



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

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

*June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2022*

# *The Order of Morning Worship*

June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2022

Nine-thirty

Welcome

Pastor Doug Warren

Prelude & Silent Prayer

❖ Call to Worship                      Psalm 67 and 1 Chronicles 16                      Congregation

❖ Hymn of Exultation #342                      *Christ Is Made  
the Sure Foundation*                      Congregation

Scriptural Call to Repentance                      1 John 1:8-9                      Pastor

Collective Confession                      Luther's Prayer                      Congregation

**O Lord, merciful and mighty, we unworthy sinners, come to You in humble repentance and confess how we have transgressed Your holy Law. We are guilty of sins of omission and commission, evil thoughts, improper words, and wrong deeds. Forgive our iniquity and short-comings for the sake of the suffering and death of our Savior Jesus Christ. Let His obedience cover our disobedience, let His righteousness atone for our unrighteousness. Great God and Helper, You alone can forgive. With all our hearts we thank You for Your boundless mercy. Grant us grace with which we might accept Your gift of forgiveness with true faith and look upon the word of pardon as a message coming from You, assuring us and consoling our hearts before You. Let us treasure Your forgiveness and freely extend it to others by the power of Your resurrection. We pray in the name of our Redeemer, Jesus Christ.**

Silent Reflection and Confession

Proclamation of Forgiveness                      Jeremiah 33:8                      Pastor

Offering                      (collected from back to front)                      Congregation

Pastoral Prayer                      Pastor

❖ Affirmation of Faith                      *The Heidelberg Catechism*<sup>1</sup>                      Congregation  
Pastor: What is your only comfort in life and in death?

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<sup>1</sup> Catechisms are a question and answer format used for teaching in the church. The Heidelberg Catechism was written in 1563 and approved by the Church at the Synod of Dort (1618-1619).

**Congregation:** That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ.

He has fully paid for all my sins with His precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven: in fact, all things must work together for my salvation.

Because I belong to Him, Christ, by His Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for Him.

Pastor: What must you know to live and die in the joy of this comfort?

**Congregation:** Three things: first, how great my sin and misery are; second, how I am set free from all my sins and misery; third, how I am to thank God for such deliverance.

❖ Creedal Song                      *Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord of Hosts*      Congregation

❖ Scripture Reading                      Deuteronomy 10:12-22                      Pastor

❖ Hymn of Reflection                      *O Church, Arise*                      Congregation

The Sermon                      Philippians 2:25-30                      Pastor

“Hearts Transformed by Christ in Community”

❖ Hymn of Response #359      *Blest Be the Tie That Binds*                      Congregation

Benediction                      John 14:27                      Pastor

Peace I leave with you; My peace I give to you; not as the world gives, do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, nor let it be fearful.

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

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### Market on the Green

FCCW Community Outreach Team is excited for our annual face painting booth at Market on The Green in Woodstock, VT. The event takes place each Wednesday, June 1-Oct 12 from 3-6pm. We will offer free face painting for all ages, coloring books, and story time. Please come by to say hello; we will be under the purple FCCW tent, rain or shine. There are 30+ vendors at this year's market on the green which includes live music, food, and drinks. If you would like to help in any way with this amazing outreach opportunity please contact Hayley Bauer at [hayleylgriffith@gmail.com](mailto:hayleylgriffith@gmail.com)

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The June Prayer Letter is available in the narthex.

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Mid Vermont Christian School  
*Educating for Impact*

### **Calling missionaries to MVCS!**

We are seeking qualified and enthusiastic individuals  
who have a passion for Christian education!

MVCS has full-time and part-time positions available:  
Music Director & Teacher (band & chorus teaching could be split into two part  
time positions), Elementary School Teacher, JSH Foreign Language Teacher,  
JSH Mathematics Teacher and part-time High School Art.

Please inquire through the school office ~ [mvcs@mvcs.info](mailto:mvcs@mvcs.info) or 802-295-6800.

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## Teachers Needed

WCCC is in need of **Teachers/Assistants**, and **Substitutes**. Please contact Ruth Brisson at [rbrissonwccc@gmail.com](mailto:rbrissonwccc@gmail.com) or 410-925-7959, if you are interested in serving in any of these roles.

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## **HISTORY & FELLOWSHIP RETREAT**

### **Old South Church Newburyport, MA**

The Board of Christian Education of the First Congregational Church of Woodstock, Vermont invites you to join us for a special day trip to the seaside town of Newburyport, where we will tour the church founded by George Whitefield. We will learn about this highly influential puritan evangelist with the help of historian, Jason Wakefield. After spending the morning at Old South, we will have time for lunch, shopping and sightseeing in the historic downtown, and perhaps a stroll on the boardwalk or a chance to put your toes in the sand.

We will meet at the Woodstock Union High School parking lot the morning of July 23. Our comfortable Premier coach will leave at 8:00AM sharp, returning that evening at approximately 6:30PM. See more information and itinerary at [www.FCCW.net](http://www.FCCW.net).

Payment is required in advance by check or cash. Due to the underwriting of the BCE and several individuals, the members and friends of FCCW are being offered the very low cost of \$25 per person for the bus and tour. Please expect to pay for lunch or bring your own.

Please speak to Preston Bristow with any questions, and see Jeff DeDell when you're ready with payment.

This will be a day well spent, exploring Christianity past and present.

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## **Hearts Transformed by Christ in Community**

- 1. Epaphroditus Is an Example of a Christ-Transformed Heart & Life.**
- 2. He Demonstrated Right-Ordered Affections.**
- 3. We Are Called to Love One Another More Than Our Own Lives.**
- 4. We Can Only Do This in the Freedom We Have in Christ.**

CONCLUSION: God has sent before us brothers and sisters in Christ who demonstrate hearts and lives transformed by our Savior. He calls us to watch them carefully, and by faith in Jesus love others with the same passion and faithfulness. Let us encourage one another to such love and good deeds to the praise and honor of our God.

### **Philippians 1:3-8**

“I thank my God every time I remember you. <sup>4</sup> In all my prayers for all of you, *I always pray with joy* <sup>5</sup> because of *your partnership in the gospel* from the first day until now, <sup>6</sup> being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus. *It is right for me to feel this way about you all, because I hold you in my heart,* for you are all partakers with me of grace, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. <sup>8</sup> For God is my witness, *how I yearn for you all with the affection of Christ Jesus.*

## Second Corinthians 10:23-11:1 (abridged)

“All things are lawful,” but not all things are helpful. “All things are lawful,” but not all things build up. *Let no one seek his own good, but the good of his neighbor ...* So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, *do all to the glory of God.* Give no offense to Jews or to Greeks or to the church of God, just as I try to please everyone in everything I do, *not seeking my own advantage, but that of many,* that they may be saved. *Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ.*

## Ezekiel 11:17-21

“... Therefore say, ‘Thus says the Lord God: I will gather you from the peoples and assemble you out of the countries where you have been scattered, and I will give you the land of Israel.’ And when they come there, they will remove from it all its detestable things and all its abominations. And they shall be my people, and I will be their God. But as for *those whose heart goes after their detestable things and their abominations,* I will bring their deeds upon their own heads, declares the Lord God.”

## Second Corinthians 9:6-15

The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one *must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.* And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work. As it is written,

“He has distributed freely ... You will be enriched in every way *to be generous in every way,* which through us will produce *thanksgiving to God.* For the ministry of this service is not only supplying the needs of the saints but is also *overflowing in many thanksgivings to God.* By their approval of this service, they will glorify God because of your submission that comes from your confession of the gospel of Christ, and *the generosity of your contribution* for them and for all others, while *they long for you and pray for you,* because of the surpassing grace of God upon you. Thanks be to God for his inexpressible gift!

## Second Timothy 2:22-26

<sup>22</sup> So flee youthful passions and pursue righteousness, faith, love, and peace, along with *those who call on the Lord from a pure heart.* <sup>23</sup> Have nothing to do with foolish, ignorant controversies; you know that they breed quarrels. <sup>24</sup> And the Lord’s servant must not be quarrelsome but kind to everyone, able to teach, patiently enduring evil, <sup>25</sup> correcting his opponents with *gentleness.* God may perhaps grant them repentance leading to a knowledge of the truth, <sup>26</sup> and they may come to their senses and escape from the snare of the devil, after being captured by him to do his will.

## Deuteronomy 10:12-22

<sup>12</sup> “And now, Israel, what does the Lord your God require of you, but to fear the Lord your God, to walk in all his ways, to love him, to *serve the Lord your God with all your heart* and with all your soul, <sup>13</sup> and to keep the commandments and statutes of the Lord, which I am commanding you today for your good? <sup>14</sup> Behold, to the Lord your God belong heaven and the heaven of heavens, the earth with all that is in it. <sup>15</sup> Yet *the Lord set his heart in love on your fathers* and chose their offspring after them, you above all peoples, as you are this day. <sup>16</sup> Circumcise therefore the foreskin of your heart, and be no longer stubborn. <sup>17</sup> For the Lord your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great, the mighty, and the awesome God, who is not partial and takes no bribe. <sup>18</sup> He executes justice for the fatherless and the widow, and loves the sojourner, giving him food and clothing. <sup>19</sup> Love the sojourner, therefore, for you were sojourners in the land of Egypt. <sup>20</sup> You shall fear the Lord your God. You shall serve him and hold fast to him, and by his name you shall swear. <sup>21</sup> He is your praise. He is your God, who has done for you these great and terrifying things that your eyes have seen. <sup>22</sup> Your fathers went down to Egypt seventy persons, and now the Lord your God has made you as numerous as the stars of heaven.

# Taking Gathered Worship Home

How do we get our hearts in line with God commands? What can you do about your emotions? How does Christ's community help us shape and mold our emotions so that they are what they should be to the glory of Christ?

*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 1:3-8; 2:25-30; Second Corinthians 9:6-15; 10:23-11:1; Ezekiel 11:17-21; Second Timothy 2:22-26; Deuteronomy 10:12-22; Psalm 37.** DISCUSS How can we love one another with the kind of reckless abandon that Epaphroditus modeled? What does godly community look like? PRAY "Jesus, help us to love You and one another as You command."

## Sunday Evening

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

## Monday

READ **Philippians 2:25-30; Ezekiel 11:17-21; Psalm 37:1-40** (especially v. 4). DISCUSS We need hearts of flesh to love as Christ commands. How do we get them when we are born with hearts of stone? SERVE by putting someone else's interest *above your own!* MEDITATE on **Mark 12:29-31.** PRAY, "Lord, help us to trust You and so love You and one another with our whole hearts."

## Tuesday

READ **Philippians 1:3-8; 2:25-30; Second Corinthians 10:23-11:1.** DISCUSS What is Paul modeling to those in Corinth? How are we to follow his and Epaphroditus' example? MEDITATE on **Mark 12:29-31.** PRAY, "Lord, thank You for providing us godly examples. Help us to be Your faithful instruments for those You have blessed us to know and serve here where You have called us."



### Wednesday

READ **Philippians 2:25-30**; **Second Timothy 2:22-26** DISCUSS In what ways does our refusing to be roped into senseless arguments about things demonstrate love from a pure heart? MEDITATE on **Mark 12:29-31**. PRAY, “Lord, *make us considerate of others*, we beg You.”

### Thursday

READ **Philippians 2:25-30**; **Deuteronomy 10:12-22**; **First John 4:19-21**. DISCUSS We are to love because He first loved us. How do each of these passages drive that home. How will you do that today? MEDITATE on **Mark 12:29-31**. PRAY, “Lord, help us to love our neighbors in a way that reflects how You love us.”

### Friday

READ **Philippians 1:3-8**; **2:25-30**; **Second Corinthians 9:6-15**; **10:23-11:1**; **Ezekiel 11:17-21**; **Second Timothy 2:22-26**; **Deuteronomy 10:12-22**; **Psalms 37**. DISCUSS, How has God been convicting you from these passages this week? MEDITATE on **Mark 12:29-31**. PRAY that we at FCCW would *love like Jesus*.

### Saturday

PREPARE today for the service tomorrow which is *available both in-person and via live-stream*. READ **Philippians 3:1-21**. Invite others to join you tomorrow for the 9:30 service. Ask Jesus to gather us together joyfully to praise Him.

## Mark 12:29-31

Jesus answered, “The most important is, ‘Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. And you *shall* love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.’ The second is this: ‘You *shall* love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no other commandment greater than these.”

## First John 4:19

“We love because He first loved us.”