

The _____
First Congregational Church
of Woodstock _____

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

November 21st, 2021

The Order of Morning Worship

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Ten-thirty

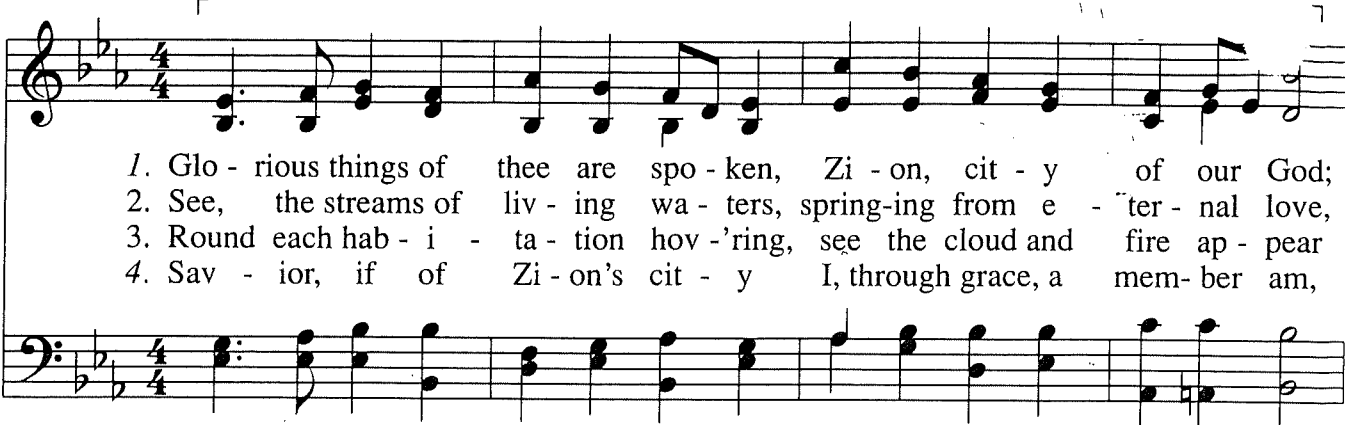
Welcome

Pastor Doug Warren

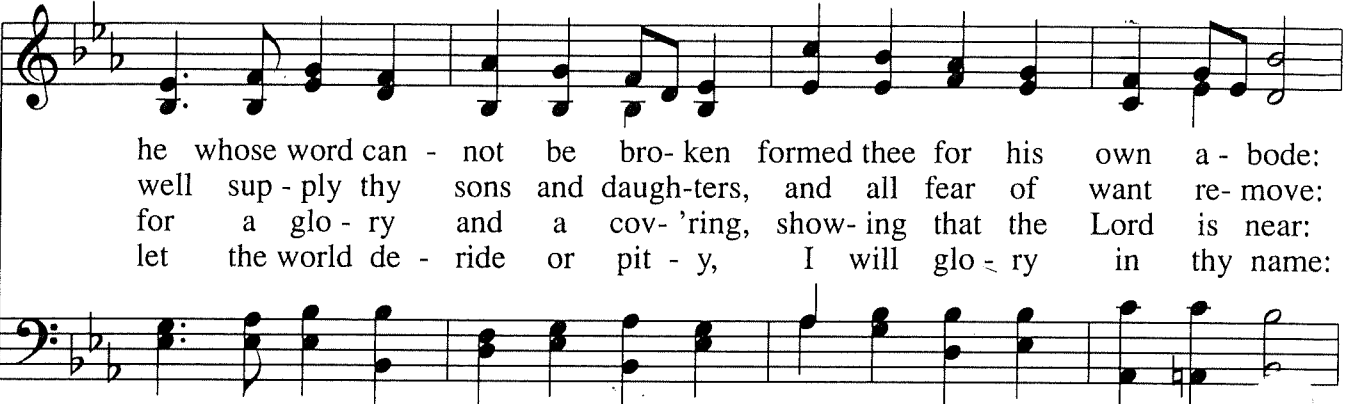
- ❖ Call to Worship Psalm 19 Congregation
 - Pastor: The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of His hands.
 - Congregation: Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they acknowledge His glory.**
 - Pastor: There is no land or nation where their voice is not heard.
 - Congregation: Their voice goes out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world.**

- ❖ Hymn of Exultation #345 *Glorious Things
of Thee Are Spoken* Congregation

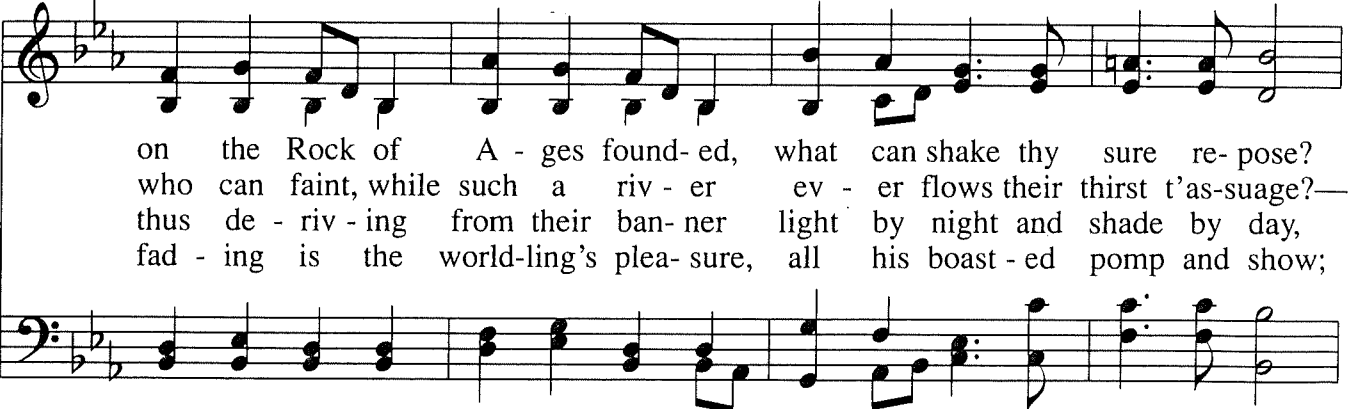
Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

Glorious things are said of you, O city of God. Ps. 87:3


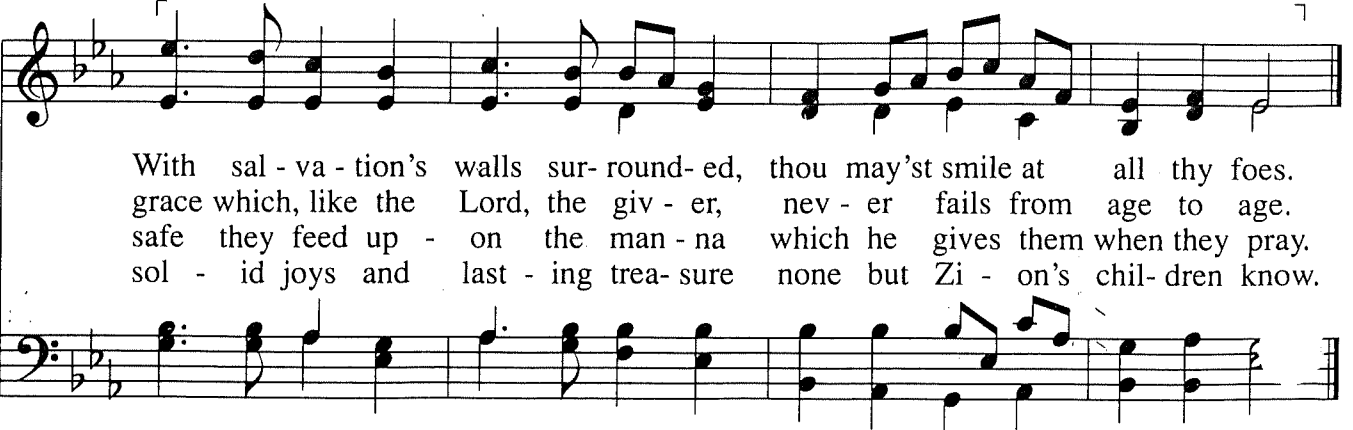
1. Glo - rious things of thee are spo - ken, Zi - on, cit - y of our God;
 2. See, the streams of liv - ing wa - ters, spring - ing from e - ter - nal love,
 3. Round each hab - i - ta - tion hov - 'ring, see the cloud and fire ap - pear
 4. Sav - ior, if of Zi - on's cit - y I, through grace, a mem - ber am,



he whose word can - not be bro - ken formed thee for his own a - bode:
 well sup - ply thy sons and daugh - ters, and all fear of want re - move:
 for a glo - ry and a cov - 'ring, show - ing that the Lord is near:
 let the world de - ride or pit - y, I will glo - ry in thy name:



on the Rock of A - ges found - ed, what can shake thy sure re - pose?
 who can faint, while such a riv - er ev - er flows their thirst t'as - suage?—
 thus de - riv - ing from their ban - ner light by night and shade by day,
 fad - ing is the world - ling's plea - sure, all his boast - ed pomp and show;



With sal - va - tion's walls sur - round - ed, thou may'st smile at all thy foes.
 grace which, like the Lord, the giv - er, nev - er fails from age to age.
 safe they feed up - on the man - na which he gives them when they pray.
 sol - id joys and last - ing trea - sure none but Zi - on's chil - dren know.

For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea... “Of what value is an idol, since a man has carved it? Or an image that teaches lies? For he who makes it trusts in his own creation; he makes idols that cannot speak. Woe to him who says to wood, ‘Come to life!’ Or to lifeless stone, ‘Wake up!’ Can it give guidance? It is covered with gold and silver; there is no breath in it. But the LORD is in his holy temple; let all the earth be silent before him.”

Collective Confession

Psalm 25

Congregation

Remember Your mercy, O LORD, and Your steadfast love, for they have been from of old. Remember not the sins of our youth or our transgressions; according to Your steadfast love remember us, for the sake of Your goodness, O LORD! For Your name's sake, O LORD, pardon our guilt, for it is great. Turn to us and be gracious to us, for we are lonely and afflicted. The troubles of our hearts are enlarged; bring us out of our distresses. Consider our affliction and our trouble, and forgive all our sins.

Silent Reflection and Confession

Proclamation of Forgiveness

Romans 8:1

Pastor

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

Offering

(collected from back to front)

Congregation

Affirmation of Faith

*The Nicene Creed*¹

Congregation

Pastor: Christian, what is it that we believe?

Congregation: We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us

¹ The Nicene Creed originated at the Council of Nicea (325). It was formulated to answer heresies that denied the biblical doctrine of the Trinity and of the person of Christ.

under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and was buried; and the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; and He shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets; and we believe in one holy catholic² and apostolic church; we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

❖ Creedal Song

Barocha

Congregation

² The term “catholic” here means universal and does not mean any particular denomination.

Barocha

Words and Music by
Michael Card

B \flat 7 E \flat B \flat E \flat /B \flat E \flat A \flat

1. The Lord _____ bless you and keep _____ you. The Lord make His
(2. The) Lord be gra - cious to _____ you. The Lord turn His

6 E \flat B \flat A \flat /B \flat B \flat

face shine up - on _____ you, and give you peace, and give you
face _____ to - wards _____ you, and give you peace, and give you

12 B \flat 7 E \flat A \flat /E \flat E \flat B \flat 1. E \flat 2. B

peace, and give you peace _ for - ev - er. 2. The er. The
peace, and give you peace _ for - ev -

18 E B E/B E A E/A F \sharp /A E D \sharp /E C \sharp /E

Lord bless you and keep _____ you. The Lord make His face shine up -

24 B C \sharp /B B N.C. B B7(no3)

-on _____ you, and give you peace, and give you peace,

30 E A/E E D \sharp /E C \sharp /E B B^{9sus} E B

and give you peace _ . for - ev - er. And give you peace,

36 N.C. B E B E

and give you peace, and give you peace _ for - ev - er. _____

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. ² 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. ³ And one called to another and said:

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

⁴ And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. ⁵ And I said: “Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!”

⁶ Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. ⁷ And he touched my mouth and said: “Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for.”

⁸ And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” Then I said, “Here I am! Send me.”

Pastor: The grass withers, the flower fades,

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

Pastoral Prayer

Pastor

❖ Hymn of Reflection #363

We Gather Together

Congregation

We Gather Together

363

I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you and watch over you. Ps. 32:8

♩ C Dm⁷ G C 7

1. We gath - er to - geth - er to ask the Lord's bless - ing;
 2. Be - side us to guide us, our God with us join - ing,
 3. We all do ex - tol thee, thou lead - er tri - um - phant,

G Am⁷ D G C D⁷ G

he chas - tens and has - tens his will to make known;
 or - dain - ing, main - tain - ing his king - dom di - vine;
 and pray that thou still our de - fend - er wilt be.

G/F C/E Dm G⁷ C

the wick - ed op - press - ing now cease from dis - tress - ing;
 so from the be - gin - ning the fight we were win - ning;
 Let thy con - gre - ga - tion en - dure thro' trib - u - la - tion:

♩ F G⁷ C Dm G⁷ C 7

sing prais - es to his name; he for - gets not his own.
 thou, Lord, wast at our side: all glo - ry be thine!
 thy name be ev - er prais'd! O Lord, make us free!

“Jesus Is the Hope of Israel”

Acts 28:17-31

¹⁷ After three days he called together the local leaders of the Jews, and when they had gathered, he said to them, “Brothers, though I had done nothing against our people or the customs of our fathers, yet I was delivered as a prisoner from Jerusalem into the hands of the Romans. ¹⁸ When they had examined me, they wished to set me at liberty, because there was no reason for the death penalty in my case. ¹⁹ But because the Jews objected, I was compelled to appeal to Caesar—though I had no charge to bring against my nation. ²⁰ For this reason, therefore, I have asked to see you and speak with you, since it is because of the hope of Israel that I am wearing this chain.” ²¹ And they said to him, “We have received no letters from Judea about you, and none of the brothers coming here has reported or spoken any evil about you. ²² But we desire to hear from you what your views are, for with regard to this sect we know that everywhere it is spoken against.”

²³ When they had appointed a day for him, they came to him at his lodging in greater numbers. From morning till evening he expounded to them, testifying to the kingdom of God and trying to convince them about Jesus both from the Law of Moses and from the Prophets. ²⁴ And some were convinced by what he said, but others disbelieved. ²⁵ And disagreeing among themselves, they departed after Paul had made one statement: “The Holy Spirit was right in saying to your fathers through Isaiah the prophet:

²⁶ “Go to this people, and say,
“You will indeed hear but never understand,
and you will indeed see but never perceive.”

²⁷ For this people's heart has grown dull,
and with their ears they can barely hear,
and their eyes they have closed;
lest they should see with their eyes
and hear with their ears
and understand with their heart
and turn, and I would heal them.’

²⁸ Therefore let it be known to you that this salvation of God has been sent to the Gentiles; they will listen.”

³⁰ He lived there two whole years at his own expense, and welcomed all who came to him, ³¹ proclaiming the kingdom of God and teaching about the Lord Jesus Christ with all boldness and without hindrance.

❖ Hymn of Response #358

For All the Saints

Congregation

For All the Saints

They will rest from their labor, for their deeds will follow them. Rev. 14:13

Unison

1. For all the saints who from their labors rest,
 2. Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;
 3. O may thy soldiers faithful, true, and bold,
 4. The golden evening brightens in the west;
 5. But lo! there breaks a yet more glorious day;
 6. From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,

who thee by faith before the world confessed,
 thou, Lord, their Captain in the well-fought fight;
 fight as the saints who nobly fought of old,
 soon, soon to faithful warriors comes their rest;
 the saints triumphant rise in bright array;
 through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,

thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
 thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.
 and win with them the victor's crown of gold.
 sweet is the calm of paradise the blest.
 the King of glory passes on his way.
 sing - ing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

❖ Benediction

2 Corinthians 13: 14

Pastor

Pastor: The Grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

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 ~~*

December Coat & Food Drive

Volunteers are needed to help the COT with the outreach effort on Saturday, December 4 from 10am-Noon. This is a big outreach and it takes many people for it to be successful. If you have any friends who would also like to help, please invite them. It can be a fun volunteer day with our church!

Hayley Bauer needs to know in advance who is able to lend a hand. Specifically, help is needed to:

- Collect curbside donations- 4 people
- Carry the winter gear from curbside into the Billings room- 2 people
- Sort the clothing in the Billings Room- 4 people
- Sort canned food items outside- 2 people
- A driver to deliver food items to Woodstock Food Shelf- 1 person
- Drivers to drop off winter items to: Woodstock Elementary School, Upper Valley Haven, ABC House, Ottauquechee Health Center, David's House, and Woodstock Christian Child Care Center.

Volunteers are welcome anytime from 9:30am-1pm. Please contact Hayley to let her know how you can help at HayleyLGriffith@gmail.com or 785-727-0756.

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

Property Manager/Custodian Position

We are looking for a Property Manager and Custodian for FCCW as Justin & Stephanie Sterling are transitioning out of the position after three years of exceptional service. This position requires the person to work a flexible schedule, be able to handle a variety of tasks, and be a good steward of FCCW property. Please contact Steve Selbo at 802-299-6446 or e-mail him at steve.selbo@outlook.com for more details or to submit an application. Thank you.

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.
