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First Congregational Church
of Woodstock _____

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

March 22nd, 2020

The Order of Morning Worship

For assistance as we “gather” remotely for the live streaming worship service.

March 22nd, 2020

Ten-thirty

Welcome

Pastor Doug Warren

Prelude & Silent Prayer

Easter Sacrificial Offering

See Announcement at the End

❖ Call to Worship

Pastor Doug Warren

Psalm 34: 1 – 3

I will bless the LORD at all times;
his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

²My soul makes its boast in the LORD;
let the humble hear and be glad.

³Oh, magnify the LORD with me,
and let us exalt his name together!

❖ Hymn of Exultation

Number 441

Jesus Shall Reign

He will rule from sea to sea and from the River to the ends of the earth. Ps. 72:8

1. Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun does his suc -
 2. To him shall end - less prayer be made, and prais - es
 3. Peo - ple and realms of ev - ery tongue dwell on his
 4. Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns; the pris - 'ner
 5. Let ev - ery crea - ture rise and bring pe - cu - liar

ces - sive jour - neys run; his king - dom stretch from shore to
 thron - g to crown his head; his name, like sweet per - fume, shall
 • love with sweet - est song; and in - fant voic - es shall pro -
 leaps to lose his chains, the wea - ry find e - ter - nal
 hon - ors to our King; an - gels de - scend with songs a -

shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.
 rise with ev - ery morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
 • claim their ear - ly bless - ings on his name.
 rest, and all the sons of want are blest.
 gain, and earth re - peat the loud a - men!

Based on Psalm 72
Isaac Watts, 1719

DUKE STREET L.M.
John Hatton, 1793

Scripture Reading

Pastor Doug Warren

John 14: 1 – 7

“Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. ² In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will

come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. ⁴ And you know the way to where I am going.” ⁵ Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” ⁶ Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷ If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

Offering Please mail your offering to the church. We are exploring electronic giving options and will forward those details when available.

Scriptural Call to Repentance

Pastor Doug Warren

Hebrews 4: 14 – 16

¹⁴ Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. ¹⁵ For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶ Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Prayers of Confession

Congregation

Martin Luther’s Prayer

O Lord, merciful and mighty, we unworthy sinners, come to You in humble repentance and confess how we have transgressed Your holy Law. We are guilty of sins of omission and commission, evil thoughts, improper words, and wrong deeds. Forgive our iniquity and short-comings for the sake of the suffering and death of our Savior Jesus Christ. Let His obedience cover our disobedience, let His righteousness atone for our unrighteousness. Great God and Helper, You alone can forgive. With all our hearts we thank You for Your boundless mercy. Grant us grace with which we might accept Your gift of forgiveness with true faith and look upon the word of pardon as a message coming from You, assuring us and consoling our hearts before You. Let us treasure Your forgiveness and freely extend it to others by the power of Your resurrection. We pray in the name of our Redeemer, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Silent Reflection and Confession

Proclamation of Forgiveness

Pastor Doug Warren

Jeremiah 33: 8

⁸ I will cleanse them from all the guilt of their sin against me, and I will forgive all the guilt of their sin and rebellion against me.

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All to Jesus I Surrender

We have left everything to follow you! Mark 10:28

C F C G⁷ Em G⁷ C F C G⁷ Em C

1. All to Je - sus I sur - ren - der, all to him I free - ly give;
 2. All to Je - sus I sur - ren - der, hum - bly at his feet I bow,
 3. All to Je - sus I sur - ren - der, make - me, Sav - ior, whol - ly thine;
 4. All to Je - sus I sur - ren - der, Lord, I give my - self to thee;

F C G⁷ Em G⁷ C F C G⁷ Em C

may I ev - er love and trust him, in his pres - ence dai - ly live,
 world - ly plea - sures all for - sak - en, take me, Je - sus, take me now.
 may thy Ho - ly Spir - it fill me, may I know thy pow'r di - vine.
 fill me with thy love and pow - er, let thy bless - ing fall on me.

REFRAIN
 F C F C G G G⁷ C

I sur - ren - der all, I sur - ren - der all:
 I sur - ren - der all, I sur - ren - der all.

F C F C/G G⁷ C

All to thee, my bless - ed Sav - ior, I sur - ren - der all.

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Gloria Patri

Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; worship the LORD in the splendor of his holiness. Ps. 29:2

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the

Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in

the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er

shall be, world with - out end. A - men, a - men.

Acts 3: 26 – 4: 12

²⁶ God, having raised up his servant, sent him to you first, to bless you by turning every one of you from your wickedness.”

And as they were speaking to the people, the priests and the captain of the temple and the Sadducees came upon them, ² greatly annoyed because they were teaching the people and proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection from the dead. ³ And they arrested them and put them in custody until the next day, for it was already evening. ⁴ But many of those who had heard the word believed, and the number of the men came to about five thousand.

⁵ On the next day their rulers and elders and scribes gathered together in Jerusalem, ⁶ with Annas the high priest and Caiaphas and John and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. ⁷ And when they had set them in the midst, they inquired, “By what power or by what name did you do this?” ⁸ Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, “Rulers of the people and elders, ⁹ if we are being examined today concerning a good deed done to a crippled man, by what means this man has been healed, ¹⁰ let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead—by him this man is standing before you well. ¹¹ This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. ¹² And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.”

We Come, O Christ, to You

I am the way and the truth and the life. John 14:6

1. We come, O Christ, to you, true Son of God and man,
 2. You are the Way to God, your blood our ran - som paid;
 3. You are the liv - ing Truth! All wis - dom dwells in you,
 4. You on - ly are true Life, to know you is to live
 5. We wor - ship you, Lord Christ, our Sav - ior and our King,

by whom all things con - sist, in whom all life be - gan: in you a -
 in you we face our Judge and Mak - er un - a - fraid. Be - fore the
 • the Source of ev - ery skill, the one e - ter - nal TRUE! O great I
 the more a - bun - dant life that earth can nev - er give: O ris - en
 to you our youth and strength a - dor - ing - ly we bring: so fill our

• lone we live and move, and have our be - ing in your love.
 throne ab - solved we stand, your love has met your law's de - mand.
 • AM! In you we rest, sure an - swer to our ev - ery quest.
 Lord! We live in you: in us each day your life re - new!
 hearts, that all may view your life in us, and turn to you.

E. Margaret Clarkson, 1957, 1985

DARWALL 6.6.6.6.8.8.
 John Darwall, 1770

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Benediction

John 14: 27

Pastor Doug Warren

²⁷ Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.

The Congregation may be seated after the Benediction for silent prayer

Postlude

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### Prayer Vigil

Today at noon, the town of Woodstock will be holding a prayer vigil. Please join the community in prayer, where you feel most comfortable (at home, in your car, on Facebook, etc.), to prayer for our neighbors, our community, our state, our nation, and the world.

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Easter Offering

This year's Easter Offering recipient will be Brian and Cathy Birdsall. They have been affiliated with First Congregational Church of Woodstock since 1988 when they served with Campus Crusade for Christ (Cru) at Dartmouth College. It was Brian and Cathy who started the connection with Dartmouth students and FCCW by loading them in their Volkswagen van and driving them over on Sunday mornings.

In 1991, God called Brian and Cathy to serve in the former Soviet Union. They moved to Moscow, Russia in February 1992 and then to Kiev, Ukraine in 1993. They served in a variety of roles with Cru in that part of the world for over twenty years.

Brian and Cathy currently lead the Christian Embassy ministry at the United Nations in New York City where they serve the spiritual needs of over 4,000 diplomats from 193 countries around the world. They do this via large events such as The International Prayer Breakfast and small groups such as Bible studies, English classes and personal appointments. Brian and Cathy have five children and two grandchildren, with a third due the end of April.

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### Easter Flowers

Easter plants and flowers always bring beauty to the Easter Service. If you would like to share a flowering plant for the Easter service in memory of a loved one and then take it home after, please see Carol Powell or call 457-3833.

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Prayer and Praise Retreat

The Board of Christian Ed has decided that it would be the wisest thing to postpone our Prayer and Praise Retreat until we could meet together as a large group and do it properly. Group prayer works best when we can be together, unite our hearts and respond to the prayers of others.

Still, in the time of a pandemic, we do need to pray, so we're proposing a day of prayer on March 28. Our interim pastor, Brian Meyers, had us do 40 days of fasting and prayer, (and it prepared us in a very special way, I think, for Doug's arrival) so this is not a foreign concept to the congregation of FCCW. I think we can best do our "social isolation" if families and individuals prayed at home by themselves at this point.

We look forward to the time when we can all meet in person to praise the Lord together in song and in prayer and thanksgiving.

May the Lord be a shield around you in these infectious times. Psalm 91.

Cora, for the BCE

If you have not filled out the Elders' questionnaire, please do so and return to me via email or snail mail (FCCW, 36 Elm Street, Woodstock, VT 05091). The questionnaire is on the next page. Please fill out a questionnaire for each person in your household. Every person has different health needs, contact information, and concerns. Thank you for helping the leadership stay connected with the needs of the body.

If you have any questions or prayer requests, please email them to me at fccwinfo@gmail.com.

Elders' Questionnaire

If you have not sent the answers to the questions below via email, please answer the questions and return via email or snail mail.

From the Elders:

With the Coronavirus outbreak we want to make sure that everyone at First Congregational Church of Woodstock is receiving loving care physically and spiritually.

Name: _____

- Do you have any symptoms such as a cough or fever?
- Do you have any complicating health concerns such as respiratory issues or a compromised immune system?
- Are you under medical quarantine or social isolation?
- Do you have enough food and medicine for the next month?
- Are you under a doctor's care?
- What is the most concerning part of this current outbreak for you?
- What needs do you have?
- How can the Elders best pray for you?
- Do you have access to FaceTime, Skype, Zoom, or some other means of video conferencing? If so, what is your contact information?
- What Bible verse or passage has been the most helpful for you in the past week?

Additionally,

- Are you available to help drive people to the doctor?
- Would you be able to transport groceries or other essentials to those homebound?
- What time of the day/week are you most available?

By Christ's Grace,

Pastor Doug

In Whose Name? By What Authority

1. The People of the Covenant Are Polarized Over Jesus (1-4).

2. The Issue Is Authority (5-10).

3. Jesus Is the Only Ultimate Authority (11-12).

Jesus came that His people might turn from our wickedness. While some did, many responded instead with rejection and hatred. The gospel is always polarizing. It demands a response because the King has declared His loyalty and requires ours also. Neutrality is not an option. Everyone of us is either for Jesus or against Him. Which are you?