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First Congregational Church
of Woodstock _____

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

June 13th, 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

Psalm 86

Pastor: 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.

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.

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

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 345

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

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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.

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.

Silent Reflection and Confession

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

Romans 8: 12 – 17

¹² So then, brethren, we are under obligation, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh— ¹³ for if you are living according to the flesh, you must die; but if by the Spirit you are putting to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴ For all who are being led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God. ¹⁵ For you have not received a spirit of slavery leading to fear again, but you have received a spirit of adoption as sons by which we cry out, “Abba! Father!” ¹⁶ The Spirit Himself testifies with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷ and if children, heirs also, heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with *Him* so that we may also be glorified with *Him*.

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

❖ Hymn of Reflection

Number 338

Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart

Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit. Gal. 5:25

Capo 3: Γ (G) (D⁷) (G) (C) (Am⁷) (G) 7 (Em) (F#)

1. Spir - it of God, de - scend up - on my heart; wean it from
 2. I ask no dream, no proph - et ec - sta - sies, no sud - den
 3. Hast thou not bid us love thee, God and King? All, all thine
 4. Teach me to feel that thou art al - ways nigh; teach me the
 5. Teach me to love thee as thine an - gels love, one ho - ly

(Bm) (E⁷) (D/A) (A⁷) (D) (D⁷) (C)

earth, through all its puls - es move; stoop to my weak - ness,
 rend - ing of the veil of clay, no an - gel vis - i -
 • own, soul, heart, and strength and mind. I see thy cross—there
 strug - gles of the soul to bear, to check the ris - ing
 pas - sion fill - ing all my frame; the bap - tism of the

(D⁷) Γ (G) (C) (G) (D⁷) (G) 7

might - y as thou art, and make me love thee as I ought to love.
 tant, no o - p'ning skies; but take the dim - ness of my soul a - way.
 • teach my heart to cling: O let me seek thee, and O let me find.
 doubt, the reb - el sigh; teach me the pa - tience of un - an - swered prayer.
 heav'n - de - scend - ed Dove, my heart an al - tar, and thy love the flame.

“*Accountability and Power*”

Acts 19: 1 – 10

It happened that while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul passed through the upper country and came to Ephesus, and found some disciples. ²He said to them, “Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?” And they *said* to him, “No, we have not even heard whether there is a Holy Spirit.” ³And he said, “Into what then were you baptized?” And they said, “Into John’s baptism.” ⁴Paul said, “John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in Him who was coming after him, that is, in Jesus.” ⁵When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. ⁶And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they *began* speaking with tongues and prophesying. ⁷There were in all about twelve men.

⁸And he entered the synagogue and continued speaking out boldly for three months, reasoning and persuading *them* about the kingdom of God. ⁹But when some were becoming hardened and disobedient, speaking evil of the Way before the people, he withdrew from them and took away the disciples, reasoning daily in the school of Tyrannus. ¹⁰This took place for two years, so that all who lived in Asia heard the word of the Lord, both Jews and Greeks.

❖ Hymn of Response

Number 347

The Church’s One Foundation

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Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. Eph. 2:20

1. The church - 's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;
 2. E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, yet one o'er all - the earth,
 3. Though with a scorn - ful won - der men see her sore op - pressed,
 4. The church shall nev - er per - ish! Her dear Lord to de - fend,

she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the Word:
 her char - ter of sal - va - tion one Lord, one faith, one birth;
 by schis - ms rent a - sun - der, by her - e - sies dis - tressed,
 to guide, sus - tain, and cher - ish, is with her to the end;

from heav'n he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;
 one ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,
 yet saints their watch are keep - ing, their cry goes up, "How long?"
 though there be those that hate her, and false sons in her pale,

with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
 and to one hope she press - es, with ev - 'ry grace en - dued.
 And soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.
 a - gainst or foe or trai - tor she ev - er shall pre - vail.

5. 'Mid toil and tribulation,
and tumult of her war,
she waits the consummation
of peace forevermore;
till with the vision glorious
her longing eyes are blest,
and the great church victorious
shall be the church at rest.

6. Yet she on earth hath union
with God the Three in One,
and mystic sweet communion
with those whose rest is won:
O happy ones and holy!
Lord, give us grace that we,
like them, the meek and lowly,
on high may dwell with thee.

Samuel J. Stone, 1866

AURELIA 7.6.7.6.D.
Samuel S. Wesley, 1864

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 ~~

Deacons' Offering – Today, June 13

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 802 – 457 – 3975 or email him at rhondan08@myfairpoint.net.

Pastor Doug is Away

Pastor Doug and his family will be away from June 14 – 21 for some much-needed rest. If you have an emergency, please contact one of the Elders below:

Elder Gil Emery (Chair): 802-457-4950, Hgemery@aol.com
Elder Tom Johnston: 802-457-3012, tajdmd1@gmail.com
Elder Keith Tallon: 802-484-1274, tallon49@gmail.com
Elder Peter Vanderhoof: 802-483-9430, pdvanderhoof@gmail.com

Summer Services

Sunday School will come to a close today, June 13. During the morning Worship Service, we will recognize graduates and teachers.

BEGINNING Sunday, June 20, we will revert to our Summer schedule. NO Sunday School. The Morning Worship Service will begin at 9:30 am.

Air Conditioning

Summer is upon us and the warm sunshine can heat the Meeting Room to sometimes unbearable temperatures. We are privileged to have an air-conditioned Meeting Room to help combat those hot temperatures and stale air. Please remember to bring a sweater in case the meeting Room is on the chilly side. Also, to avoid being too chilly, please sit away from the Air Conditioning vents. Please don't hesitate to ask an usher to help you find a spot that won't be drafty.

Administrative Assistant Position

We are looking for an Administrative Assistant for FCCW. Terri has done a fantastic job and is now going to be transitioning into a teaching position at Woodstock Christian Child Care Center. This is answered prayer because we have had a desperate need for teachers. None-the-less it leaves us in need for someone with excellent organizational skills to step into the vacancy that will begin in July. 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.

Nursery Staff Position

We are looking for someone to serve as a Nursery Staff Person. Please join us in praying for the Lord to raise up someone who loves Jesus and children and who would be the anchor for caring for the little ones assisted by volunteers from the congregation. For more information, 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.

Teachers Needed

WCCC is in need of **Teachers, Assistants, and Substitutes**. We have one teacher retiring, one who will be delivering a new son soon, and we are looking for a licensed teacher to work at least 10 hours a week in the Fall Session.

This vital ministry in our community allows our light to shine, as we serve our neighbors and friends. Please pray for staff to be found because WCCC is almost completely full with children at this time, and projections are the same throughout Summer and Fall sessions!

Please contact Ruth Brisson at brissonwccc@comcast.net or 410-925-7959, if you are interested in serving in any of these roles.

Congratulations Graduates

It's Spring and time for graduation! We, at FCCW, are happy to have several graduates in our midst. They have worked hard, and we want to honor them and their accomplishments. Let's shower them with congratulations by sending them a card, a note, or a message to let them know that we are celebrating with them. The graduates are listed below. Addresses may be found in the Membership list.

Law School - Steven Bauer

College - Abby Kaija, Lauren Kaija, Karis Warren

High School - Ashley Carroll, Colby Warren

~ From The Deaconesses

Mask Requirements Lifted

Dear First Congregational Church Family,

Beginning, June 6, we returned to worshipping together with no mask requirements. Those who prefer to wear a mask are still welcome to do so.

We plan to continue providing a "contactless" worship setting and to that end orders of worship, communion elements, and offering boxes will remain at the back table. Hand sanitizer stations will continue to be available throughout the building for your use. As always, if you have symptoms of COVID, we ask that you join us from home via livestream.

We are grateful for your help and cooperation these many months, and look forward to seeing you on Sunday!

In Christ,

Your First Congregational Church Woodstock Elders

NO Young Adult Fellowship June 13 or June 20.

Accountability and Power

1. Some of the Disciples in Ephesus Were Missing Out (1-7).

2. Paul Continues Teaching About the Kingdom of God (8-10).

3. The Word of the Lord Spreads with Holy Spirit Power (10).

CONCLUSION: People are not Christians just because they say they are Christians. Many are greatly confused even about the basics of Christianity. Faith in Jesus as Messiah is how God unites us to His people. God's Word shows us that Jesus has appointed the Church and the Holy Spirit as His means of both power and accountability for the individual disciple to be a part of the Body of Christ. United with Him we now function together in spreading Christ's Kingdom throughout all the earth.

Romans 8: 12 – 17

¹² So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. ¹³ For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴ For all who are *led by the Spirit of God* are sons of God. ¹⁵ For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but *you have received the Spirit of adoption* as sons, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!” ¹⁶ The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷ and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

First Peter 3: 26 – 33

¹⁸ For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but *made alive in the spirit*, ¹⁹ in which he went and proclaimed to the spirits in prison, ²⁰ because they formerly did not obey, when God's patience waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through water. ²¹ *Baptism*, which corresponds to this, now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, *through the resurrection of Jesus Christ*, ²² who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers having been subjected to him.

Colossians 2: 8 – 12

⁸ See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to *Christ*. ⁹ For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, ¹⁰ and *you have been filled in him*, who is the head of all rule and authority. ¹¹ In him also you were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, ¹² *having been buried with him in baptism*, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead. ¹³ And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, *God made alive together with him*, having forgiven us all our trespasses, ¹⁴ by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵ He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him.

Taking Gathered Worship Home

Is there any quality control in Christ's Kingdom? How do differences and disputes get resolved concerning the things of God? Jesus has given us the Holy Spirit and membership in His Church through baptism in His name with a local body to teach us the truths in Scripture. This devotion and obedience to God's Word is critical for all those claiming to follow Jesus.

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 19:1-10; Romans 8:12-17; First Peter 3:26-33; Colossians 2:6-12**. DISCUSS, How are baptism and the gift of the Holy Spirit related? How are they distinct? How does Jesus use each for the peace and purity of His Church? Have you been baptized? Are you listening to the Holy Spirit's guidance? PRAY "Lord Jesus, You alone are the Head of Your Church. Thank You for your gifts of the Holy Spirit, baptism as identification with You, and church officers."

Monday

READ **Acts 19:1-10; Romans 8:12-17; Galatians 4:1-7**. DISCUSS, What does the Holy Spirit do within the disciple of Jesus? How are we to live in the Spirit? How was this "new" from what Jews already had? What has the coming of Jesus as Messiah done for those under the law? How does this relate to what Paul is teaching in the synagogues? MEDITATE on **Colossians 2:6-7**. PRAY "Lord, thank You for being our perfect High Priest."

Tuesday

READ **Acts 19:1-10; First Peter 3:26-33; Ephesians 1:1-10**. DISCUSS: How are we made alive in Christ? How does Christ's righteousness become ours? If we died in Jesus' death on the cross, how are we made alive again? What does baptism have to do with our new life? MEDITATE on **Colossians 2:6-7**. PRAY "Lord, forgive us for ways that we don't act as beloved children of God. Teach us to walk in the newness of life that Your resurrection has secured for us."

Wednesday

READ **Acts 19:1-10; Colossians 2:6-12**. DISCUSS, How do you tend to think you don't need others? Why is healthy interdependence impossible without faith in Jesus? MEDITATE on **Colossians 2:6-7**. PRAY "King Jesus, thank You for 'canceling my record of debt' by nailing it to the cross. Teach us as a congregation to walk in the newness of life we have in You."

Thursday

READ **Acts 19:1-10; Joel 2:28-32; John 7:37-39**. DISCUSS, Who receives the Holy Spirit? Why had the Spirit not yet been given according to John? How is that related to being filled with the Holy Spirit? MEDITATE on **Colossians 2:6-7**. PRAY "Jesus, You are so good to us. Thank You for fulfilling the promises You have given Your people."

Friday

READ **Acts 19:1-10; Romans 8:12-17; First Peter 3:26-33; Colossians 2:6-12**. DISCUSS, How has God been teaching you from these passages this week? MEDITATE on **Colossians 2:6-7**. PRAY "Lord King, we worship Your name, Jesus, for You alone reign supreme. Thank You for loving us and building Your Church through us."

Saturday

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

READ **Acts 19:1-41**. Invite others to join you tomorrow for the *live-stream or in-person service*. Ask Jesus to help us love our neighbors well.

Colossians 2: 6 – 7

Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.