



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

May 17th, 2020

The Order of Morning Worship

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

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Ten-thirty

Welcome

Pastor Doug Warren

Prelude & Silent Prayer

❖ Call to Worship

Psalm 19: 1 – 4

Pastor Doug Warren

Elder: 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.

Elder: 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.

❖ Hymn of Exultation

Holy, Holy, Holy!

Number 100

Holy, Holy, Holy!

Day and night they never stop saying: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty, who was, and is, and is to come." Rev. 4:8

Chords: F D Bm A D G D

1. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!
 2. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,
 3. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide thee,
 4. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

Chords: A D Bm A E7 A

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.
 cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
 though the eye of sin - ful man thy glo - ry may not see,
 All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.

Chords: D Bm A D G D

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y!
 cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,
 on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y!

Chords: F Bm D G D G A7 D 7

God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
 who wert, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.
 per - fect in pow'r, in love, and pur - i - ty.
 God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty'

⁸ Deacons likewise must be dignified, not double-tongued, not addicted to much wine, not greedy for dishonest gain. ⁹ They must hold the mystery of the faith with a clear conscience. ¹⁰ And let them also be tested first; then let them serve as deacons if they prove themselves blameless. ¹¹ Their wives likewise must be dignified, not slanderers, but sober-minded, faithful in all things.

Pastor: The grass withers, the flowers fade,

Congregation: But the word of our God will stand forever.

Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Doug Warren

Children's Message

Pastor Doug Warren

The Sermon

"Establishing Orders of Servants"

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Acts 6: 1 – 7

Now in these days when the disciples were increasing in number, a complaint by the Hellenists arose against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution. ² And the twelve summoned the full number of the disciples and said, "It is not right that we should give up preaching the word of God to serve tables. ³ Therefore, brothers, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we will appoint to this duty. ⁴ But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word." ⁵ And what they said pleased the whole gathering, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolaus, a proselyte of Antioch. ⁶ These they set before the apostles, and they prayed and laid their hands on them.

⁷ And the word of God continued to increase, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests became obedient to the faith.

Thine Be the Glory

Thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. 1 Cor. 15:57

1. Thine be the glo - ry, ris - en, con - qu'ring Son; end - less is the
 2. Lo! Je - sus meets us, ris - en from the tomb; lov - ing - ly he
 3. No more we doubt thee, glo - rious Prince-of life; life is naught with -

vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won; an - gels in bright rai - ment
 greets us, scat - ters fear and gloom; let the church with glad - ness,
 out thee: aid us in our strife; make us more than con - qu'rors,

rolled the stone a - way, kept the fold - ed grave - clothes,
 hymns of tri - umph sing, for her Lord now liv - eth,
 thro' thy death - less love: bring us safe thro' Jor - dan

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where thy bod - y lay.
 death hath lost its sting. Thine be the glo - ry, ris - en, con - qu'ring Son;
 to thy home a - bove.

end - less is the vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won.

Edmond Budry, 1884
 Tr. by Richard B. Hoyle, 1923
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 From George Frederick Handel, *Judas Maccabaeus*, 1747

Benediction

2 Corinthians 13: 14

Pastor Doug Warren

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

The Congregation may be seated after the Benediction for silent prayer

❖ Hymn of Anticipation *God Be with You Till We Meet Again (v. 1)* Number 385

I commit you to God and to the word of his grace, which can build you up. Acts 20:32

Unison

1. God be with you till we meet a - gain;

Harmony

by his coun - sels guide, up - hold you, with his sheep se -

Unison

cure - ly fold you: God be with you till we meet a - gain.

Jeremiah E. Rankin, 1880
 Tune from the *English Hymnal* by permission of Oxford University Press.

RANDOLPH Irreg.
 Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

~~ Organist: Anne Hablitzel ~~

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Pastor Emeritus Collection - Today

Twice a year, in May and November, the Pastor Emeritus offering is taken for Doris Johnston. David and Doris faithfully served this church for 24 years. The Pastor Emeritus Collection helps off-set unexpected expenses that Doris might incur in her retirement. This month's collection will take place on today, Sunday, May 17.

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Tithing

Through the hard work of the Deacons and Michael Byrne, the church now has the ability to accept online donations. Here is the link for making an online donation: <https://www.fccw.net/donate/>. You will be able to tithe to the general fund, give to the Easter Offering, etc. If you want to use your mobile phone, set your mobile phone browser to <https://www.fccw.net/donate/>, it will automatically format the page to your phone screen. This is a very safe and secure way for you to be able to give to the church.

If you are uncomfortable with online giving and prefer to mail your tithe, please don't hesitate to continue to mail your checks to FCCW, ATTN: Treasurer, 36 Elm Street, Woodstock, VT 05091.

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

Testimonies Requested

The Elders believe that the congregation would be blessed to hear the testimonies of God's people as another way to encourage and sustain everyone during this season of trial and perseverance. To that end we would invite you to send your testimony of praise to Terri who will collect them and periodically publish for everyone to read.

The prophet Jeremiah declared in Chapter 51:10 that we should "announce everything that God has done" and the book of 1 Chronicles 16: 8, 9 that "we should proclaim God's greatness." Psalm 9:11 implores believers to "tell the world about God's unforgettable deeds." Certainly we have much to tell and so much to be grateful for. God bless you all as we travel this road in faith and adoration to the Lord's greatness and provision for his people.

The Elders

Social Distancing Practices for FCCW Worship Services

First, **trust in the Lord** and not our procedures. Then practice these protocols faithfully as a way of loving one another. Christ is in control AND He normally works through His people to accomplish what He is doing. (Jeremiah 9:23-24; Second Corinthians 1:8-11; Hebrews 2:9-18; 10:23-25)

Second, if you are sick, PLEASE STAY HOME. If you are not sure, stay home and make use of the live-stream. No one with an elevated temperature should come for any reason.

Third, we encourage those with health risks, co-mortality factors, and household contact with those who have such risk factors to STAY HOME and make use of the live-streaming for a little longer. As those without these issues return to more gatherings, even with social distancing protocols, there will be more virus transmission. So please wait and allow the rest of the population to build the necessary herd-immunity for you to be able to participate more safely later.

Fourth, *if and only if* you do not have higher risk of serious COVID complications and do not live with anyone who does, then please come participate in the worship services following these precautions:

- Please wear a facemask (no one will be permitted entrance without one).
- Please come in with your household members and sit together.
- Please maintain a distance of six (6) feet from anyone not in your household.
- Please keep an empty pew between your household and anyone else.
- Please refrain from shaking hands or any other physical contact with anyone not in your own household.
- Please thoroughly wash your hands before and after the worship service.
- Please only one person in the bathroom (or parent and child) at a time.

Fifth, please know we are doing the following to help protect you and our neighbors:

- Disinfecting all public surfaces, doorknobs, etc. before and after every service.
- Praying for the congregation and all our neighbors.
- Continuing to provide live-streaming for those unable to join physically yet.
- Removed hymnals and Bibles from the pews, providing Orders of Worship with printed hymns. You may want to bring your own Bible.
- Rope off every other pew to help maintain adequate distance between households.

Sixth, in order to minimize potentially lethal virus transmission

- We will use individual cups and wafers for communion on the first Sunday back.
- No passing offering plate—please place offering in box in the back.
- No-Contact Greeters will assist with social distancing protocols outside of entrances.
- Hand-sanitizer stations at entrances.

Taking Gathered Worship Home

What blind spots do you have? As a Christian, what things about serving Christ and one another are especially difficult? Are there ways we are called to serve that you may not even recognize? How would you know? How can others within the Body of Christ help us? God has provided us deacons in part to help us in serving one another faithfully.

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 6:1-7; James 1:26-27; First Timothy 3:8-13. DISCUSS, What is Jesus preparing the Church to do? What are some of the growing pains they are experiencing? What are the ramifications of Christ's kingdom being global? How are you (we) serving in that mission? **PRAY** for God to enable us to serve Him and one another well. Ask God to give our deacons and elders wisdom and strength.

Sunday Evening

In lieu of the evening worship service tonight, please set apart some time to pray for God to bring repentance and renewal to us at FCCW and throughout His Church.

Monday

READ Acts 6:1-7; First Timothy 3:8-13. DISCUSS, These are strange qualifications for waiters. What is going on? How does our role as peace-makers help to explain this role for deacons? **PRAY**, "Lord Jesus, thank You for enabling us to serve You and one another. Teach us to do so with grace and wisdom."

Tuesday

READ Acts 6:1-7; Numbers 27:15-23. DISCUSS, How is the continuation of service from Moses to Joshua similar and different from the same from Jesus to His deacons? How are we all called to serve one another? **PRAY**, "Jesus, You are the King of All, the promised Messiah, Savior of the World. Enable us to serve You as we should and to give You faithful service as our Lord."

Wednesday

READ Acts 6:1-7; Ephesians 4:11-16; First Timothy 3:1-13. DISCUSS, How are we to work together in the Church as the Body of Christ? For what are elders and deacons responsible? For what are we all responsible? Thank the Lord for including us in His work. **PRAY**, "Lord, You have promised to build Your Church. Help us to trust You in speaking the truth in love."

Thursday

READ Acts 6:1-7; 1Peter 4:8-11. DISCUSS, How are we supposed to serve? Who? Why? Why would co-heirs with the King of Kings need to serve anyone? What did our Lord do? **PRAY**, "Lord, teach us to trust You and to see Your wisdom as so much greater than our own."

Friday

READ Acts 6:1-7; James 1:26-27; First Timothy 3:8-13. How has God been teaching you from these passages this week? **REJOICE** if Christ has counted you as part of His own! **PRAY** for renewal in the Church and revival in our land.

Saturday

PREPARE today for the gathered worship service tomorrow.

READ Acts 6:1-15; 1Tim 3:8-13. Invite others to watch the *live-stream* service with you tomorrow. Pray for Christ to grant us boldness in following Him.

First Timothy 3: 8 – 13

Deacons likewise must be dignified, not double-tongued, not addicted to much wine, not greedy for dishonest gain. They must hold the mystery of the faith with a clear conscience. And let them also be tested first; then let them serve as deacons if they prove themselves blameless. Their wives likewise must be dignified, not slanderers, but sober-minded, faithful in all things. Let deacons each be the husband of one wife, managing their children and their own households well.¹³ For those who serve well as deacons gain a good standing for themselves and also great confidence in the faith that is in Christ Jesus.