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First Congregational Church
of Woodstock _____

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

July 11th, 2021

The Order of Morning Worship

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

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Nine-thirty

Welcome

Pastor Doug Warren

Prelude & Silent Prayer

❖ Call to Worship

Psalm 86

Congregation

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 310

Congregation

Rejoice, the Lord Is King

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310

After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven. Heb. 1:3

1. Re - joice, the Lord is King; your Lord and King a - dore! Re -
2. Je - sus the Sav - ior reigns, the God of truth and 'love; when
3. His king - dom can - not fail, he rules o'er earth and heav'n; the
4. He sits at God's right hand till all his foes sub - mit, and
5. Re - joice in glo - rious hope! Our Lord, the Judge, shall come, and

REFRAIN

joice, give thanks, and sing, and tri - umph ev - er - more.
he had purged our stains, he took his seat a - bove.
• keys of death and hell are to our Je - sus giv'n. Lift up your
bow to his com - mand, and fall be - neath his feet.
take his ser - vants up to their e - ter - nal home.

heart, lift up your voice! Re - joice, a - gain I say, re - joice!

Charles Wesley, 1746; alt.

DARWALL 6.6.6.6.8.8.
John Darwall, 1770

Scriptural Call to Repentance Psalm 46: 8 – 9 Pastor Doug Warren

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

Congregation

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 Pastor Doug Warren

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 First Kings 17:17-24 Pastor Doug Warren

¹⁷ Now it came about after these things that the son of the woman, the mistress of the house, became sick; and his sickness was so severe that there was no breath left in him. ¹⁸ So she said to Elijah, "What do I have to do with you, O man of God? You have come to me to bring my iniquity to remembrance and to put my son to death!" ¹⁹ He said to her, "Give me your son." Then he took him from her bosom and carried him up to the upper room where he was living, and laid him on his own bed. ²⁰ He called to the Lord and said, "O Lord my God, have You also brought calamity to the widow with whom I am staying, by causing her son to die?" ²¹ Then he stretched himself upon the child three times, and called to the Lord and said, "O Lord my God, I pray You, let this child's life return to him." ²² The Lord heard the voice of Elijah, and the life of the child returned to him and he revived. ²³ Elijah took the child and brought him down from the upper room into the house and gave him to his mother; and Elijah said, "See, your son is alive." ²⁴ Then the woman

said to Elijah, “Now I know that you are a man of God and that the word of the Lord in your mouth is truth.”

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

❖ Hymn of Reflection

Number 363
We Gather Together

Congregation

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363

I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you and watch over you. Ps. 32:8

♩ C Dm⁷ G C 7

1. We gath - er to - geth - er to ask the Lord's bless - ing;
 2. Be - side us to guide us, our God with us join - ing,
 3. We all do ex - tol thee, thou lead - er tri - um - phant,

G Am⁷ D G C D⁷ G

he chas - tens and has - tens his will to make known;
 or - dain - ing, main - tain - ing his king - dom di - vine;
 and pray that thou still our de - fend - er wilt be.

G/F C/E Dm G⁷ C

the wick - ed op - press - ing now cease from dis - tress - ing;
 so from the be - gin - ning the fight we were win - ning;
 Let thy con - gre - ga - tion en - dure thro' trib - u - la - tion:

♩ F G⁷ C Dm G⁷ C 7

sing prais - es to his name; he for - gets not his own.
 thou, Lord, wast at our side: he all glo - ry be thine!
 thy name be ev - er prais'd! O Lord, make us free!

“Gathered For Encouragement”

Acts 20: 1 – 12

After the uproar had ceased, Paul sent for the disciples, and when he had exhorted them and taken his leave of them, he left to go to Macedonia. ² When he had gone through those districts and had given them much exhortation, he came to Greece. ³ And *there* he spent three months, and when a plot was formed against him by the Jews as he was about to set sail for Syria, he decided to return through Macedonia. ⁴ And he was accompanied by Sopater of Berea, *the son* of Pyrrhus, and by Aristarchus and Secundus of the Thessalonians, and Gaius of Derbe, and Timothy, and Tychicus and Trophimus of Asia. ⁵ But these had gone on ahead and were waiting for us at Troas. ⁶ We sailed from Philippi after the days of Unleavened Bread, and came to them at Troas within five days; and there we stayed seven days.

⁷ On the first day of the week, when we were gathered together to break bread, Paul *began* talking to them, intending to leave the next day, and he prolonged his message until midnight. ⁸ There were many lamps in the upper room where we were gathered together. ⁹ And there was a young man named Eutychus sitting on the window sill, sinking into a deep sleep; and as Paul kept on talking, he was overcome by sleep and fell down from the third floor and was picked up dead. ¹⁰ But Paul went down and fell upon him, and after embracing him, he said, “Do not be troubled, for his life is in him.” ¹¹ When he had gone *back* up and had broken the bread and eaten, he talked with them a long while until daybreak, and then left. ¹² They took away the boy alive, and were greatly comforted.

❖ Hymn of Response

Number 441
Jesus Shall Reign

Congregation

He will rule from sea to sea and from the River to the ends of the earth. Ps. 72:8

F D A⁷ D G C^{#dim} D A E⁷ A ⁷ D

1. Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun does his suc -
 2. To him shall end - less prayer be made, and prais - es
 3. Peo - ple and realms of ev - ery tongue dwell on his
 4. Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns; the pris - 'ner
 5. Let ev - ery crea - ture rise and bring pe - cu - liar

G D Em D A D A⁷ D G D A⁷ D

ces - sive jour - neys run; his king - dom stretch from shore to
 throng to crown his head; his name, like sweet per - fume, shall
 • love with sweet - est song; and in - fant voic - es shall pro -
 leaps to lose his chains, the wea - ry find e - ter - nal
 hon - ors to our King; an - gels de - scend with songs a -

A F D G C^{#dim} D Em⁷ D Em D A⁷ D ⁷

shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.
 rise with ev - ery morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
 • claim their ear - ly bless - ings on his name.
 rest, and all the sons of want are blest.
 gain, and earth re - peat the loud a - men!

Benediction

Jude 24-25

Pastor Doug Warren

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, July 11

The July Deacons' offering is being designated for renovating the church playground to create an engaging outdoor learning and play environment for the children that meets safety standards. The estimated cost for the new outdoor classroom/play yard is \$30,000+. 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 or Karl Huck at karlhuck@gmail.com.

Young Adult Fellowship Group tonight at 6 pm.
Meet for a cookout at the parsonage.

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.

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. Nonetheless 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.

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.

July Newsletter is on the Table in the Narthex.

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



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Gathered For Encouragement

1. They Traveled Far to Encourage One Another.

2. They Gathered to Worship Christ Together.

3. Communion and Resurrection Comfort the Saints.

CONCLUSION: The people of God gathered together every Lord's Day to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus, join in His feast, and learn together from His Word. These basics of Christian weekly worship not only honor the Lord, but also encourage the saints. God lovingly provides a picture of our weakness in the weariness of young Eutychus who not only falls asleep, like the disciples in Gethsemane, but falls to his death. He is raised to life again, harkening back to both Elijah and Elisha, and further authenticating Paul as an apostle speaking God's Word. How are we considering how we can stir one another up to love and good deeds?

First Kings 17: 17 – 24

¹⁷ After this the son of the woman, the mistress of the house, became ill. And his illness was so severe that there was no breath left in him. ¹⁸ And she said to Elijah, “What have you against me, O man of God? You have come to me to bring my sin to remembrance and to cause the death of my son!” ¹⁹ And he said to her, “Give me your son.” And he took him from her arms and carried him up into the upper chamber where he lodged, and laid him on his own bed. ²⁰ And he cried to the Lord, “O Lord my God, have you brought calamity even upon the widow with whom I sojourn, by killing her son?” ²¹ Then *he stretched himself upon the child* three times and cried to the Lord, “O Lord my God, let this child’s life come into him again.” ²² And the Lord listened to the voice of Elijah. And the life of the child came into him again, and he revived. ²³ And Elijah took the child and brought him down from the upper chamber into the house and delivered him to his mother. And Elijah said, “See, your son lives.” ²⁴ And the woman said to Elijah, “*Now I know that you are a man of God, and that the word of the Lord in your mouth is truth.*”

Hebrews 10: 19 – 25

¹⁹ Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰ by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, ²¹ and since we have a great priest over the house of God, ²² *let us draw near* with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. ²³ Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. ²⁴ And *let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works,* ²⁵ *not neglecting to meet together,* as is the habit of some, but *encouraging one another,* and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

First Corinthians 16: 1 – 4

Now concerning the collection for the saints: as I directed the churches of Galatia, so you also are to do. ² On the *first day of every week*, each of you is to put something aside and store it up, as he may prosper, so that there will be no collecting when I come. ³ And when I arrive, I will send those whom you accredit by letter to carry your gift to Jerusalem. ⁴ If it seems advisable that I should go also, they will accompany me.

Taking Gathered Worship Home

Weekly worship services on Sunday (the Lord's Day) were normal for God's people by the middle of the first century AD. Here we see the ordinary means of grace (Word & Sacrament) as well as an extraordinary work of resurrection all for the encouragement of God's people.

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 20:1-12; First Kings 17:17-24; Hebrews 10:19-25; First Corinthians 16:1-4**. DISCUSS, How were the preaching of God's Word and the celebration of the Lord's Supper practiced in Acts? How is that consistent with the rest of Scripture? PRAY "Lord Jesus, forgive us for not worshipping You as we should. Teach us to praise You and encourage one another as You would have us do."

Sunday Evening

For *Young Adult Bible Study* this evening we will gather at the parsonage (41 Elm) for a cookout at 6pm.

Monday

READ **Acts 20:1-12; Revelation 4:1-11; First Peter 1:3-9**. DISCUSS, Compare and contrast what you see in the gathering of God's people to worship Jesus in these first two passages. How does the hope of resurrection encourage us together? MEDITATE on **Hebrews 10:24-25**. PRAY "Lord, make us faithful in singing Your praises in the midst of Your assembly. Use us to encourage one another in the gospel hope of resurrection and to be satisfied in nothing less."

Tuesday

READ **Acts 20:1-12; Hebrews 3:7-19, Second Timothy 3:16-17**. DISCUSS: How are we to exhort one another? Why? How does sin's deceitfulness make it especially important for us to encourage *one another* with God's Word? MEDITATE on **Hebrews 10:24-25**. PRAY "Lord, forgive us for ways we neglect our brothers and sisters through a lack of biblical encouragement. Embolden us to do so."

Wednesday

READ **Acts 20:1-12; Hebrews 10:19-25; Psalm 107:23-32**. DISCUSS, What gives us confidence to enter into the holy place of Gathered Worship? How does Lord's Day worship incorporate both praise of God and encouragement of His people? MEDITATE on **Hebrews 10:24-25**. PRAY "Lord receive our worship through Christ and use it to encourage the saints."

Thursday

READ **Acts 20:1-12; First Kings 17:17-24; Second Kings 4:18-37** DISCUSS, Do you see any similarities between the raising of these young men? What do these signs show? How does the Lord's Supper point us to the same reality? MEDITATE on **Hebrews 10:24-25**. PRAY "Jesus, revive our hearts and renew our trust in You for new life."

Friday

READ **Acts 20:1-12; First Kings 17:17-24; Hebrews 10:19-25; First Corinthians 16:1-4**. DISCUSS, How has God been teaching you from these passages this week? MEDITATE on **Hebrews 10:24-25**. 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 encourage one another.

Hebrews 10:24-25

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