 6: 6 – 10

⁶Let the one who is taught the word share all good things with the one who teaches. ⁷Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap. ⁸For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life. ⁹And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up. ¹⁰So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.

Philippians 4: 14 – 20

¹⁴Yet it was kind of you to share my trouble. ¹⁵And you Philippians yourselves know that in the beginning of the gospel, when I left Macedonia, no church entered into partnership with me in giving and receiving, except you only. ¹⁶Even in Thessalonica you sent me help for my needs once and again. ¹⁷Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the fruit that increases to your credit. ¹⁸I have received full payment, and more. I am well supplied, having received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent, a fragrant offering, a sacrifice acceptable and pleasing to God. ¹⁹And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. ²⁰To our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen.

Luke 16: 10 – 15

¹⁰“One who is faithful in a very little is also faithful in much, and one who is dishonest in a very little is also dishonest in much. ¹¹If then you have not been faithful in the unrighteous wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? ¹²And if you have not been faithful in that which is another's, who will give you that which is your own? ¹³**No servant can serve two masters**, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.”

¹⁴The Pharisees, who were lovers of money, heard all these things, and they ridiculed him. ¹⁵And he said to them, “You are those who justify yourselves before men, but God knows your hearts. For what is exalted among men is an abomination in the sight of God.

Taking Gathered Worship Home

As Christ's kingdom expanded into Europe in Acts 16, we have seen God's people responding to His lordship with hospitality and compassion. How should Christ's lordship affect our view and use of the resources He has entrusted to our care and enjoyment?

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 **2Corinthians 9:6-15; Galatians 6:1-10; Philippians 4:10-20**. DISCUSS, What does stewardship mean? Of what have we been made stewards? By whom? How does our faithful management and enjoyment of Christ's resources demonstrate His lordship? PRAY "Jesus, You are Lord of all. Please help us to submit to You in every aspect of our lives, individually, in our families, and together as a congregation at FCCW."

Sunday Evening

Young Adults Fellowship at **6:00** pm. *Please come to FCCW's Library!*

Monday

READ **Matthew 25:14-30; Philippians 2:19-24** DISCUSS, in the talents parable, the first two servants demonstrate risk-taking obedience in their master. Why? How does the third servant differ? How did he view the master? How does Timothy's concern for Christ's interests demonstrate what the parable is commending? MEDITATE on **Phil 2:21**. PRAY, "Lord, You give us the incredible privilege of managing and enjoying Your resources. Help us to do so faithfully."

Tuesday

READ **2Corinthians 9:6-15; Luke 16:9-12; 1Timothy 6:6-10**. DISCUSS, what is the relationship between physical and spiritual wealth? Why? How does our faithfulness with visible things demonstrate our heart's attitude towards God whom we cannot see? MEDITATE on **Philippians 2:21**. PRAY, "Jesus, thank You for being a trustworthy and good master. Teach us to be faithful to You."

Wednesday

READ **2Corinthians 9:6-15; Genesis 14:17-24; Hebrews 5:5-10; 7:1-10**
DISCUSS, Abraham gave Melchizedek a tenth of everything. Why? How is Jesus connected to Melchizedek? Can you see how the tithe and various offerings are still a beginning of our gifts to Christ? MEDITATE on **Philippians 2:21**. PRAY, “Jesus, thank You for fulfilling all that You promised. *You are a good and faithful Lord!* Help us serve you well.”

Thursday

READ **2Corinthians 8:1-15; 9:1-15; Matthew 6:19-34**. DISCUSS, How do we lay up treasures in heaven? How does this demonstrate our being co-heirs with Christ? How much are you giving to the Lord through FCCW? 10%, 20%, 30% or more? Why? How does that show Christ’s Lordship? MEDITATE on **Philippians 2:21**. PRAY, “Lord, enable us to walk in Your ways. Guide us in Your truth.”

Friday

READ **2Corinthians 9:6-15; Philippians 2:9-11**. DISCUSS, How has God been teaching you from these passages this week? MEDITATE on **Philippians 2:21**. PRAY for faithfulness at FCCW and revival throughout the area.

Saturday

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

READ **John 20:1-23**. Remember to register for the Maundy Thursday and Easter service(s) and invite your friends and neighbors to do the same!

Philippians 2: 21

**“For they all seek their own interests,
not those of Jesus Christ.”**