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First Congregational Church
of Woodstock _____

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

November 7th, 2021

You rule over the surging sea; when its waves mount up, you still them. Ps. 89:9

1. E - ter - nal Fa - ther, strong to save, whose arm doth bind the
 2. O Sav - ior, whose al - might - y word the winds and waves sub -
 3. O sa - cred Spir - it, who didst brood up - on the cha - os
 4. O Trin - i - ty of love and pow'r, our breth - ren shield in

rest - less wave, who bidd'st the might - y o - cean deep its
 mis - sive heard, who walk - edst on the foam - ing deep and
 dark and rude, who badd'st its an - gry tu - mult cease, and
 dan - ger's hour; from rock and tem - pest, fire and foe, pro -

own ap - point - ed lim - its keep: O hear us when we
 calm a - mid its rage didst sleep: O hear us when we
 gav - est light and life and peace: O hear us when we
 tect them where - so - e'er they go; and ev - er let there

cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.
 cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.
 cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.
 rise to thee glad hymns of praise from land and sea.

In repentance and rest is your salvation, in quietness and trust is your strength, but you would have none of it. Yet the Lord longs to be gracious to you; He rises to show you compassion. For the Lord is God of justice. Blessed are those who wait for Him!

Collective Confession

Psalm 51

Congregation

Be gracious to us, O God, according to Your lovingkindness; according to the greatness of Your compassion blot out our transgressions. Wash us thoroughly from our iniquity, and cleanse us from our sin. For we know our transgressions, and our sin is ever before us. Against You, You only, we have sinned, and done what is evil in Your sight, So that You are justified when You speak, and blameless when You judge.

Silent Reflection and Confession

Proclamation of Forgiveness

Hebrews 2: 18

Pastor

Because Jesus Himself suffered when He was tempted, He is able to help those who are being tempted.

Offering

(collected from back to front)

Congregation

❖ Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

Congregation

Pastor: Christian, what do you believe concerning God, the Father?

Congregation: I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

Pastor: What do you believe concerning Jesus?

Congregation: I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and buried; He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

Pastor: Christian, what do you believe concerning the Holy Spirit and His work?

Congregation: I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic¹ church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

❖ Creedal Song #731

Doxology

Congregation

¹ The term "catholic" is used here in its generic sense of the universal church, not to refer to a denomination.

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 hosts;

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

❖ Scripture Reading

Romans 7:21-25

Pastor

²¹ So I find it to be a law that when I want to do right, evil lies close at hand. ²² For I delight in the law of God, in my inner being, ²³ but I see in my members another law waging war against the law of my mind and making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. ²⁴ Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? ²⁵ Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, I myself serve the law of God with my mind, but with my flesh I serve the law of sin.

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Pastoral Prayer

Pastor

❖ Hymn of Reflection #533

*I am Thine, O Lord, I Have
Heard Thy Voice*

Congregation

I Am Thine, O Lord, I Have Heard Thy Voice

My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. John 10:27

1. I am thine, O Lord, I have heard thy voice, and it told thy
 2. Con - se - crate me now to thy ser - vice, Lord, by the pow'r of
 3. O the pure de - light of a sin - gle hour that be - fore thy
 4. There are depths of love that I can - not know till I cross the

love to me; but I long to rise in the arms of faith, and be
 grace di - vine; let my soul look up with a stead - fast hope, and my
 throne I spend, when I kneel in prayer, and with thee, my God, I com -
 nar - row sea; there are heights of joy that I may not reach till I

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clos - er drawn to thee,
 will be lost in thine. Draw me near - er, near - er, bless - ed
 mune as friend with friend. near - er, near - er,
 rest in peace with thee.

Lord, to the cross where thou hast died; draw me near - er, near - er,

near - er bless - ed Lord, to thy pre - cious, bleed - ing side.

“And So It Was That All Were Brought Safely to Land”

Acts 27: 27 - 44

²⁷ When the fourteenth night had come, as we were being driven across the Adriatic Sea, about midnight the sailors suspected that they were nearing land. ²⁸ So they took a sounding and found twenty fathoms. A little farther on they took a sounding again and found fifteen fathoms. ²⁹ And fearing that we might run on the rocks, they let down four anchors from the stern and prayed for day to come. ³⁰ And as the sailors were seeking to escape from the ship, and had lowered the ship's boat into the sea under pretense of laying out anchors from the bow, ³¹ Paul said to the centurion and the soldiers, “Unless these men stay in the ship, you cannot be saved.” ³² Then the soldiers cut away the ropes of the ship's boat and let it go.

³³ As day was about to dawn, Paul urged them all to take some food, saying, “Today is the fourteenth day that you have continued in suspense and without food, having taken nothing. ³⁴ Therefore I urge you to take some food. For it will give you strength, for not a hair is to perish from the head of any of you.” ³⁵ And when he had said these things, he took bread, and giving thanks to God in the presence of all he broke it and began to eat. ³⁶ Then they all were encouraged and ate some food themselves. ³⁷ (We were in all 276 persons in the ship.) ³⁸ And when they had eaten enough, they lightened the ship, throwing out the wheat into the sea.

³⁹ Now when it was day, they did not recognize the land, but they noticed a bay with a beach, on which they planned if possible to run the ship ashore. ⁴⁰ So they cast off the anchors and left them in the sea, at the same time loosening the ropes that tied the rudders. Then hoisting the foresail to the wind they made for the beach. ⁴¹ But striking a reef, they ran the vessel aground. The bow stuck and remained immovable, and the stern was being broken up by the surf. ⁴² The soldiers' plan was to kill the prisoners, lest any should swim away and escape. ⁴³ But the centurion, wishing to save Paul, kept them from carrying out their plan. He ordered those who could swim to jump overboard first and make for the land, ⁴⁴ and the rest on planks or on pieces of the ship. And so it was that all were brought safely to land.

Jesus, Lover of My Soul

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? Rom. 8:35

Dm A⁷ Dm A Dm A⁷ Dm A

1. Je - sus, lov - er of my soul, let me to thy bo - som fly,
 2. Oth - er ref - uge have I none, hangs my help - less soul on thee;
 3. Thou, O Christ, art all I want; more than all in thee I find:
 4. Plen - teous grace with thee is found, grace to cov - er all my sin;

Dm A⁷ Dm A Dm C F C⁷ Dm A⁷ Dm

while the near - er wa - ters roll, while the tem - pest still is high:
 leave, ah! leave me not a - lone, still sup - port and com - fort me!
 raise the fall - en, cheer the faint, heal the sick, and lead the blind.
 let the heal - ing streams a - bound; make and keep me pure with - in:

F B^b F B^b C⁷ F C⁷ F Dm A Dm C F E⁷ Am

hide me, O my Sav - ior, hide, till the storm of life is past;
 All my trust on thee is stayed, all my help from thee I bring;
 Just and ho - ly is thy name; I am all un - righ - teous - ness;
 thou of life the foun - tain art, free - ly let me take of thee;

B^b F Dm Gm A Dm A⁷ Dm 7

safe in - to the ha - ven guide, O re - ceive my soul at last!
 cov - er my de - fense - less head with the shad - ow of thy wing.
 false and full of sin I am, thou art full of truth and grace.
 spring thou up with - in my heart, rise to all e - ter - ni - ty.

Communion

Congregation

❖ Communion Hymn #420

*At the Lamb's High Feast
We Sing*

Congregation

At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing

420

Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed. 1 Cor. 5:7

1. At the Lamb's high feast we sing praise to our vic - to - rious King,
2. Where the pas - chal blood is poured, death's dark an - gel sheathes - his sword;
3. Might - y vic - tim from the sky, pow'rs of hell be - neath thee lie;

who has washed us in the tide flow - ing from his pierc - ed side;
Is - rael's hosts tri - um - phant go through the wave that drowns the foe.
death is con - quered in the fight, thou hast brought us life and light:

praise we him whose love di - vine gives his sa - cred blood for wine,
Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, pas - chal vic - tim, pas - chal bread;
hymns of glo - ry and of praise, ris - en Lord, to thee we raise;

gives his bod - y for the feast, Christ the vic - tim, Christ the priest.
with sin - cer - i - ty and love eat we man - na from a - bove.
ho - ly Fa - ther, praise to thee, with the Spir - it, ev - er be.

Benediction

Hebrews 13: 20 – 21

Pastor

Pastor: Now the God of peace, who brought up from the dead the great Shepherd of the sheep through the blood of the eternal covenant, even Jesus our Lord, equip you in every good thing to do His will, working in us that which is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever and ever.

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 – Next Sunday, November 14

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 home (802) 457-3975, at his cell number (802) 345-8870, or email him at rhondan08@myfairpoint.net.

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

Women's Fellowship—Saturday, November 13

Meet at 8:30 am at the Ottauquechee River Trail for a hike and/or join us for coffee and muffins in the Billings Room from 10:00-11:00. Questions? Call Annie Denham at (607) 838-3334 or email anne.mcconnell19@houghton.edu.

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.
