

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

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

*August 2nd, 2020*

# *The Order of Morning Worship*

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

August 2nd , 2020

Nine-thirty

Welcome

Pastor Doug Warren

Prelude & Silent Prayer

❖ Call to Worship

Isaiah 6: 1 – 3

In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple. <sup>2</sup> Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. <sup>3</sup> And one called to another and said:

“Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts;  
the whole earth is full of his glory!”

❖ Hymn of Exultation

Number 286

*Worship Christ, the Risen King!*

# Worship Christ, the Risen King!

*He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Matt. 28:6*

Chords: F Bb F7 Bb Eb Bb Gm F7 Bb

1. Rise, O church, and lift your voices, Christ has conquered death and hell.  
 2. See the tomb where death had laid him, empty now, its mouth declares:  
 3. Hear the earth protest and tremble, see the stone removed with power;  
 4. Doubt may lift its head to murmur, scoffers mock and sinners jeer;  
 5. We acclaim your life, O Jesus, now we sing your victory;

Chords: Bb F7 Gm D Gm D Gm F C7 F

Sing as all the earth rejoices; resurrection anthems swell.  
 "Death and I could not contain him, for the throne of life he shares."  
 • all hell's minions may assemble, but cannot withstand his hour.  
 but the truth proclaims a wonderful thought; hearts receive with cheer.  
 sin or hell may seek to seize us, but your conquest keeps us free.

Chords: F Bb7 Eb Cm Dm Cm Gm Bb F7 Bb

Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the risen King!  
 Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the risen King!  
 • He has conquered, he has conquered, Christ the Lord, the risen King!  
 He is risen, he is risen, now receive the risen King!  
 Stand in triumph, stand in triumph, worship Christ, the risen King!

What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? <sup>2</sup> By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? <sup>3</sup> Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? <sup>4</sup> We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

<sup>5</sup> For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. <sup>6</sup> We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. <sup>7</sup> For one who has died has been set free from sin. <sup>8</sup> Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. <sup>9</sup> We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. <sup>10</sup> For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. <sup>11</sup> So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

**Congregation: Thanks be to God!**

Student Presentations

Pastoral Prayer

The Sermon

Pastor Doug Warren

*“Identified and Enfolded into Christ’s People”*

Acts 9: 18 – 31

<sup>18</sup> And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and he regained his sight. Then he rose and was baptized; <sup>19</sup> and taking food, he was strengthened.

For some days he was with the disciples at Damascus. <sup>20</sup> And immediately he proclaimed Jesus in the synagogues, saying, “He is the Son of God.” <sup>21</sup> And all who heard him were amazed and said, “Is not this the man who made havoc in Jerusalem of those who called upon this name? And has he not come here for this purpose, to bring them bound before the chief priests?” <sup>22</sup> But Saul increased all the more in strength,

and confounded the Jews who lived in Damascus by proving that Jesus was the Christ.

<sup>23</sup> When many days had passed, the Jews plotted to kill him, <sup>24</sup> but their plot became known to Saul. They were watching the gates day and night in order to kill him, <sup>25</sup> but his disciples took him by night and let him down through an opening in the wall, lowering him in a basket.

<sup>26</sup> And when he had come to Jerusalem, he attempted to join the disciples. And they were all afraid of him, for they did not believe that he was a disciple. <sup>27</sup> But Barnabas took him and brought him to the apostles and declared to them how on the road he had seen the Lord, who spoke to him, and how at Damascus he had preached boldly in the name of Jesus. <sup>28</sup> So he went in and out among them at Jerusalem, preaching boldly in the name of the Lord. <sup>29</sup> And he spoke and disputed against the Hellenists. But they were seeking to kill him. <sup>30</sup> And when the brothers learned this, they brought him down to Caesarea and sent him off to Tarsus.

<sup>31</sup> So the church throughout all Judea and Galilee and Samaria had peace and was being built up. And walking in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit, it multiplied.

❖ Hymn of Commitment

Number 164

*O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

# O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

164

*He jumped to his feet and began to walk. Then he went with them into the temple courts, walking and jumping, and praising God. Acts 3:8*

Chords: G D G D G Em 7 D G D7 G D

1. O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Re-deem-er's praise,
2. My gra-cious Mas-ter and my God, as-sist me to pro-claim,
3. Je-sus, the name that charms our fears, that bids our sor-rows cease;
4. He breaks the pow'r of reign-ing sin, he sets the pris-'ner free;

Chords: G C F G/D D7 G 7

the glo-ries of my God and King, the tri-umphs of his grace.  
 to spread through all the earth a-broad the hon-ors of thy name.  
 'tis mu-sic in the sin-ner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.  
 his blood can make the foul-est clean, his blood a-vailed for me.

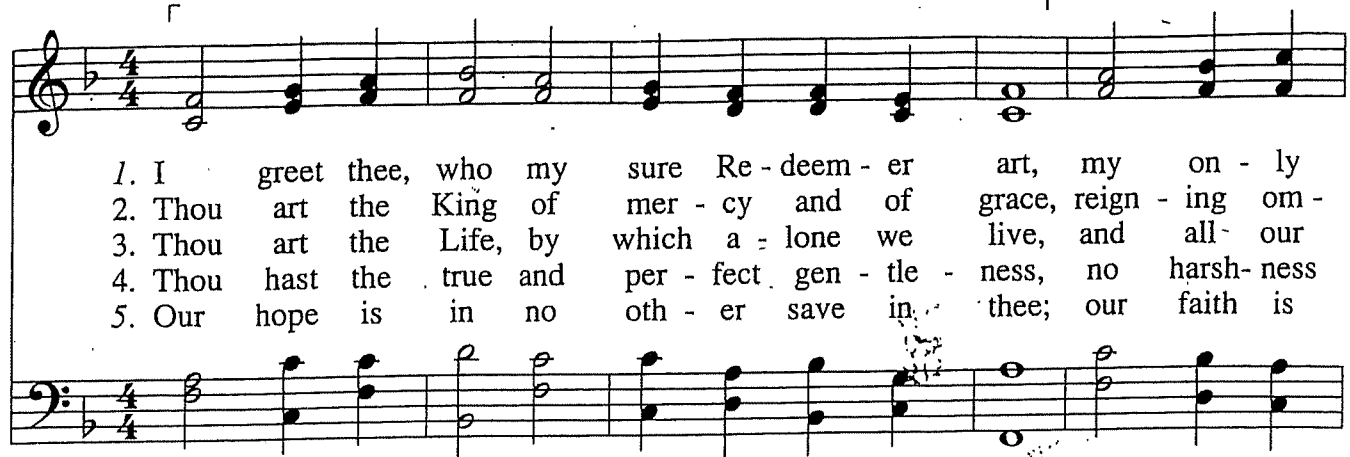
5. He speaks and, list'ning to his voice,  
 new life the dead receive;  
 the mournful, broken hearts rejoice;  
 the humble poor believe.
6. Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb,  
 your loosen'd tongues employ;  
 ye blind, behold your Savior come;  
 and leap, ye lame, for joy.

Charles Wesley, 1739; alt.  
 Alt. 1961

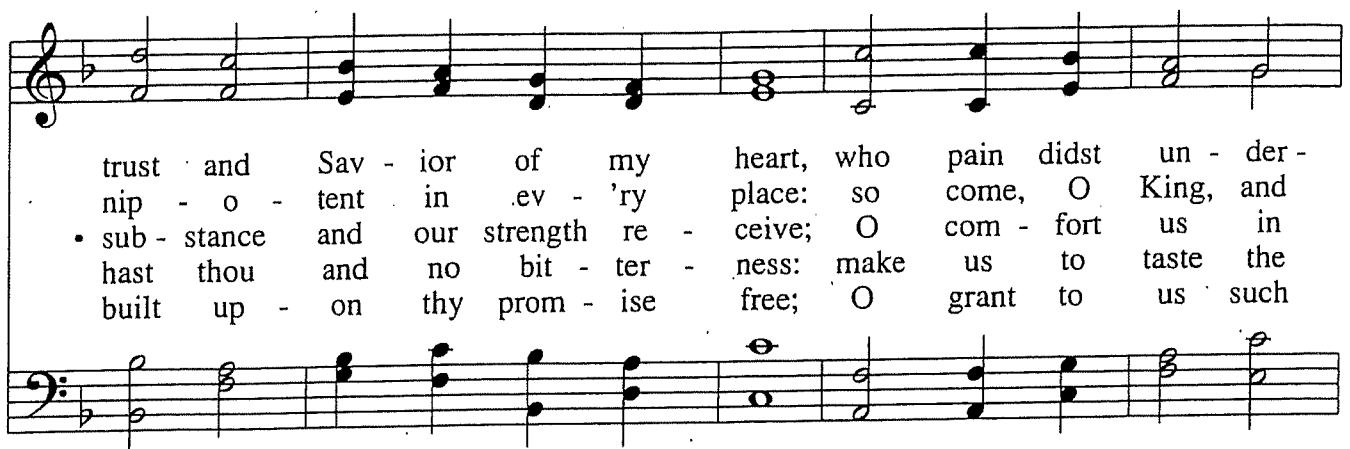
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 Arr. by Lowell Mason, 1839

## Communion Hymn

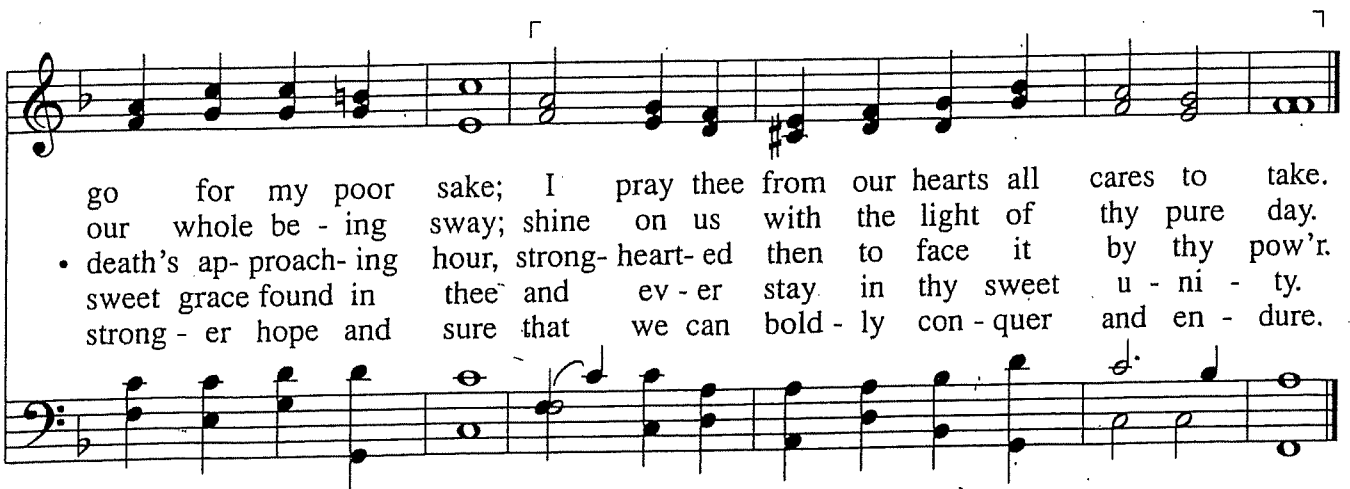
Number 168

*I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art**Who gave himself for our sins to rescue us from the present evil age. Gal. 1:4*


1. I greet thee, who my sure Re - deem - er art, my on - ly  
 2. Thou art the King of mer - cy and of grace, reign - ing om -  
 3. Thou art the Life, by which a - lone we live, and all - our  
 4. Thou hast the true and per - fect gen - tle - ness, no harsh - ness  
 5. Our hope is in no oth - er save in thee; our faith is



trust and Sav - ior of my heart, who pain didst un - der -  
 nip - o - tent in ev - 'ry place: so come, O King, and  
 • sub - stance and our strength re - ceive; O com - fort us in  
 hast thou and no bit - ter - ness: make us to taste the  
 built up - on thy prom - ise free; O grant to us such



go for my poor sake; I pray thee from our hearts all cares to take.  
 our whole be - ing sway; shine on us with the light of thy pure day.  
 • death's ap - proach - ing hour, strong - heart - ed then to face it by thy pow'r.  
 sweet grace found in thee and ev - er stay in thy sweet u - ni - ty.  
 strong - er hope and sure that we can bold - ly con - quer and en - dure.

<sup>20</sup>Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, <sup>21</sup>equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

❖ Hymn of Anticipation

Number 385

*God Be with You Till We Meet Again (v. 1)*

*I commit you to God and to the word of his grace, which can build you up. Acts 20:32*

*Unison*

1. God be with you till we meet a - gain;

*Harmony*

by his coun - sels guide, up - hold you, with his sheep se -

*Unison*

cure - ly fold you: God be with you till we meet a - gain.

Jeremiah E. Rankin, 1880  
Tune from the *English Hymnal* by permission of Oxford University Press.

RANDOLPH Irreg.  
Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

The Congregation may be seated for silent prayer.

Postlude

~~ Organist: Anne Hablitzel ~~  
~~ Please ensure cell phones are off ~~



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## Sunday School Presentations

A couple of weeks ago we recognized our dedicated Sunday School teachers. Each teacher received an electronic gift card to Christian Book Distributors. Below is a list of our faithful teachers:

PreK – 1 Grade: Brenda Byrne and Ruth Emery  
2 – 4 Grade: Alison Briggs and Kristen Warren  
5 – 8 Grade: Terri DeDell – This was the Communicants Class  
9 – Adults: Pastor Doug Warren  
Special Needs: Dan Bruce

This week we are recognizing our students' achievements from completing 1<sup>st</sup> grade to college graduations. Each student has their own unique achievements, please join with us as we take a moment to congratulate them on their accomplishments.

Completing 1<sup>st</sup> Grade: Ethan Duprey  
Completing the Communicants Class: Joshua Byrne  
Graduating High School: Robert McEwen  
Graduating From College:  
Sylvia Holleran Alford, New England College  
Rachael Emery, Castleton University  
Catherine Gavell, River Valley Community College  
Catherine Hass, Grove City College  
John Holleran, Vermont Technical College  
Eric Knapp, Pennsylvania College of Technology  
Nehemiah Wood, Torrey Honors Institute at Biola University

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## Substitutes Needed

The Woodstock Christian Childcare is planning to reopen the end of August. Staff has been busily reorganizing and preparing. They are in need of more substitute teachers. If you would like more information, please contact Ruth Brisson at 410 – 925 – 7959 or email her at [brissonwccc@comcast.net](mailto:brissonwccc@comcast.net). Please continue to pray for the many changes that must be put in place in order to open.

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## Deacons' Offering – Next Sunday, August 9

This month's Deacons' offering will go towards the work of the Deacons. 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 Jerry Morton, the Deacons' Mercy Minister at 802-672-1793 or email at [ejerrym@aol.com](mailto:ejerrym@aol.com).

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## Young Adult Fellowship Group

Pastor Doug has formed a Young Adult Fellowship Group to grow the faith of our High School Students and Young Adults in our congregation and community. On Tuesdays the group meets at 8:00 am for Bible Study at the Church. On Sundays, the group meets at 7:30 pm for a time of Praise and Fellowship at the Church. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Doug at 802-457-1304 or email him at [PastorDougW@gmail.com](mailto:PastorDougW@gmail.com). Young Adults invite your friends to a time of learning, praise and worship, and fellowship. Appropriate social distancing and protocols are being taken.

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## Leadership Training

Calling all men willing to consider serving as a Deacon or Elder! We will be holding four officer training sessions in the next few months. Please plan on participating if you are able. It is necessary for current and potential officers and helpful for just about anyone wanting to walk more closely with Jesus.

August 22	Godly Character
September 12	Loving the Congregation with Servant Leadership
October 10	Pastoral Care

All four sessions will be held at FCCW on Saturdays from 9-noon. Please RSVP to [fccwinfo@gmail.com](mailto:fccwinfo@gmail.com).

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## **Identified and Enfolded into Christ's People**

1. We Need to Understand Christ's True Identity.
2. Belonging to Christ Means Belonging to His People.
3. Christ Is the Only King of His Church.

Saul was completely transformed. He went from being the Church's chief persecutor to being its chief proclaimer. He did nothing to deserve this gracious metamorphosis. It was all Christ's doing. Jesus forgave Him, but He did much more than that. He changed Saul's core identity. Jesus made him a co-heir in His Kingdom. The King claimed him as His own. That changed everything. It redefined him as a part of God's people. What's your core identity?

## Romans 6: 1 – 11

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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

What makes you who you are? What's your core identity? Saul discovered Jesus had radically changed his very nature and united him with Christ.

*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 9:18-31; Romans 6:1-11; Galatians 3:23-29**. DISCUSS, What does it mean to be united with Christ? If we are united with Him with what else are we also united? Why? What difference does that make? PRAY "Lord Christ, teach us our new identity in You. Help us to demonstrate that reality in all that we think, say, and do each day."

## Sunday Evening

*Attend the Young Adults' Fellowship tonight at 7:30. If you are not able, please pray for those able to participate.*

## Monday

READ **Acts 9:18-31; Galatians 3:23-29; Genesis 12:1-3; 15:1-6; 17:1-8; 22:15-19**. DISCUSS, What does it mean for us to be heirs of the promise? How has God done what He promised for His people? What does our union with Christ mean to us? PRAY, "Lord Jesus, thank You for Your faithfulness. By Your Holy Spirit help us to rest in Your faithfulness as You make us faithful too."

## Tuesday

READ **Acts 9:18-31; Romans 6:1-11**. DISCUSS, What does it mean to be baptized into Christ's death? If we are united to Him in His death, to what else are we united? How are you living as a co-heir with Christ? PRAY, "Jesus, You have given us everything we have ever had. Yet it wasn't enough. We still despised You. So You came and redeemed us through Your own death. Help us to deny ourselves in following You."

### Wednesday

READ **Acts 9:18-31; First Corinthians 6:12-20**. DISCUSS, What does it mean that we are joined with Christ? How is Christianity more than just our beliefs? PRAY, “Lord, if You have given me faith to trust that You are indeed the promised Messiah, thank You. Help me to live accordingly. If You have not yet done so, please Lord, enable me to trust You today.”

### Thursday

READ **Acts 9:18-31; First Peter 3:13-22; Romans 8:12-17**. DISCUSS, Why are we surprised by suffering? How can we receive suffering with faith in Christ? PRAY, “Lord, You went to the cross for us. Help us take up our cross and follow You joyfully.”

### Friday

READ **Acts 9:18-31; Romans 6:1-11; Galatians 3:23-29**. DISCUSS, How has God been teaching you from these passages this week? REJOICE if Christ has given you the honor to be identified among His people! PRAY for renewal and revival across our land.

### Saturday

PREPARE today for the worship service tomorrow. *There will be both the live-stream and in-person services available.*

READ **Revelation 19:6-10; Ephesians 5:22-33**. Invite others to join you for either the *live-stream or in-person service* tomorrow. Ask Jesus to help us in the transition back to gathered worship in the building.

## First Corinthians 6:17

*But he who is joined to the Lord  
becomes one spirit with him.*