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First Congregational Church
of Woodstock _____

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

May 9th, 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

Prelude & Silent Prayer

❖ Call to Worship

Psalm 86

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

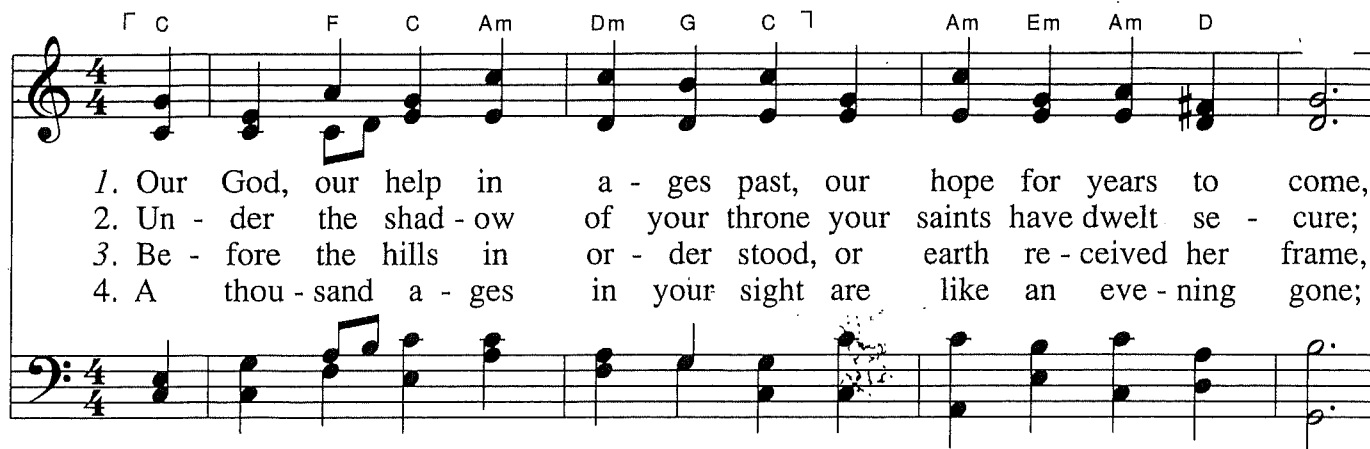
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Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

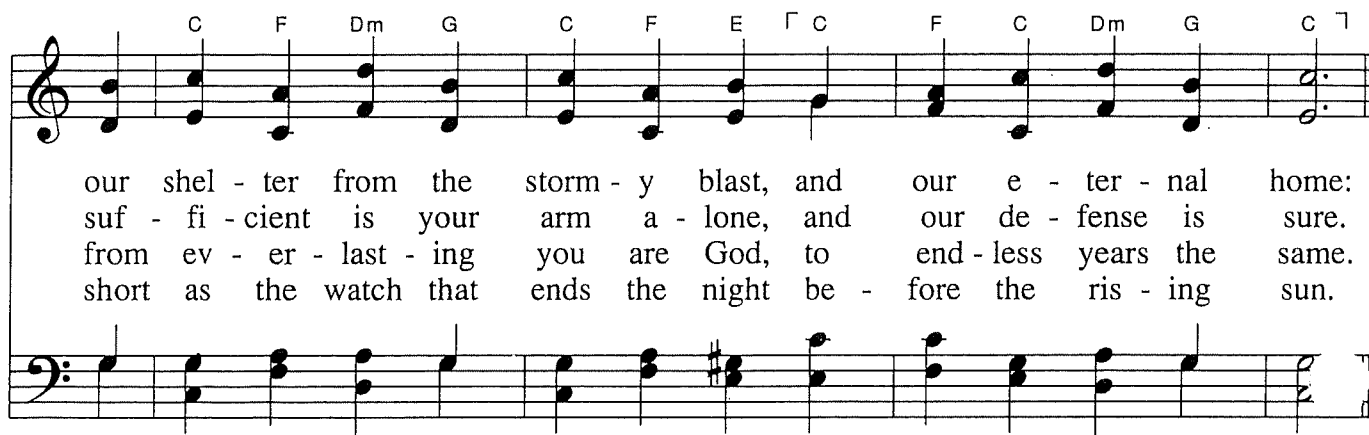
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Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

Lord, you have been our dwelling place throughout all generations. Ps. 90:1



1. Our God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,
 2. Un - der the shad - ow of your throne your saints have dwelt se - cure;
 3. Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, or earth re - ceived her frame,
 4. A thou - sand a - ges in your sight are like an eve - ning gone;



our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:
 suf - fi - cient is your arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
 from ev - er - last - ing you are God, to end - less years the same.
 short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.

5. The busy tribes of flesh and blood,
 with all their lives and cares,
 are carried downward by your flood,
 and lost in foll'wing years.
6. Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
 bears all its sons away;
 they fly forgotten, as a dream
 dies at the op'ning day.
7. Our God, our help in ages past,
 our hope for years to come:
 O be our guard while troubles last,
 and our eternal home.

Scriptural Call to Repentance

Psalm 46: 8 – 9

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

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.

Proclamation of Forgiveness

Psalm 130: 3, 7 – 8

I will cleanse them from all the guilt of their sin against me, and I will forgive all the guilt of their sin and rebellion against me.

Doxology

Let everything that has breath praise the LORD. Ps. 150:6

G D Em Bm Em D G 7
 Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow; praise him, all

D Em C G D Em D G D G C D G
 crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly ho

G D G Em D Am G D G 7 C G
 praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

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!

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Pastoral Prayer

❖ Hymn of Reflection

He I Am, Lord

Here I Am, Lord

Dan Schutte

Dan Schutte/Carlton Young

G Em Am D Em C Bm Em D

1. I the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.
 I who made the stars of night, I will make their dark - ness bright.
 2. I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my pee - ple's pain.
 I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.
 3. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame,
 Fin-est bread I will pro - vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.

5 G Em Am7 C Am7 C/G D Am7 G/B

1. 2. Chorus D/C D

All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save. Whom shall I send? Here I
 Who will bear my light to them? (To Chorus)
 I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way.
 I will speak my word to them. (To Chorus)
 I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.
 I will give my life to them. (To Chorus)

12 G Gsus G Em D G Gsus G G Em Am G/B Am/C D D7 G Gsus

am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you call-ing in the night. I will go, Lord,

21 G G G C G G D G Am D G

if you lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

“Serving in the Lord’s Treasury, Part II”

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.

❖ Hymn of Response

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Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

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He will be our guide even to the end. Ps. 48:14

1. Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this
 2. O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain, whence the heal - ing
 3. When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious

bar - ren land; I am weak, but thou art might - y; hold me with thy
 stream doth flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me all my
 fears sub - side; Death of death, and hell's De - struc - tion, land me safe on

pow'r - ful hand; Bread of heav - en, Bread of heav - en,
 jour - ney through; strong De - liv - 'rer, strong De - liv - 'rer,
 Ca - naan's side; songs of prais - es, songs of prais - es

feed me till I want no more, feed me till I want no more.
 be thou still my strength and shield, be thou still my strength and shield.
 I will ev - er give to thee, I will ev - er give to thee.

Benediction

Jude 24 – 25

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, May 9

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 802 – 457 – 3975 or email him at rhondan08@myfairpoint.net.

Meet and Greet for Parents and Caregivers

Saturday, May 22
10:30 am – 11:30 am

A reception for parents and caregivers of children from birth to kindergarten. This will be an opportunity to meet other young families in our community. Activities provided for the children as caregivers get to know each other. Light refreshments will be served.

- Connect with other families in the area
- Free coffee
- Kids coloring stations
- Open to the public
- Strollers welcome!

Register at fccw.net/meetandgreet/.

Posters are in the Narthex. Feel free to share it with your family, friends, and neighbors.

Spring Bike Tune-Up Day

Saturday, May 15
9am – Noon

FREE Basic Bike Maintenance

It is time to tune up your bike for all your summer adventures. Stop on by the First Congregational Church on Elm Street for a bike tune. Professionals will be available to give your bike a once over and get it ready for the summer.

- Lubricating chains, pumping and changing tires, adjusting brakes
- Wylie Dulmage of "Go By Bike Vermont" will be available on site to handle more complicated bike repairs

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC, NO RSVP REQUIRED

Posters are in the Narthex. Feel free to share it with your family, friends, and neighbors.

Teen Challenge Choir

When: May 23

The Teen Challenge Choir will be singing and giving testimony during our Adult Sunday School Class at 9:15 am and singing during our Morning Worship Service. Their men's home encourages men to advance in life and become pillars in their families and communities. Their women's home, with its loving and caring environment, helps residents in their journeys of restoration with their children and families. Finally, their transition and outreach center in Rutland is serving and partnering with the community at large. To learn more about Teen Challenge go to <https://tcvermont.org/#landing>.

Stay the Course

Teen Challenge Spring Gala

When: June 4 at 6:00 pm

Where: Rutland Country Club

To purchase tickets, go to <https://tcvermont.org/fundraising-events/stay-the-course-spring-gala/> or call 802 – 635 – 7807.

Posters are in the Narthex. Feel free to share it with your family, friends, and neighbors.

Young Adult Fellowship Group tonight at 6 pm.

The May Newsletter is available
on the table in the Narthex.

Congratulations Graduates

It's Spring and time for graduation! We, at FCCW, are happy to have several graduates in our midst. They have worked hard, and we want to honor them and their accomplishments. Let's shower them with congratulations by sending them a card, a note, or a message to let them know that we are celebrating with them. The graduates are listed below. Addresses may be found in the Membership list.

Law School - Steven Bauer

College - Abby Kaija, Lauren Kaija, Karis Warren

High School - Ashley Carroll, Colby Warren

~ From The Deaconesses



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Serving in the Lord's Treasury, Part II

1. As Stewards We Should Give Significant Portions to God.

2. As Stewards We Should Give Sacrificially to the Lord.

3. As Stewards We Should Give Responsibly to His Work.

CONCLUSION: God has given us three guidelines for our giving. We have the guideline of our tithes and offerings. There is the guideline of giving sacrificially. We are also to give responsibly. These guides help us steward the resources God has entrusted to us in ways that honor our Lord and King, Jesus Christ. They are not penalties for being Christians, but a blessing that enables us to grow in our trust that Jesus will provide all that we need until we meet Him in glory.

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

What guides you in your giving to the Lord? Do you see the material resources God has given to your care as a privilege and responsibility to steward for His glory and our enjoyment? How does the gospel of Jesus free us to give in significant proportions?

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 **Philippians 4:14-20**; **Genesis 39:1-6**; **Gal 6:6-10**. DISCUSS, What is stewardship? 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." *Happy Mothers' Day to all our moms and grandmoms!*

Sunday Evening

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

Monday

READ **Philippians 4:14-20**; **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 **First Corinthians 4:1-2**. PRAY, "Lord, You give us the incredible privilege of managing and enjoying Your resources. Help us to do so faithfully."

Tuesday

READ **Philippians 4:14-20**; **Deuteronomy 12:3-7**; **First John 5:20-21**. DISCUSS, Notice how God tells us both what not to do and what to do. We are not to worship like our pagan neighbors. How are we to worship? MEDITATE on **First Corinthians 4:1-2**. PRAY, "Jesus, thank You for being a trustworthy and good master. Teach us to be faithful to You."

Wednesday

READ **Philippians 4:14-20; 2Corinthians 8:1-15** DISCUSS, How did Christ give to us? How are we to give likewise? What does this mean for us as His stewards? MEDITATE on **First Corinthians 4:1-2**. PRAY, “Jesus, thank You for fulfilling all that You promised. *You are a good and faithful Lord!* Help us serve you well.”

Thursday

READ **Philippians 4:14-20; Luke 16:10-15**. 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 **First Corinthians 4:1-2**. PRAY, “Lord, enable us to walk in Your ways. Guide us in Your truth.”

Friday

READ **Philippians 4:14-20; Romans 12:1-8**. DISCUSS, Who determines which gifts we receive? What are we supposed to use them for? MEDITATE on **First Corinthians 4:1-2**. 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 **First Corinthians 12:12-27**. Remember to invite your friends and neighbors too!

First Corinthians 4: 1 – 2

“This is how one should regard us, as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God. Moreover, it is required of **stewards** that they be **found faithful.**”