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First Congregational Church
of Woodstock _____

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

April 11th, 2021

The Order of Morning Worship

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

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Ten-thirty

Welcome

Pastor Doug Warren

Prelude & Silent Prayer

❖ Call to Worship

Isaiah 86

We will praise you, O Lord our God, with our whole hearts; we will glorify your name forever; for you have delivered us from the power of death.

Pastor:

Congregation: Bring joy to your servants, O Lord, for to you we lift up our souls. There is none like you; no deeds can compare with yours.

All the nations you have made will come and worship before you. They will bring glory to your name, for you alone are God.

Pastor:

Congregation: Teach us now your way, O Lord, and we will live in your truth. Give us undivided hearts that we may fear and praise your great name.

❖ Hymn of Exultation

Number 111

This Is My Father's World

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Sovereign Lord ... you made the heaven and the earth and the sea, and everything in them. Acts 4:24

1. This is my Fa - ther's world, and to my lis - t'ning ears,
 2. This is my Fa - ther's world, the birds their car - ols raise,
 3. This is my Fa - ther's world, O let me ne'er for - get

all na - ture sings, and round me rings the mu - sic of the spheres.
 the morn - ing light, the lil - y white, de - clare their Mak - er's praise.
 that though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the Rul - er yet.

This is my Fa - ther's world: I rest me in the thought of
 This is my Fa - ther's world: he shines in all that's fair; in the
 This is my Fa - ther's world: the bat - tle is not done; Je -

rocks and trees, of skies and seas; his hand the won - ders wrought.
 rus - tling grass I hear him pass, he speaks to me ev - ery - where.
 sus who died shall be sat - is - fied, and earth and heav'n be one.

Scriptural Call to Repentance

Psalm 46: 8 – 9

The nations rage, the kingdoms totter; He utters His voice, the earth melts. The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress. Come, behold the works of the LORD, how he has brought desolations on the earth; he breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the chariots with fire.

Collective Confession

Holy Father, we long to have you change our hearts. We confess to You that we do not obey You as we should. We don't think Your thoughts, speak Your truth, or do the good that You command. We do not love our neighbors as You have loved us. We bend the truth to our own purposes. We harbor bitterness when we don't get our own way. We neglect and leave the oppressed with no defender. We break Your holy law and delight in what You have forbidden. Merciful Lord, we humbly ask that You would forgive us and change our hearts. Conform us to the image of Your Son. Holy Spirit, work in us we pray, that we might be like You.

Proclamation of Forgiveness

Psalm 130: 3, 7 – 8

If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand? O Israel, put your hope in the Lord, for with the Lord is unfailing love and with Him is full redemption. He Himself will redeem Israel from all their sins.

Scripture Reading

Luke 24: 13 – 27

¹³ And behold, two of them were going that very day to a village named Emmaus, which was about seven miles from Jerusalem. ¹⁴ And they were talking with each other about all these things which had taken place. ¹⁵ While they were talking and discussing, Jesus Himself approached and *began* traveling with them. ¹⁶ But their eyes were prevented from recognizing Him. ¹⁷ And He said to them, "What are these words that you are exchanging with one another as you are walking?" And they stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸ One of *them*, named Cleopas, answered and said to Him, "Are You the only one visiting Jerusalem and unaware of the things which have happened here in these days?" ¹⁹ And He said to them, "What things?" And they said to Him, "The things about Jesus the Nazarene, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word in the sight of God and all the people, ²⁰ and how the chief priests and our rulers delivered Him to the

sentence of death, and crucified Him. ²¹ But we were hoping that it was He who was going to redeem Israel. Indeed, besides all this, it is the third day since these things happened. ²² But also some women among us amazed us. When they were at the tomb early in the morning, ²³ and did not find His body, they came, saying that they had also seen a vision of angels who said that He was alive. ²⁴ Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just exactly as the women also had said; but Him they did not see.” ²⁵ And He said to them, “O foolish men and slow of heart to believe in all that the prophets have spoken! ²⁶ Was it not necessary for the Christ to suffer these things and to enter into His glory?” ²⁷ Then beginning with Moses and with all the prophets, He explained to them the things concerning Himself in all the Scriptures.

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Pastoral Prayer

❖ Hymn of Reflection

Number 103

Holy God, We Praise Your Name

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Holy, holy, holy is the LORD Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory. Is. 6:3

1. Ho - ly God, we praise your name; Lord of all, we bow be - fore you;
 2. Hark, the loud ce - les - tial hymn an - gel choirs a - bove are rais - ing;
 3. Lo! the ap - os - tol - ic train join your sa - cred name to hal - low;
 4. Ho - ly Fa - ther, Ho - ly Son, Ho - ly Spir - it, Three we name you;

all on earth your scep - ter claim, all in heav'n a - bove a - dore you.
 cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim in un - ceas - ing cho - rus prais - ing,
 proph - ets swell the glad re - frain, and the white-robed mar - tyrs fol - low;
 while in es - sence on - ly One, un - di - vid - ed God we claim you,

In - fi - nite your vast do - main, ev - er - last - ing is your reign.
 fill the heav'ns with sweet ac - cord: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord."
 and from morn to set of sun, through the church the song goes on.
 and a - dor - ing bend the knee, while we sing this mys - ter - y.

Based on *Te Deum*, ca. 4th cent.
 Attr. to Ignace Franz, ca. 1774
 Tr. by Clarence A. Walworth, 1853; alt. 1990, mod.

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Katholisches Gesangbuch, Vienna, ca. 1774

“*Jesus Is the Christ!*”

Acts 17: 1 – 9

Now when they had traveled through Amphipolis and Apollonia, they came to Thessalonica, where there was a synagogue of the Jews. ² And according to Paul’s custom, he went to them, and for three Sabbaths reasoned with them from the Scriptures, ³ explaining and giving evidence that the Christ had to suffer and rise again from the dead, and *saying*, “This Jesus whom I am proclaiming to you is the Christ.” ⁴ And some of them were persuaded and joined Paul and Silas, along with a large number of the God-fearing Greeks and a number of the leading women. ⁵ But the Jews, becoming jealous and taking along some wicked men from the market place, formed a mob and set the city in an uproar; and attacking the house of Jason, they were seeking to bring them out to the people. ⁶ When they did not find them, they *began* dragging Jason and some brethren before the city authorities, shouting, “These men who have upset the world have come here also; ⁷ and Jason has welcomed them, and they all act contrary to the decrees of Caesar, saying that there is another king, Jesus.” ⁸ They stirred up the crowd and the city authorities who heard these things. ⁹ And when they had received a pledge from Jason and the others, they released them.

❖ Hymn of Response

Number 76

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

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*Praise the LORD, all his works everywhere in his dominion. Praise the LORD,
O my soul.. Ps. 103:22*

1. Praise, my soul, the King of heav - en, to his feet your trib - ute bring;
2. Praise him for his grace and fa - vor to our fa - thers in dis - tress;
3. Fa - ther - like, he tends and spares us; well our fee - ble frame he knows;
4. Frail as sum - mer's flow'r we flour - ish, blows the wind and it is gone;
5. An - gels, help us to a - dore him; you be - hold him face to face;

ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en, who, like me, his praise should sing?
praise him, still the same for - ev - er, slow to chide and swift to bless;
• in his hands he gent - ly bears us, res - cues us from all our foes;
but while mor - tals rise and per - ish, God en - dures un - chang - ing on.
sun and moon, bow down be - fore him, dwell - ers all in time and space,

Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, praise the ev - er - last - ing King.
praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, glo - rious in his faith - ful - ness.
• praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, wide - ly as his mer - cy goes.
Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, praise the High E - ter - nal One.
praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, praise with us the God of grace.

From Psalm 103
Henry F. Lyte, 1834; mod.

LAUDA ANIMA 8.7.8.7.8.7.
John Goss, 1869

Benediction

Jude 24 – 25

Pastor: To Him who is able to keep you from falling and to present you before His glorious presence without fault and with great joy—to the only God our Savior be glory, majesty, power and authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, now and forever more.

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 ~~

Young Adult Fellowship Group tonight at 6 pm.

Men's Fellowship Hike and Cookout

The FCCW Men's Fellowship is organizing a hike and cookout for **Sunday April 18th** after church. The group will be heading to Amity pond lean-to, on the East side of Barnard, at 12:15pm.

We are keeping this simple- bring whatever food you want to cook over a fire, beverage, plates/bowls and eating utensils. Dan and I will guarantee a warm fire will be going and we will provide grilling grates and several cooking utensils for everyone to share.

The drive to the Amity Pond parking area takes about 20 minutes from the church. The hike in is an easy 20-30 min walk on trails wide enough to allow us to talk with one-another on the way in. The old small lean-to is in a cold hollow by a nice stream – nice location but you wouldn't want to sleep in the lean-to.

Masks will NOT be required during our hike and cookout. Depending upon who has been vaccinated they will need to be worn while carpooling, and we will need to carpool.

There will be a time of discussion on a biblical topic.....which has yet to be determined, as is the leader of the discussion.

Interested?

1. Sign up by April 15th by contacting Jeff DeDell at dedellcrew@gmail.com or by calling 457-3773.
 2. Let me know if you have a topic that you would like to discuss. We welcome your suggestions.
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Easter Offering

Galmi Hospital, in Niger, will be the recipient of our Easter sacrificial offering this year. Matt and Tara Megill, missionaries supported by us, are serving in Niger. Matt is the director of HIV & TB Programs and when asked about their needs, turned the focus to the hospital itself.

The ministry goals and vision for this project is to redevelop hospital facilities for the provision of high-quality medical care and to manage the redevelopment in ways that will not interrupt the provision of services. Also, the goal is to continue to shine the light of Jesus Christ in Niger through the provision of high-quality medical care.

The project has been ongoing, but there is still work to do on the construction of a new medical ward. Please pray about your part in this special opportunity to be a light in the land of Niger. All of our gifts will be an encouragement to Matt and the other doctors and medical staff serving there.

The online giving will be available through April 18th. Go to fccw.net/donate to give electronically. Checks and cash may be given via the mail or the offering box on the table at church until to April 18th. Please put cash in an envelope and label Easter offering. Please make checks payable to FCCW and write on the memo line Easter Offering.

To learn more about Galmi Hospital go to <https://galmi.org/>



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Jesus Is the Christ!

1. What Strategy and Tactics Does King Jesus Employ? (1-4)

2. How Do His Enemies Typically Respond? (5-9)

3. King Jesus Will Set the Whole World Right Again.

CONCLUSION: As the good news of Jesus continues to go out throughout all the world, we notice a pattern developing in both its proclamation and the resistance to it. The central message is that Jesus is the long-awaited Messiah. As Jews and Gentiles come into His Kingdom the kingdoms of this world fight back. But as His Word is opened, taught, and followed His Church grows. New converts like Jason are then willing to face hardship and sacrifice. What about you? Are you passionate and disciplined in your loyalty to Christ?

Luke 24: 13 – 35

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²⁸ So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He acted as if he were going farther, ²⁹ but they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, for it is toward evening and the day is now far spent.” So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰ When he was at table with them, he took the bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them. ³¹ And their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. And he vanished from their sight. ³² They said to each other, “Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures?” ³³ And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem. And they found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together, ³⁴ saying, “**The Lord has risen indeed**, and has appeared to Simon!” ³⁵ Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he was known to them in the breaking of the bread.

Taking Gathered Worship Home

Jesus told us that the world hated Him and it would hate us too for His sake. We are called to love our neighbors even as they hate us. How do we do that? By God's grace His Word works in us to make us more and more like Christ. We are to follow the example of Paul, Silas, and Jason in faithfulness to Christ no matter the consequences.

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 17:1-9; Luke 24:13-35; First Thessalonians 1-2**. DISCUSS, What does it mean that Jesus is the Christ? How do the Scriptures show the necessity of Jesus suffering? If Jesus must suffer and rise, why are we surprised that we suffer? PRAY "Jesus, You are the Christ. Open our hearts to see You in the Scriptures and to show others too."

Sunday Evening

Young Adults Fellowship at **6:00** pm. *Please come to FCCW's Library!*

Monday

READ **Acts 17:1-9; Isaiah 53:1-12; Psalm 22:1-21**. DISCUSS, What did Jesus endure for us? Did this surprise Him? MEDITATE on **First Corinthians 15:57-58**. PRAY, "Lord, You give us the incredible privilege of suffering with You. Help us to see this as a blessing and not a curse. Secure our hearts in Your resurrection"

Tuesday

READ **Acts 17:1-9; Genesis 22:1-14; Romans 8:32**. DISCUSS, God asked Abraham to sacrifice his son—the child of promise. Yet, God provided a ram as a substitute. How does this point to Jesus? Notice how God the Father did what He protected Abraham from. How does this give us confidence? MEDITATE on **First Corinthians 15:57-58**. PRAY, "Jesus, thank You for giving Yourself for us. Thank You for rising again so that we too might live in You."

Wednesday

READ **Acts 17:1-9; Zechariah 13:7-9; 1Thessalonians 1:1-10.** DISCUSS, What is the role of suffering? How important is the resurrection of Jesus? Why? How was it working itself out in the lives of the Thessalonians? From what had they turned to God? From what are you turning? MEDITATE on **First Corinthians 15:57-58.** PRAY, “Jesus, thank You for defeating us and all Your enemies on Easter. ”

Thursday

READ **Acts 17:1-9; 1Thessalonians 2:1-20.** DISCUSS, What did Paul/Silas share with the Thessalonians? What was at work in them (13)? Who hindered them? Will he be successful? In what do they share? MEDITATE on **First Corinthians 15:57-58.** PRAY, “Lord, embolden us to speak and live Your truth.”

Friday

READ **Acts 16:25-40; Luke 24:13-35; 1Thessalonians 1-2.** DISCUSS, How has God been teaching you from these passages this week? MEDITATE on **First Corinthians 15:57-58.** PRAY for faithfulness at FCCW and revival throughout the area.

Saturday

PREPARE today for the worship service tomorrow. *Both live-stream & in-person services are available.*

READ **Acts 17:1-34; Romans 10:5-17.** Invite others to join you tomorrow for either the *live-stream or in-person service.* Ask Jesus to help us love our neighbors well.

First Corinthians 15: 57 – 58

But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.