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First Congregational Church
of Woodstock _____

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

May 15th, 2022

The Order of Morning Worship

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Ten-thirty

Welcome

Pastor Doug Warren

Prelude & Silent Prayer

❖ 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.

❖ Invocation

Pastor

❖ Hymn of Exultation #296

*All Hail the Power
of Jesus' Name*

Congregation

Reception of New Members

Pastor

Scriptural Call to Repentance

Habakkuk 2:14, 18–20

Pastor

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

Offering

(collected from back to front)

Congregation

Pastoral Prayer

Pastor

❖ Scripture Reading

Isaiah 45:21-24

Pastor

Pastor: God's Word is a lamp to our feet, and a light to our path.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

❖ Hymn of Reflection #44

How Great Thou Art

Congregation

The Sermon

Philippians 2:9-11

Pastor

"The Name of Jesus—LORD!"

❖ Hymn of Response #598

*Guide Me, O Thou
Great Jehovah*

Congregation

❖ 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 ~~

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

Concert of Prayer

Calling all members and regular attenders of FCCW! We will be gathering Friday night, May 20, at 7 pm for a concert of prayer. Our focus will be asking the Lord to guide us as we reach out together by faith in Christ. We want to faithfully love our neighbors in word and deed to the honor of Jesus. This evening of prayer should be a great time in God's presence together with praise music and prayer.

Vows for New Members & Congregation

Members at FCCW covenant with the Lord and one another in joining together.

New members to FCCW take the following vows:

- **I now *confess my faith in Jesus as the Christ and acknowledge Him as my Lord and Savior.***
- **I also resolve to learn the will of God, known or to be made known, as taught in the Holy Scriptures, and to walk in the ways of the Lord.**
- **I do covenant with this church to attend its services, to support its activities and missions, to pray and labor for its growth in grace, and to walk worthily with you in its communion of worship and work.**

The Membership of the church, likewise takes part in the covenant saying:

- **We the members of this church, receive you into our fellowship, and welcome you with joy. We promise to pray for you, to watch over you, and to help you so long as you shall abide with us.**
- **May God grant that, loving and being loved, serving and being served, blessing and being blessed, we may be prepared while we dwell together on earth for the perfect fellowship of the saints in heaven.**

Then the whole congregation along with the new members to agree:

- **We covenant with the Lord and one another, and do bind ourselves in the presence of God, to walk together in His holy ways.**
- **We will strive to be doers of the Word, and not hearers only; to be firm in faith, quickened in hope, and constant in charity.**
- **We will also consecrate our time, talent, substance, and influence, as heirs of God and joint-heirs with Christ. Amen.**

These vows are taken together before God and these witnesses by solemn oath trusting in the Holy Spirit's enabling and the Father's grace demonstrated through Jesus Christ. Praise be to God!

The May Prayer Letter is on the table in the narthex.

Intro to FCCW Workshop

Interested in knowing more about FCCW? Want to explore questions about the Bible in a small group? What does it mean to be a member? What opportunities are there to serve at FCCW? Consider attending the *Intro to FCCW Workshop* being offered **Friday night, June 3** and **Saturday morning, June 4**. This two-part workshop will give insight into how FCCW functions and the importance of membership. Please contact Kristen at fccwinfo@gmail.com to register.

Session One—Worship

Session Two—Joyous Knowledge

Session Three—Radical Love for One Another

Session Four— Extending His Grace

Session Five— Belonging to His Community



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The Name of Jesus—LORD!

1. Jesus Died as a Servant to Be Exalted as the LORD with Us.

2. The Father Raised Jesus from Death and Humiliation to Glory.

3. The *Song to Christ* Praises Him for Selfless Service in Redemption.

CONCLUSION: In this conclusion to the *Carmen Christi* (Hymn to Christ) we learn that the glorious height to which Jesus was raised was not just a position of honor, but *the* position of all honor, glory, and praise. He returns to the glory He shared with the Father from before all time. Jesus Christ is the Lord! As such our position *in Him* is exalted beyond all imagining. We are partners together in the gospel not only with one another, but with God Himself.

Isaiah 45:21-24

Declare and present your case; let them take counsel together!

Who told this long ago? Who declared it of old?

Was it not I, *the Lord*? *And there is no other god besides me*, a righteous God and a Savior; there is none besides me.

“Turn to me and be saved, all the ends of the earth!

For *I am God*, and there is no other.

By myself I have sworn; from my mouth has *gone out in righteousness* a word that shall *not* return:

‘*To me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear allegiance.*’

“Only in the Lord, it shall be said of me, are righteousness and strength; to him shall come and be ashamed all who were incensed against him.

First Chronicles 13:5-8

So David assembled all Israel from the Nile of Egypt to Lebo-hamath, to bring *the ark of God* from Kiriath-jearim. And David and all Israel went up to Baalah, that is, to Kiriath-jearim that belongs to Judah, to bring up from there the ark of God, which is called by *the name of the Lord* who sits enthroned above the cherubim. And they carried the ark of God on a new cart, from the house of Abinadab, and Uzzah and Ahio were driving the cart. And David and all Israel were celebrating before God with all their might, with song and lyres and harps and tambourines and cymbals and trumpets.

Nehemiah 9:5b-8

“ ...Stand up and bless the Lord your God from everlasting to everlasting. *Blessed be your glorious name, which is exalted above all blessing and praise.* You are *the Lord*, you alone. You have made heaven, the heaven of heavens, with all their host, the earth and all that is on it, the seas and all that is in them; and you preserve all of them; and the host of heaven worships you. *You are the Lord*, the God who chose Abram and brought him out of Ur of the Chaldeans and gave him the name Abraham. You found his heart faithful before you, and made with him the covenant to give to his offspring the land of the Canaanite And *you have kept your promise*, for you are righteous.”

Ephesians 1:15-23

For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, that *the God of our Lord Jesus Christ*, the Father of glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of Him, having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of His great might that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and *seated him at his right hand* in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and *above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come.* And he put all things under his feet and gave *him as head over all things to the church*, which is his body, *the fullness of him who fills all in all.*

Taking Gathered Worship Home

Jesus Christ is Lord! This is the reality that every tongue will one day confess. There will be no avoiding it as the truth of His total authority as Yahweh is revealed to every creature He has created. Let us explore together the glorious truth of Christ's glorious name—*the Lord*.

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 **Philippians 2:9-11; Isaiah 45:21-24; First Chronicles 13:5-8; Nehemiah 9:5b-8; Psalm 138:1-8; 148:1-14; Ephesians 1:15-23.**
DISCUSS What difference does it make that Jesus is the God of the Scripture? How has the Father exalted Him? What is the significance of His name—the Lord? **PRAY** “Jesus, help us to understand Your full identity as God Himself.”

Sunday Evening

The *Young Adults' Fellowship* meets tonight at **6pm** in FCCW's library.

Monday

READ **Philippians 2:5-11; Isaiah 45:21-24; Psalm 138:1-8; John 3:16.**
DISCUSS How does the context of this passage in Isaiah help us understand Philippians? Who is this Lord? What has He promised? What has He done? **SERVE** by caring for someone in Christ's name!
MEDITATE on **Psalm 8:1-9**. **PRAY**, “Jesus, thank You for serving us sacrificially. Help us serve others with the same joyful exuberance.”

Tuesday

READ **Philippians 2:9-11; First Chronicles 13:5-8; Psalm 148:1-14; Galatians 2:20.** **DISCUSS** Why were they bringing the ark of God to Jerusalem? How was it called? What does it mean for God to set His name on them? Why does that matter? **MEDITATE** on **Psalm 8:1-9**. **PRAY**, “Lord, give us delight in You like no other.”

Wednesday

READ **Philippians 2:5-11; Nehemiah 9:5b-8; Psalm 138:1-8; First John 4:10**. DISCUSS What has the Lord done? What does He deserve? SERVE Feed, clothe, or care for someone today in Christ's name. MEDITATE on **Psalm 8:1-9**. PRAY, "Lord, enable us to love others as You love us. Please teach us humility so that we might serve with joy."

Thursday

READ **Philippians 2:9-11; Ephesians 1:15-23; Psalm 148:1-14; Mark 15:34**. DISCUSS Where has the Father seated the Son? Why? What does that have to do with us? SERVE Listen patiently to someone who may be frightened. MEDITATE on **Psalm 8:1-9**. PRAY, "Lord, we long to love in the power of the resurrection. Help us to put sin to death and to live in resurrection life."

Friday

READ **Philippians 2:5-11; Isaiah 45:21-24; First Chronicles 13:5-8; Nehemiah 9:5b-8; Psalm 138:1-8; 148:1-14; Ephesians 1:15-23**. DISCUSS, How has God been teaching you from these passages this week? DELIGHT in Christ, knowing that we will be like Him one day! MEDITATE on **Psalm 8:1-9**. PRAY for unity and joyful care for one another at FCCW.

Saturday

PREPARE today for the worship service tomorrow which is *available both in-person and via live-stream*. READ **Philippians 2:1-11; Romans 8:12-17**. Invite others to join you tomorrow for the service. Ask Jesus to gather us together joyfully to praise Him.

Psalm 8:1-2

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth!
You have set Your glory above the heavens.
Out of the mouth of babies and infants,
You have established strength because of Your foes,
to still the enemy and the avenger.