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First Congregational Church  
of Woodstock \_\_\_\_\_

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

*May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2022*

# *The Order of Morning Worship*

May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2022

Ten-thirty

Welcome

Pastor Doug Warren

Prelude & Silent Prayer

❖ Call to Worship

Zephaniah 3:14-15

Congregation

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.

❖ Invocation

Pastor

❖ Hymn of Exultation #585

*Take My Life*

Congregation

Scriptural Call to Repentance

Hebrews 4:14-16

Pastor

Collective Confession

Congregation

**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.**

Silent Reflection and Confession

Proclamation of Forgiveness

Acts 13:38; Eph 1:7

Pastor

Offering

(collected from back to front)

Congregation

Pastoral Prayer

Pastor

❖ Creedal Song

*Gospel Song*

Congregation

❖ Scripture Reading

Ephesians 2:8-10

Pastor

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

❖ Hymn of Reflection #688      *Have Thine Own Way*      Congregation

The Sermon      Philippians 2:12-13      Pastor  
    *“Co-Workers Together With Christ”*

❖ Hymn of Response #580      *Lead On, O King Eternal*      Congregation

Benediction      Numbers 6:24-26      Pastor

Pastor: 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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Summer schedule begins next week!

No Sunday School

Worship Service at 9:30

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

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## Market on the Green begins this Wednesday!

FCCW Community Outreach Team is excited for our annual face painting booth during the upcoming season at Market on The Green in Woodstock, VT. The event takes place each Wednesday, June 1-Oct 12 from 3-6pm. We will offer free face painting for all ages, coloring books, and story time. Please come by to say hello, we will be under the purple FCCW tent, rain or shine. There are 30+ vendors at this year's market on the green which includes live music, food, and drinks. If you would like to help in any way with this amazing outreach opportunity please contact Hayley Bauer at [hayleylgriffith@gmail.com](mailto:hayleylgriffith@gmail.com)

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Our long-time member Carol Nettleship will celebrate her 90th birthday on June 2nd. We are having a card shower to help her celebrate. Please mail cards to:

Carol Nettleship  
24 Fountain Drive  
West Lebanon NH 03784

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## Intro to FCCW Workshop

Interested in knowing more about FCCW? Want to explore questions about the Bible in a small group? What does it mean to be a member? What opportunities are there to serve at FCCW? Consider attending the *Intro to FCCW Workshop* being offered **Friday night, June 3** and **Saturday morning, June 4**. This two-part workshop will give insight into how FCCW functions and the importance of membership. Please contact Kristen at [fccwinfo@gmail.com](mailto:fccwinfo@gmail.com) to register.

Session One—Worship

Session Two—Joyous Knowledge

Session Three—Radical Love for One Another

Session Four— Extending His Grace

Session Five— Belonging to His Community

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The devotional, "Our Daily Bread" will be available free of charge for anyone who is interested, beginning with the June, July, August issue. Look for it in the narthex.

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## Teachers Needed

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

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## **Co-Workers Together with Christ**

***1. The Appeal to Work Out Our Salvation Is Based on Our New Identity.***

***2. We Are to Work Out What Christ Has Worked In.***

***3. Christ Has Finished His Work So That We Can Join Him in Ours.***

CONCLUSION: This morning's passage contains an impassioned plea for the Philippian Christians (and us) to continue in obedience as co-workers with Christ and one another. It is grounded in what has gone before it, namely our identity in Christ, that has nothing to do with what we have done and everything to do with what Christ has accomplished. This work that we are called to do is the fruit of our salvation rather than the cause of it. This is so important especially in our culture's massive confusion about work. Let us delight in faithful obedience to Christ by bringing glory to God according to His purpose!

## **Psalm 100:1-5**

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!  
Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into his presence with singing!  
Know that the Lord, he is God! *It is he who made us, and we are his;*  
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.  
Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise!  
Give thanks to him; bless his name! For the Lord is good;  
his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

## **Colossians 1:9-14**

And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so as to *walk in a manner worthy of the Lord*, fully pleasing to him: *bearing fruit in every good work* and increasing in the knowledge of God; being strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy; giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

## **First Corinthians 12:4-11**

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same *God who empowers them all in everyone*. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit *for the common good*. For to one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the ability to distinguish between spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. *All these are empowered by one and the same Spirit, who apportions to each one individually as he wills.*

## **Galatians 3:1-6**

O foolish Galatians! Who has bewitched you? It was before your eyes that Jesus Christ was publicly portrayed as crucified. Let me ask you only this: Did you receive the Spirit *by works of the law* or by hearing with faith? Are you so foolish? Having begun by the Spirit, are you now being perfected by the flesh? Did you suffer so many things in vain—if indeed it was in vain? *Does he who supplies the Spirit to you and works miracles among you do so by works of the law, or by hearing with faith—just as Abraham “believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness”?*

# Taking Gathered Worship Home

Our biblical self-image isn't supposed to simply make us feel secure. It should motivate us to get busy doing what Christ would have us do. He has prepared good works for us to do and we should do them. This week we will be exploring what these works are and how we are to do them.

*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 2:12-13; Ephesians 2:8-10; Psalm 100:1-5; Colossians 1:9-14; First Corinthians 12:4-11; Galatians 3:1-6.** DISCUSS Are all works the same? Why or why not? What works are we to do? Why? PRAY "Jesus, help our understanding of our identity in You lead us to the good works that You have prepared for us."

## Sunday Evening

The *Young Adults' Fellowship* meets tonight at **6pm** in FCCW's library.

## Monday

READ **Philippians 2:12-13; Psalm 100:1-5.** DISCUSS Anything and everything that we every do that is good redounds to God's glory because He made us. What difference does it make that He made us? How are you praising Him? SERVE by putting someone else's interest *above your own!* MEDITATE on **Ephesians 2:8-10.** PRAY, "Jesus, thank You for our *new identity in You.* Enable us to live up to it."

## Tuesday

READ **Philippians 2:12-13; Colossians 1:9-14.** DISCUSS What does it mean to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord? How is that the same or different from doing the good works God has prepared for us? How can we do both? MEDITATE on **Ephesians 2:8-10.** PRAY, "Lord, fuel our delight in You. Teach us to put to death our sinful desires. Renew us in Your Spirit that we might be humble like You."



### Wednesday

READ **Philippians 2:12-13**; **First Corinthians 12:4-11**. DISCUSS Who is the source of all our gifts? What difference should that make? SERVE Feed, clothe, or care for someone today in Christ's name. MEDITATE on **Ephesians 2:8-10**. PRAY, "Lord, thank You for preparing good works for us to do."

### Thursday

READ **Philippians 2:12-13**; **Galatians 3:1-6**. DISCUSS What is the difference between works of the law and works of faith? SERVE Go out of your way to help someone in need. Listen to them and *encourage them to trust in Christ*. MEDITATE on **Ephesians 2:8-10**. PRAY, "Lord, we want to *trust You in all that we do*. Help us to work out our salvation with fear and trembling."

### Friday

READ **Philippians 2:12-13**; **Ephesians 2:8-10**; **Psalm 100:1-5**; **Colossians 1:9-14**; **First Corinthians 12:4-11**; **Galatians 3:1-6**. DISCUSS, How has God been encouraging you from these passages this week? DELIGHT in Christ, knowing that we will be like Him one day! MEDITATE on **Ephesians 2:8-10**. PRAY for one another at FCCW that we would understand our identity in Christ.

### Saturday

PREPARE today for the worship service tomorrow which is *available both in-person and via live-stream*. READ **Philippians 2:12-30**. Invite others to join you tomorrow for the service. Ask Jesus to gather us together joyfully to praise Him.

## Ephesians 2:8-10

"For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of **works**, so that no one may boast. For we are **his workmanship**, created in Christ Jesus for **good works**, which *God prepared beforehand*, that we should walk in them."