



The \_\_\_\_\_  
**First Congregational Church**  
of Woodstock \_\_\_\_\_

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

*July 4th, 2021*

# *The Order of Morning Worship*

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

July 4th, 2021

Nine-thirty

Welcome

Pastor Doug Warren

Prelude & Silent Prayer

❖ Call to Worship

Isaiah 6

Pastor: I saw the Lord, seated on a throne, high and exalted,

**Congregation: And the train of his robe filled the temple.**

Above him were seraphs, each with six wings: with two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they were flying. And they were calling to one another:

**Congregation: “Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory.”**

❖ Hymn of Exultation

Number 302

*Come, Christians, Join to Sing*

# Come, Christians, Join to Sing

*Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD. Ps. 95:1*

1. Come, Chris - tians, join to sing Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!  
2. Come, lift your hearts on high, Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!  
3. Praise yet our Christ a - gain, Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

loud praise to Christ our King; Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!  
let prais - es fill the sky; Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!  
life shall not end the strain; Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

let all, with heart and voice, be - fore his throne re - jice;  
he is our Guide and Friend; to us he'll con - de - scend;  
on heav - en's bliss - ful shore, his good - ness we'll a - dore,

praise is his gra - cious choice. Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!  
his love shall nev - er end. Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!  
sing - ing for - ev - er - more, "Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!"

Scriptural Call to Repentance

Isaiah 30: 15 – 18

In repentance and rest is your salvation, in quietness and trust is your strength, but you would have none of it. Yet the Lord longs to be gracious to you; He rises to show you compassion. For the Lord is God of justice. Blessed are those who wait for Him!

Collective Confession

Psalm 51

Be gracious to us, O God, according to Your lovingkindness; according to the greatness of Your compassion blot out our transgressions. Wash us thoroughly from our iniquity, and cleanse us from our sin. For we know our transgressions, and our sin is ever before us. Against You, You only, we have sinned, and done what is evil in Your sight, So that You are justified when You speak, and blameless when You judge.

Silent Confession and Reflection

Proclamation of Forgiveness

Hebrews 2: 18

Because Jesus Himself suffered when He was tempted, He is able to help those who are being tempted.

Scripture Reading

Psalm 115: 4 – 8

<sup>4</sup> Their idols are silver and gold,  
The work of man's hands.  
<sup>5</sup> They have mouths, but they cannot speak;  
They have eyes, but they cannot see;  
<sup>6</sup> They have ears, but they cannot hear;  
They have noses, but they cannot smell;  
<sup>7</sup> They have hands, but they cannot feel;  
They have feet, but they cannot walk;  
They cannot make a sound with their throat.  
<sup>8</sup> Those who make them will become like them,  
Everyone who trusts in them.

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

**Congregation: Thanks be to God.**

Pastoral Prayer

*In Christ Alone*Words and Music by  
Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

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## VERSE

G D G A D/F#

1. In Christ a - lone my hope is found, He is my  
 2. In Christ a - lone, who took on flesh, full - ness of  
 3. There in the ground His bod - y lay, Light of the  
 4. No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the

3 G D/F# Em<sup>7</sup> G/A D G D G A D/F#

light, my strength, my song; This Cor - ner - stone, this sol - id Ground, firm through the  
 God in help - less babel! This gift of love and right - eous - ness, scorned by the  
 world by dark - ness slain; Then, burst - ing forth in glo - rious Day, up from the  
 pow'r of Christ in me; From life's first cry to fi - nal breath, Je - sus com -

7 G D/F# Em<sup>7</sup> G/A D D/F# G D/F# A<sup>sus</sup> A D/F#

fierc - est drought and storm. What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are  
 ones He came to save. Till on that cross as Je - sus died, the wrath of  
 grave He rose a - gain! And as He stands in vic - to - ry, sin's curse has  
 -mands my des - ti - ny. No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man, can ev - er

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11 G Bm<sup>7</sup> A<sup>sus</sup> A G D G A D/F#

stilled, when striv-ings cease. My Com - fort - er, my All in All, here in the  
 God was sat - is - fied. For ev - 'ry sin on Him was laid; Here in the  
 lost its grip on me; For I am His and He is mine, bought with the  
 pluck me from His hand; Till He re - turns or calls me home, here in the

INSTRUMENTAL

15 G D/F# Em<sup>7</sup> G/A D Am<sup>7</sup>

love of Christ I stand.  
 death of Christ I live.  
 pre - cious blood of Christ.  
 pow'r of Christ I'll stand!

18 Em<sup>7</sup> D D<sup>sus</sup> D

The Sermon

Pastor Doug Warren

*“Uproar in Ephesus”*

Acts 19: 21 – 41

<sup>21</sup> Now after these things were finished, Paul purposed in the Spirit to go to Jerusalem after he had passed through Macedonia and Achaia, saying, “After I have been there, I must also see Rome.” <sup>22</sup> And having sent

into Macedonia two of those who ministered to him, Timothy and Erastus, he himself stayed in Asia for a while.

<sup>23</sup> About that time there occurred no small disturbance concerning the Way. <sup>24</sup> For a man named Demetrius, a silversmith, who made silver shrines of Artemis, was bringing no little business to the craftsmen; <sup>25</sup> these he gathered together with the workmen of similar *trades*, and said, “Men, you know that our prosperity depends upon this business. <sup>26</sup> You see and hear that not only in Ephesus, but in almost all of Asia, this Paul has persuaded and turned away a considerable number of people, saying that gods made with hands are no gods *at all*. <sup>27</sup> Not only is there danger that this trade of ours fall into disrepute, but also that the temple of the great goddess Artemis be regarded as worthless and that she whom all of Asia and the world worship will even be dethroned from her magnificence.”

<sup>28</sup> When they heard *this* and were filled with rage, they *began* crying out, saying, “Great is Artemis of the Ephesians!” <sup>29</sup> The city was filled with the confusion, and they rushed with one accord into the theater, dragging along Gaius and Aristarchus, Paul’s traveling companions from Macedonia. <sup>30</sup> And when Paul wanted to go into the assembly, the disciples would not let him. <sup>31</sup> Also some of the Asiarchs who were friends of his sent to him and repeatedly urged him not to venture into the theater. <sup>32</sup> So then, some were shouting one thing and some another, for the assembly was in confusion and the majority did not know for what reason they had come together. <sup>33</sup> Some of the crowd concluded *it was* Alexander, since the Jews had put him forward; and having motioned with his hand, Alexander was intending to make a defense to the assembly. <sup>34</sup> But when they recognized that he was a Jew, a *single* outcry arose from them all as they shouted for about two hours, “Great is Artemis of the Ephesians!” <sup>35</sup> After quieting the crowd, the town clerk \*said, “Men of Ephesus, what man is there after all who does not know that the city of the Ephesians is guardian of the temple of the great Artemis and of the *image* which fell down from heaven? <sup>36</sup> So, since these are undeniable facts, you ought to keep calm and to do nothing rash. <sup>37</sup> For you have brought these men *here* who are neither robbers of temples nor blasphemers of our goddess. <sup>38</sup> So then, if Demetrius and the craftsmen who are with him have a complaint against any man, the courts are in session and proconsuls are *available*; let them bring charges against one another. <sup>39</sup> But if you want anything beyond this, it shall be settled in the lawful assembly. <sup>40</sup> For indeed we are in danger of being accused of a riot in connection with today’s events, since there is

no *real* cause *for it*, and in this connection we will be unable to account for this disorderly gathering.”<sup>41</sup> After saying this he dismissed the assembly.

❖ Hymn of Response

Number 500

*Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me*



# Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

500

*That rock was Christ. 1 Cor. 10:4*

*Unison* Bm<sup>7</sup> A

1. Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my -  
 2. Not the la - bors of my hands can ful - fil thy  
 3. Noth - ing in my hand I bring, sim - ply to thy  
 4. While I draw this fleet - ing breath, when mine eye - lids

self in thee; let the wa - ter and the blood, from thy riv - en  
 law's de - mands; could my zeal no res - pite know, could my tears for -  
 cross I cling; na - ked, come to thee for dress; help - less, look to  
 close in death, when I soar to worlds un - known, see thee on thy

side which flowed, be of sin the dou - ble cure, cleanse me from its  
 ev - er flow, all for sin could not a - tone; thou must save, and  
 thee for grace; foul, I to the Foun - tain fly; wash me, Sav - ior,  
 judg - ment throne, Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my -

guilt and pow'r.  
 thou a - lone.  
 or I die.  
 self in thee.

*Fine*

Communion

Congregation

❖ Communion Hymn

Number 457

*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

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# Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

457

*Samuel ... named it Ebenezer, saying, "Thus far has the LORD helped us." 1 Sam. 7:12*

F D A<sup>7</sup> D
A G D A<sup>7</sup> D

1. Come, thou fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
 2. Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer; hith - er by thy help - I'm come;  
 3. O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con - strained to be;

A<sup>7</sup> D
A D G D A<sup>7</sup> D

streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.  
 and I hope, by thy good plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.  
 let that grace now, like a fet - ter, bind my wan - d'ring heart to thee.

A<sup>7</sup> D G D A<sup>7</sup> D G D

Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, sung by flam - ing tongues a - bove;  
 Je - sus sought me when a strang - er, wan - d'ring from the fold of God:  
 Prone to wan - der - Lord, I feel it - prone to leave the God I love:

A<sup>7</sup> D
A G D A<sup>7</sup> D

praise the mount! I'm fixed up - on it, mount of God's un - chang - ing love.  
 he, to res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.  
 here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy court's a - bove.

Benediction

Hebrews 13: 20 – 21

Pastor: Now the God of peace, who brought up from the dead the great Shepherd of the sheep through the blood of the eternal covenant, even Jesus our Lord, equip you in every good thing to do His will, working in us that which is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever and ever.

**Congregation: Thanks be to God. Amen.**

The Congregation may be seated after the Benediction for silent prayer.

Postlude

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*~~ Organist: Jonathan Denham ~~*  
*~~ Please ensure cell phones are off ~~*

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## 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.

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## 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](mailto:steve.selbo@outlook.com) for more details or to submit an application. Thank you.

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## Leadership Training Sessions 2021

Our leadership training sessions will be open to anyone who would like to grow in their own walk with the Lord. This year these sessions will be held on the second Saturday of the month starting in March and running through October. Each one will run from 9:00 am until noon and will be available both in person and via Zoom. We will be studying Living to a Higher Standard on July 10. Hope to see you there!

To register, please email Terri at [fccwinfo@gmail.com](mailto:fccwinfo@gmail.com).

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## 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](mailto:steve.selbo@outlook.com) for more details or to submit an application. Thank you.

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## 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](mailto:brissonwccc@comcast.net) or 410-925-7959, if you are interested in serving in any of these roles.

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July Newsletter is on the Table in the Narthex.

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## Next Sunday – July 11 Deacons’ Offering

The July Deacons’ offering is being designated to renovating the WCCC playground to meet current State requirements and create an engaging outdoor learning and play environment for the children that meets national standards. The estimated cost for the new outdoor classroom/play yard is \$30,000+. No funds from the FCCW budget will be used for this project. Currently, the WCCC Director has acquired a 2021 grant in the amount of \$20,485 that is being designated for the playground project. The remainder of the needed funds will be raised from donations and the July Deacons’ Offering. WCCC reaches many families in our community with the Gospel, and it has been a faithful ministry of our church for over 27 years. Please prayerfully consider giving to this project. If you have any questions or would like a copy of the project design, please contact Ruth Brisson at [brissonwccc@comcast.net](mailto:brissonwccc@comcast.net) or Karl Huck at [karlhuck@gmail.com](mailto:karlhuck@gmail.com).

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Young Adult Fellowship Group tonight at 6 pm.  
Meet for fireworks at the Woodstock Union High School  
by the flag pole at the Union Arena.

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New Members and Friends Lists are on the  
Table in the Billings Room.

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## **Uproar in Ephesus**

### **1. Whom Does the Gospel Disturb?**

### **2. Why Is the Gospel So Disturbing?**

### **3. Have You Been Disturbed/Disturbing?**

CONCLUSION: As the gospel of Jesus Christ takes root in Ephesus it brings about such transformation that the idolatry for which the city was famous is disturbed and a riot breaks out. The growth of Christ's Kingdom on earth threatens other competing kingdoms. Following Jesus presents us with a radical new security, identity, and purpose. These new Kingdom realities will not peacefully co-exist with loyalty to the world. We must be willing to surrender all to Jesus and not be surprised when others violently refuse to do so.

## Ephesians 5: 1 – 17

Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children.<sup>2</sup> And *walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us*, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

<sup>3</sup> But sexual immorality and all impurity or covetousness must not even be named among you, as is proper among saints.<sup>4</sup> Let there be no filthiness nor foolish talk nor crude joking, which are out of place, but instead let there be thanksgiving.<sup>5</sup> For you may be sure of this, that everyone who is sexually immoral or impure, or who is covetous (that is, an idolater), has no inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God.<sup>6</sup> Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience.<sup>7</sup> Therefore do not become partners with them;<sup>8</sup> for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light<sup>9</sup> (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true),<sup>10</sup> and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord.<sup>11</sup> Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them.<sup>12</sup> For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret.<sup>13</sup> But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible,<sup>14</sup> for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,

“Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead,  
and Christ will shine on you.”

<sup>15</sup> Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise,<sup>16</sup> making the best use of the time, because the days are evil.<sup>17</sup> Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is.

## Psalms 115: 4 – 8

Their idols are silver and gold, the work of human hands.  
They have mouths, but do not speak; eyes, but do not see.  
They have ears, but do not hear; noses, but do not smell.  
They have hands, but do not feel; feet, but do not walk;  
and they do not make a sound in their throat.  
Those who make them become like them; so do all who trust in them.

## First Kings 18: 21 (20 – 40)

And Elijah came near to all the people and said, “How long will you go limping between two different opinions? If the Lord is God, follow him; but if Baal, then follow him.” And the people did not answer him a word.



# Taking Gathered Worship Home

The gospel disturbs all of our loyalties competing with Christ. The Ephesians demonstrated that through their uproar and rioting. How have we experienced that? How have we become too comfortable?

*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 19:21-41; Ephesians 5:1-17; Psalm 115:4-8; First Kings 18:20-40**. DISCUSS, How has the gospel disturbed my security, identity, and/or purpose? Or do I simply have a comfortable arrangement with Jesus? Does following Jesus cost me everything? What am I hesitant to commit to Him? PRAY “Lord Jesus, You alone are King. You alone have authority over all things. Make us joyfully submit to You in everything.”

## Sunday Evening

In lieu of *Young Adult Bible Study* this evening we will gather for fireworks at Woodstock High School at 6pm at the Flag Pole by the Union Arena.

## Monday

READ **Acts 19:21-41; Ephesians 5:1-17**. DISCUSS, How are you walking as a child of light? What evidence is there in your life of radical loyalty to Christ? In what ways is your life a testimony to Christ’s disruptive presence? How are you responding to King Jesus’ power being displayed in the gospel? MEDITATE on **Galatians 2:20**. PRAY “Lord, teach me to trust You and to submit to Your authority as King.”

## Tuesday

READ **Acts 19:11-20; Psalm 115:4-8, First Kings 18:21**. DISCUSS: Scripture warns us that we become like what we worship. This is one of the great dangers of idolatry. How do you resemble your idols? How are you working at putting away your idols and serving Christ alone? MEDITATE on **Galatians 2:20**. PRAY “Lord, forgive us for ways we continue to participate in idolatry. Enlighten us to see clearly the difference between good and evil. Enliven our hearts to only desire what is good.”

### Wednesday

READ **Acts 19:21-41; Ephesians 5:1-17; Psalm 115:4-8; 86:11.** DISCUSS, How is covetousness related to idolatry? How does idolatry color all of our sins? MEDITATE on **Galatians 2:20.** PRAY “King Jesus, give us undivided hearts with which to love You alone.”

### Thursday

READ **Acts 19:21-41; First Kings 18:20-40.** DISCUSS, Do you see any similarities between the crowd in Acts and the priests of Baal? Why do we get so passionate about our idols? How are you looking for identity, purpose, or meaning from idols? MEDITATE on **Galatians 2:20.** PRAY “Jesus, reveal our idols and grant us the grace to turn from them to You alone.”

### Friday

READ **Acts 19:21-41; Ephesians 5:1-17; Psalm 115:4-8; First Kings 18:20-40.** DISCUSS, How has God been teaching you from these passages this week? MEDITATE on **Galatians 2:20.** 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 20:1-38.** Invite others to join you tomorrow for the *live-stream or in-person service.* Ask Jesus to help us to completely submit to His authority.

## Galatians 2: 20

I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.