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First Congregational Church
of Woodstock _____

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

October 31st, 2021

The Order of Morning Worship

❖ October 31st, 2021 *Reformation Sunday* Ten-thirty

Welcome Pastor Doug Warren
Moment for Missions Brig & Chris Judy, NAIM
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.

❖ Hymn of Exultation #92 *A Mighty Fortress is Our God* Congregation

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Ps. 46:1

1. A might - y for - tress is our God, a bul - wark nev - er
 2. Did we in our own strength con - fide, our striv - ing would be
 3. And though this world, with dev - ils filled, should threat - en to un -
 4. That Word a - bove all earth - ly pow'rs, no thanks to them, a -

fail - ing; our help - er he a - mid the flood of
 los - ing; were not the right man on our side, the
 do us, we will not fear, for God hath willed his
 bid - eth; the Spir - it and the gifts are ours through

mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing. For still our an - cient foe
 man of God's own choos - ing. Dost ask who that may be?
 truth to tri - umph through us. The prince of dark - ness grim,
 him who with us sid - eth. Let goods and kin - dred go,

doth seek to work us woe; his craft and pow'r are great;
 Christ Je - sus, it is he, Lord Sa - ba - oth his name,
 we trem - ble not for him; his rage we can en - dure,
 this mor - tal life al - so; the bod - y they may kill:

and armed with cru - el hate, on earth is not his e - - qual.
 from age to age the same, and he must win the bat - - tle.
 for lo! his doom is sure; one lit - tle word shall fell him.
 God's truth a - bid - eth still; his king - dom is for - ev - er.

Based on Psalm 46
 Martin Luther, 1529
 Tr. by Frederick H. Hedge, 1853

EIN' FESTE BURG 8.7.8.7.6.6.6.6.7.
 Martin Luther, 1529

Knowing that we have a great High Priest who has entered the inmost heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us therefore approach the throne of grace with fullest confidence, that we may receive mercy for our failures and grace to help in the hour of need. *In the strength of this assurance, let us confess our sins to God.*

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; Ephesians 1:7

Pastor

Through Jesus Christ forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you. In Christ we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace.

Offering

(collected from back to front)

Congregation

❖ Affirmation of Faith

*from the Athanasian Creed*¹

Congregation

Pastor: We believe whosoever will be saved, before all things it is necessary that they hold the Christian faith; Which faith except every one do keep whole and undefiled, without doubt they shall perish everlastingly.

Congregation: We worship one God in Trinity, and Trinity in Unity; Neither confounding the persons nor dividing the substance. For there is one person of the Father, another of the Son, and another of the Holy Spirit.

Pastor: It is necessary to everlasting salvation that we also believe rightly the incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ.

¹ The Athanasian Creed is named for Athanasius, a fourth-century bishop and prominent defender of biblical orthodoxy.

For we believe and confess that our Lord Jesus Christ,
the Son of God, is God and man.

**Congregation: This is the Christian faith, which except one believe
faithfully they cannot be saved.**

❖ Creedal Song

Gospel Song

Congregation

The Gospel Song

Words and Music by
Bob Kauffman and Drew Jones

$\text{♩} = 72$

CHORUS 1a

C G/B Am C/G F G^{sus} G C F²/C

Ho - ly God, in love, be - came

Musical notation for the first system of the chorus, measures 1-4. The treble clef staff contains the melody with lyrics: "Ho - ly God, in love, be - came". The bass clef staff contains the accompaniment. The key signature is one flat (Bb) and the time signature is 4/4. The tempo is marked as quarter note = 72.

5 C G/B Am C/G Dm⁷ Fmaj⁷ G^{sus} G C G/B

per - fect Man to bear my blame. On the

Musical notation for the second system of the chorus, measures 5-8. The treble clef staff contains the melody with lyrics: "per - fect Man to bear my blame. On the". The bass clef staff contains the accompaniment.

10 Am C/G F E^{sus} E Am G/F F Em Am

cross He took my sin. By His death I

Musical notation for the third system of the chorus, measures 9-12. The treble clef staff contains the melody with lyrics: "cross He took my sin. By His death I". The bass clef staff contains the accompaniment.

15 G^{sus} G C²/E

live a - gain.

Musical notation for the fourth system of the chorus, measures 13-15. The treble clef staff contains the melody with lyrics: "live a - gain.". The bass clef staff contains the accompaniment.

❖ Scripture Reading

Psalm 93:1-5

Pastor

- 1 The Lord reigns; he is robed in majesty;
the Lord is robed; he has put on strength as his belt.
Yes, the world is established; it shall never be moved.
- 2 Your throne is established from of old;
you are from everlasting.
- 3 The floods have lifted up, O Lord,
the floods have lifted up their voice;
the floods lift up their roaring.
- 4 Mightier than the thunders of many waters,
mightier than the waves of the sea,
the Lord on high is mighty!
- 5 Your decrees are very trustworthy;
holiness befits your house,
O Lord, forevermore.

Pastor: The grass withers, the flower fades,

Congregation: but the Word of our God will stand forever.

Pastoral Prayer

Pastor

❖ Hymn of Reflection

*How Deep the Father's
Love for Us*

Congregation

How Deep The Father's Love For Us

Words and Music by
Stuart Townend

♩ = 54

VERSE

E F#m E/G# A E/G# E/B B

1. How deep the Fa-ther's love for us, how vast be - yond all meas - ure that
 (2. Be) - hold the Man up - on a cross, my sin up - on His shoul - ders. A -
 (3. I) will not boast in an - y-thing: No gifts, no pow'r, no wis - dom. But

3

E F#m E/G# A E/G# B E

He should give His on - ly Son to make a wretch His treas - ure. How
 -shamed, I hear my mock - ing voice call out a - mong the scof - fers. It
 I will boast in Je - sus Christ: His death and res - ur - rec - tion. Why

5

F#m E/G# A E/G# C#m B

great the pain of sear - ing loss. The Fa - ther turns His face a - way as
 was my sin that held Him there un - til it was ac - com - plished; His
 should I gain from His re - ward? I can - not give an an - swer. But

How Deep The Father's Love For Us - 2

7

E F#m E/G# A E/G# B

wounds which mar the Cho - sen One bring man - y sons to glo -
 dy - ing breath has brought me life. I know that it is fin -
 this I know with all my heart: His wonds have paid my ran -

TURNAROUND

9

E Fine A/C# E/B E A² D.C. al Fine

-ry.
 -ished.
 -som.

2. Be -
 3. I

“Put Out to Sea”

Acts 27:1-26

27 And when it was decided that we should sail for Italy, they delivered Paul and some other prisoners to a centurion of the Augustan Cohort named Julius. ² And embarking in a ship of Adramyttium, which was about to sail to the ports along the coast of Asia, we put to sea, accompanied by Aristarchus, a Macedonian from Thessalonica. ³ The next day we put in at Sidon. And Julius treated Paul kindly and gave him leave to go to his friends and be cared for. ⁴ And putting out to sea from there we sailed under the lee of Cyprus, because the winds were against us. ⁵ And when we had sailed across the open sea along the coast of Cilicia and Pamphylia, we came to Myra in Lycia. ⁶ There the centurion found a ship of Alexandria sailing for Italy and put us on board. ⁷ We sailed slowly for a number of days and arrived with difficulty off Cnidus, and as the wind did not allow us to go farther, we sailed under the lee of Crete off Salmone. ⁸ Coasting along it with difficulty, we came to a place called Fair Havens, near which was the city of Lasea.

⁹ Since much time had passed, and the voyage was now dangerous because even the Fast was already over, Paul advised them, ¹⁰ saying, “Sirs, I perceive that the voyage will be with injury and much loss, not only of the cargo and the ship, but also of our lives.” ¹¹ But the centurion paid more attention to the pilot and to the owner of the ship than to what Paul said. ¹² And because the harbor was not suitable to spend the winter in, the majority decided to put out to sea from there, on the chance that somehow they could reach Phoenix, a harbor of Crete, facing both southwest and northwest, and spend the winter there.

¹³ Now when the south wind blew gently, supposing that they had obtained their purpose, they weighed anchor and sailed along Crete, close to the shore. ¹⁴ But soon a tempestuous wind, called the northeaster, struck down from the land. ¹⁵ And when the ship was caught and could not face the wind, we gave way to it and were driven along. ¹⁶ Running under the lee of a small island called Cauda, we managed with difficulty to secure the ship's boat. ¹⁷ After hoisting it up, they used supports to undergird the ship. Then, fearing that they would run aground on the Syrtis, they lowered the gear, and thus they were driven along. ¹⁸ Since we were violently storm-tossed, they began the next day to jettison the cargo. ¹⁹ And on the third day they threw the ship's tackle overboard with their own hands. ²⁰ When

neither sun nor stars appeared for many days, and no small tempest lay on us, all hope of our being saved was at last abandoned.

²¹ Since they had been without food for a long time, Paul stood up among them and said, “Men, you should have listened to me and not have set sail from Crete and incurred this injury and loss. ²² Yet now I urge you to take heart, for there will be no loss of life among you, but only of the ship. ²³ For this very night there stood before me an angel of the God to whom I belong and whom I worship, ²⁴ and he said, ‘Do not be afraid, Paul; you must stand before Caesar. And behold, God has granted you all those who sail with you.’ ²⁵ So take heart, men, for I have faith in God that it will be exactly as I have been told. ²⁶ But we must run aground on some island.”

❖ Hymn of Response #94

How Firm a Foundation

Congregation

How Firm a Foundation

Do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand. Is. 41:10

1. How firm a foun - da - tion, you saints of the Lord, is laid for your
 2. "Fear not, I am with you, O be not dis-mayed; for I am your
 3. "When through the deep wa - ters I call you to go, the riv - ers of
 4. "When through fi - ery tri - als your path - way shall lie, my grace, all - suf -

faith in his ex - cel - lent Word! What more can he say than to
 God, and will still give you aid; I'll strength - en you, help you, and
 sor - row shall not o - ver - flow; for I will be with you, your
 fi - cient, shall be your sup - ply; the flame shall not hurt you; I

you he has said, to you who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?
 cause you to stand, up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand.
 trou - bles to bless, and sanc - ti - fy to you your deep - est dis - tress.
 on - ly de - sign your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine.

5. "E'en down to old age all my people shall prove
 my sovereign, eternal, unchangeable love;
 and when hoary hairs shall their temples adorn,
 like lambs they shall still in my bosom be borne.
6. "The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose,
 I will not, I will not desert to his foes;
 that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
 I'll never, no never, no never forsake."

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

~~ Organist: Jonathan Denham ~~

~~ Please ensure cell phones are off ~~

Brig & Chris Judy

Today we have the privilege of hearing from some of our missionaries, Brig & Chris Judy. Brig and Chris have partnered with FCCW for almost 39 years! Brig comes from the Windsor / Plainfield area and Christine hails from the Northeast Kingdom (Derby). The bulk of their ministry has been to the Plains Cree of southeastern Saskatchewan; pastoring at the Jacob Bear Church on the Kahkewistahaw First Nation.

NO Young Adult Fellowship Group this week

Pastor Doug is Away

Pastor Doug will be away at a Conference from October 31- November 4. If you have an emergency, please contact one of the Elders below:

Elder Gil Emery (Chair):	802-457-4950,	Hgemery@aol.com
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Annual Meeting Warning

Members are welcome to attend in person or via live stream. ONLY those members attending in person will be counted as part of the quorum and have the ability to vote.

Notice: The members of the First Congregational Church of Woodstock, Vermont, Inc., are called to meet on Thursday, November 11th, 2021 at 7:00 pm to conduct the following business:

1. To vote on a motion to suspend the bylaw-required Board and Committee number requirements for 2022.
2. To vote on the Elders' nomination of Steven Bauer to a first four-year term on the Board of Deacons
3. To vote on the Nominating Slate as proposed by the Nominating Committee;
4. To review and vote on the 2022 Budgets, including the normal operating budget, major expense budget and Woodstock Christian Child Care budget, as proposed by the Board of Deacons;
5. To vote and approve the minutes of the November 12, 2020 Annual Congregational Meeting;
6. To address any other business that is properly brought before the membership;
7. To join in a closing prayer.

The November newsletter is on the table in the narthex.

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.

Put Out to Sea

1. Paul Is Put Out to Sea on a Perilous Journey (1-12).

2. The Difficult Journey Becomes Impossible (13-20).

3. Paul Encourages the Hopeless with the Word of God (21-26).

CONCLUSION: Paul has been sitting in a prison awaiting his trip to Rome for his appeal to Caesar. Since God is the One who is sending Him there you might expect an easy trip. But Paul's journey is perilous instead. Why? Did God temporarily lose control of the Mediterranean? Paul doesn't look to his experience to make sense of these things but rather to the Word of God. Not only does that Word encourage him; he in turn uses it to encourage his shipmates. What about us?

Genesis 1:2-6

And God said, “Let there be an expanse in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.” And God made the expanse and separated the waters that were under the expanse from the waters that were above the expanse. And it was so. And God called the expanse Heaven. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

And God said, “Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.” And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good.

Psalm 93:1-5

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He has put on strength as His belt.

Yes, the world is established; it shall never be moved.

Your throne is established from of old; You are from everlasting.

The floods have lifted up, O Lord, the floods have lifted up their voice;
the floods lift up their roaring.

Mightier than the thunders of many waters, mightier than the waves of the sea,
the Lord on high is mighty!

Your decrees are very trustworthy; holiness befits Your house,
O Lord, forevermore.

Second Timothy 1:8-14

Therefore **do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord**, nor of me his prisoner, but *share in suffering for the gospel by the power of God*, who saved us and called us to a holy calling, not because of our works but because of his own purpose and grace, which he gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, and which now has been manifested through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel, for which I was appointed a preacher and apostle and teacher, which is why I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, *for I know whom I have believed, and I am convinced that he is able to guard until that day what has been entrusted to me*. Follow the pattern of the sound words that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. By the Holy Spirit who dwells within us, guard the good deposit entrusted to you.

Taking Gathered Worship Home

What storms, heartaches, or challenges are you going through now? Why does God allow us to suffer? Do you ever struggle with trusting God in the midst of difficulty? You are not alone. Let us look at how Jesus was present with Paul in a perilous journey and explore together the deep, deep mercies of our God.

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 27:1-26; Psalm 93:1-5; Genesis 1:6-10; Second Timothy 1:8-14; and Ephesians 2:1-10.** DISCUSS How does God oversee Paul's journey? Why? Can we trust God with our journey? MEDITATE on **First Peter 4:19; 5:6-7.** PRAY "Lord Jesus, *You are the Lord of the seas and dry land.* Teach us to trust in You."

Sunday Evening

There will be **no** *Young Adults' Fellowship* tonight at 6pm.

Monday

READ **Acts 27:1-26; Psalm 93:1-5; Exodus 20:11; Luke 8:22-25.** DISCUSS Who made the seas and all that is in them? Why doesn't God give Paul smooth sailing to Rome? Why do we have such trouble with difficulty? MEDITATE on **First Peter 4:19; 5:6-7.** PRAY "Lord Jesus, thank You for the challenges You bring into our lives. Thank You that *we can trust You* no matter what we are experiencing."

Tuesday

READ **Acts 27:1-26; Genesis 1:6-10; Matthew 8:23-27.** DISCUSS How does God's sovereignty scare you? How does it comfort you? What difference does the gospel make as to which reaction is primary? Why were the disciples terrified? MEDITATE on **First Peter 4:19; 5:6-7.** PRAY "Lord, help us to see You as You truly are. Teach us how the gospel really is all that we ever need."

Wednesday

READ **Acts 27:1-26; Second Timothy 1:8-14; Mark 4:35-41**. DISCUSS God called Paul to testify for Him in Rome. So why was getting there so difficult? Why does he say to Timothy that he suffers? Why did the disciples suffer in the boat? Why does God allow us to suffer? MEDITATE on **First Peter 4:19; 5:6-7**. PRAY “Lord, encourage us through Your Word.”

Thursday

READ **Acts 27:1-26; Ephesians 2:1-10; Colossians 2:13-14**. DISCUSS How sick were we when Christ came for us? How dead is dead? Why does God have to take us from difficult to impossible before we will turn to Him? Who gets all the praise for our salvation? Why? Are you giving it to Him? MEDITATE on **First Peter 4:19; 5:6-7**. PRAY “Jesus, help us to trust You in life and death with courage.”

Friday

READ **Acts 27:1-26; Psalm 93:1-5; Genesis 1:6-10; Second Timothy 1:8-14; and Ephesians 2:1-10**. DISCUSS What have you been learning from these passages this week? REPENT of ways that you refuse to testify to Christ. MEDITATE on **First Peter 4:19; 5:6-7**. PRAY for FCCW.

Saturday

PREPARE today for the worship service tomorrow. READ **Acts 27:1-28:31**. Invite others to join you for either the *in-person or live-stream service* tomorrow. Ask Jesus to embolden us to trust Him.

First Peter 4:19, 5:6-7

“Therefore, let those who suffer according to God’s will entrust their souls to a faithful Creator while doing good. ...Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you. ”