

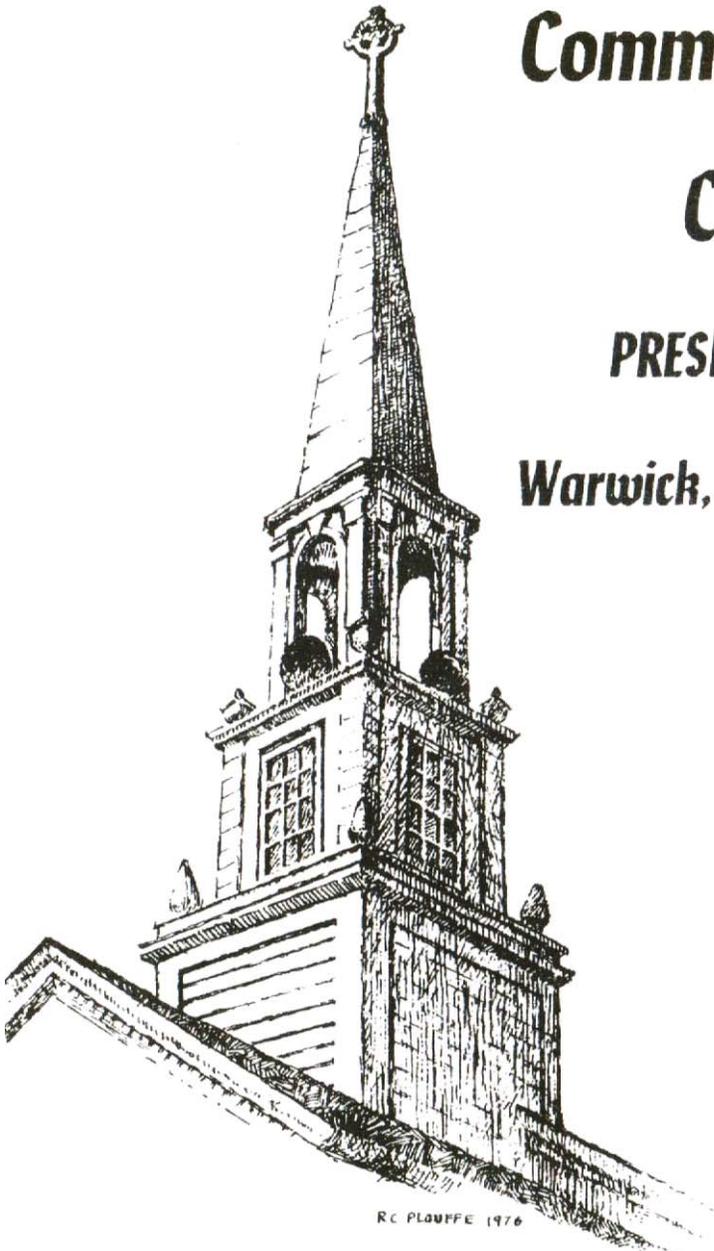
Greenwood

Community

Church

PRESBYTERIAN

Warwick, Rhode Island



OUR MISSION

The Greenwood Community Church, Presbyterian, seeks to have a three-fold ministry in obedience to our Lord's Great Commission (Matthew 28:18-20):

"Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations ..." We seek to bring men and women, boys and girls of all nationalities into a vital relationship with the Son of God.

"... baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit..." We seek to bring men and women, boys and girls into a vital relationship with the family of God.

"... teaching them to observe all I have commanded you ..." We seek to bring men and women, boys and girls into a vital relationship with the Word of God.

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THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Morning Worship – 9:30 a.m.

June 28, 2020

Silent prayer for use in preparation for worship:

O Lord, let me not henceforth desire health nor life except to spend them for You, with You and in You. You alone know what is good for me; do therefore what seems best to You. Give to me or take from me; conform my will to Yours; and grant that with humble and perfect submission and in holy confidence I may receive the orders of Your eternal providence, and may equally adore all that comes to me from You. Amen.

A prayer of Blaise Pascal, 1623-1662

PRELUDE

Chorale Prelude on "Slane" Healey Willan

O Worship the King arr. Marilyn Ham

John Black, Organ; Alexandra Nichols, Piano

*CALL TO WORSHIP/PRAYER OF ADORATION

A prayer of David, adapted from I Chronicles 29:10-13

Praise be to You, O LORD, God of our father Israel, from everlasting to everlasting.

YOURS, O LORD, IS THE GREATNESS AND THE POWER AND THE GLORY AND THE MAJESTY AND THE SPLENDOR,

For everything in heaven and earth is Yours.

YOURS, O LORD, IS THE KINGDOM; YOU ARE EXALTED AS HEAD OVER ALL.

Wealth and honor come from You; You are the ruler of all things.

IN YOUR HANDS ARE STRENGTH AND POWER TO EXALT AND GIVE STRENGTH TO ALL.

Now, our God, we give You thanks, and praise Your glorious name.

*+HYMN

When Morning Gilds the Skies

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(first silently, then in unison)*

FOR THIS WEEK'S SINS, O GOD, GRANT US MERCY. FOR SLOTH THAT WASTED THE HOURS, OR FOR HASTE WHICH OUTRAN ITS BENEDICTIONS; FOR FEAR THAT FRUSTRATED BOLD HOPES, OR DULLNESS THAT TOOK EVERYTHING FOR GRANTED; FOR ANGER THAT BURST FORTH DESTRUCTIVELY, OR INDIFFERENCE THAT SMOTHERED THE SOUL; FOR SUSPICION WRONGLY HELD, OR FOR TRUST CHEAPLY BETRAYED; FOR INDECISION WHICH AVOIDED THE EVIL, OR FOR COMPROMISE WHICH DISGUISED IT -- FORGIVE US, O LORD. AMEN. *(A prayer of Samuel H. Miller, 1900-1968, former Dean of Harvard Divinity School)*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON *(responsively, from Jeremiah 31)*

"The time is coming," declares the Lord, "when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah."

"THIS IS THE COVENANT I WILL MAKE WITH THE HOUSE OF ISRAEL AFTER THAT TIME," DECLARES THE LORD. "I WILL PUT MY LAW IN THEIR MINDS AND WRITE IT ON THEIR HEARTS. I WILL BE THEIR GOD, AND THEY WILL BE MY PEOPLE."

"For I will forgive their wickedness and remember their sins no more."

IN JESUS CHRIST, WE ARE FORGIVEN. AMEN.

*GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost.

*As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen, amen.*

SPECIAL MUSIC

*Blessings
Beth Fish, Voice*

Laura Story

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Exodus 31:1-13; Revelation 5:9-14

A LITANY OF REDEDICATION

"To worship is to quicken the conscience
by the holiness of God,
to feed the mind with the truth of God,
to purge the imagination by the beauty of God,
to open the heart to the love of God,
to devote the will to the purpose of God."

-- William Temple, Archbishop of Canterbury 1942-1944

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

The Lord's Prayer

OFFERING

**Doxology*

*Praise God from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost!*

**Prayer of Dedication*

*HYMN

Be Thou My Vision

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Toccata in c minor

Léon Boëllmann

Exodus 31:1-13 (RSV)

The Lord said to Moses, "See, I have called by name Bezalel the son of Uri, son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah: and I have filled him with the Spirit of God, with ability and intelligence, with knowledge and all craftsmanship, to devise artistic designs, to work in gold, silver, and bronze, in cutting stones for setting, and in carving wood, for work in every craft. And behold, I have appointed with him Oholiab, the son of Ahisamach, of the tribe of Dan; and I have given to all able men ability, that they may make all that I have commanded you: the tent of meeting, and the ark of the testimony, and the mercy seat that is thereon, and all the furnishings of the tent, the table and its utensils, and the pure lampstand with all its utensils, and the altar of incense, and the altar of burnt offering with all its utensils, and the laver and its base, and the finely worked garments, the holy garments for Aaron the priest and the garments of his sons, for their service as priest, and the anointing oil and the fragrant incense for the holy place. According to all that I have commanded you they shall do."

And the Lord said to Moses, "Say to the people of Israel, 'You shall keep My sabbaths, for this is a sign between Me and you throughout your generations, that you may know that I, the Lord, sanctify you.'"

REVELATION 5:9-14 (NIV)

They sang a new song, saying: "You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, because You were slain, and with Your blood You purchased for God persons from every tribe and language and people and nation. You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to serve our God, and they will reign on the earth."

Then I looked and heard the voice of many angels, numbering thousands upon thousands, and ten thousand times ten thousand. They encircled the throne and the living creatures and the elders. In a loud voice they sang: "Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!"

Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all that is in them, singing: "To Him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and honor and glory and power, for ever and ever!"

The four living creatures said, "Amen," and the elders fell down and worshiped.

When Morning Gilds the Skies

Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive honor and glory and praise! Revelation 5:12

1. When morn - ing gilds the skies, My heart a - wak - ing cries;
2. The night be - comes as day When from the heart we say,
3. Ye na - tions of man - kind, In this your con - cord find:
4. Be this, while life is mine, My can - ti - cle di - vine:

May Je - sus Christ be praised! A - like at work and prayer,
May Je - sus Christ be praised! The pow'rs of dark - ness fear,
May Je - sus Christ be praised! Let all the earth a - round
May Je - sus Christ be praised! Be this th'e - ter - nal song

To Je - sus I re - pair; May Je - sus Christ be praised!
When this sweet song they hear: May Je - sus Christ be praised!
Ring joy - ous with the sound: May Je - sus Christ be praised!
Thro' all the a - ges long: May Je - sus Christ be praised!

TEXT: *Katholisches Gesangbuch*, Würzburg, 1828;
translated by Edward Caswall

MUSIC: Joseph Barnby

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A LITANY OF REDEDICATION

Hymn: "Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven"
Henry F. Lyte, 1834

Tune: Lauda Anima, by John Goss, 1869

Today we seek God's blessing as we gather with thankfulness to re-dedicate this instrument of praise to His glory. God has graciously given us a wonderful gift in music, and may this instrument, provided through the gracious generosity of His people, continue to enable us to better sound our praise and thanksgiving to Him.

LET US EXTOL THE LORD AT ALL TIMES; MAY HIS PRAISE ALWAYS BE ON OUR LIPS.

(1) Praise, my soul, the King of Heaven; to His feet Thy tribute bring!
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, who like me His praise should sing?
Praise Him, praise Him! (2x) Praise the everlasting King!

Believing instruments of sacred music are approved of God and are to be used in thanksgiving and praise unto His glorious Name,

WE REDEDICATE THIS ORGAN TO GOD AS AN INSTRUMENT OF PRAISE.

That it may continue to lift up the melody of psalm and hymn and spiritual song in such ways that all may go forth from this holy sanctuary with high resolve to do the will of God,

WE REDEDICATE THIS ORGAN TO GOD AS AN INSTRUMENT OF PRAISE.

To help kindle the flame of devotion, that all who gather here may continue to be inspired to worship God in spirit and in truth.

WE REDEDICATE THIS ORGAN TO GOD AS AN INSTRUMENT OF PRAISE.

(2) Praise Him for His grace and favor to our fathers in distress!
Praise Him still the same for ever, slow to chide, and swift to bless!
Praise Him, praise Him! (2x) Glorious in His faithfulness!

To help comfort the sorrowing and cheer the faint, to help bring purity to our minds and peace into our hearts, and to help lead all who may hear its sounds in the Way of salvation and eternal life.

WE REDEDICATE THIS ORGAN TO GOD AS AN INSTRUMENT OF PRAISE.

Brothers and sisters in Christ, we have come together in this sanctuary, set apart for the worship of Almighty God, the building up the Body of Christ and fostering the communion of saints by the fellowship of the Holy Spirit. Now let us once again set apart this organ for the worship,

honor, praise, and glory of the Triune God, the edification of His holy people, and the proclamation of the Gospel.

WE, THE MEMBERS OF THE GREENWOOD COMMUNITY CHURCH, PRESBYTERIAN, REDEDICATE THIS ORGAN TO THE SERVICE OF THE ONE TRUE GOD, FATHER, SON, AND HOLY SPIRIT. AMEN.

(3) Father-like, He tends and spares us; well our feeble frame He knows.
In His hands He gently bears us, rescues us from all our foes,
Praise Him, praise Him! (2x) Widely as His mercy flows!

(Let us pray). For this instrument of praise, O God, now set apart within Your sanctuary, for all its material components, for those who designed, built and repaired it, for those whose skills awaken its harmonies to enhance our worship, and for all who gave through time, talent, and treasure to make this day of rededication possible,

WE GIVE YOU THANKS, O LORD.

O gracious God, may this organ, alone or in concert with other instruments and voices, continue to be to all who worship here a source of joy and inspiration for years, even generations, to come. We rededicate this instrument to the proclamation of the Gospel; the healing of life's discords; the expression of redemption's joys; the revelation of the hidden expression of divine harmony; the comforting of those who sorrow and exalting with those who celebrate in the blessedness of life's transitions. Almighty and everlasting God, You dwell among angels who praise You continually. Be with Your servants who will continue to use this instrument to make worshipful music for You and Your people, as You prepare and rehearse us on earth to sing Your praises in heaven, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

(5) Angels, help us to adore Him; Ye behold Him face to face:
Sun and moon, bow down before Him; Dwellers all in time and space,
Praise Him, praise Him! (2x) Praise with us the God of grace!

MEDITATION: IL BUONO, IL BELLO, IL VERO Pastor Clark

(4) Frail as summer's flower we flourish: blows the wind, and it is gone.
But while mortals rise and perish, God endures unchanging on.
Praise Him, Praise Him (2x), Praise the high eternal One!

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

Praise the LORD, all his works everywhere in his dominion. Praise the LORD,
O my soul. Ps. 103:22

1. Praise, my soul, the King of heav - en, to his feet your trib - ute bring;
2. Praise him for his grace and fa - vor to our fa - thers in dis - tress;
3. Fa - ther - like, he tends and spares us; well our fee - ble frame he knows;
4. Frail as sum - mer's flow'r we flour - ish, blows the wind and it is gone;
5. An - gels, help us to a - dore him; you be - hold him face to face;

ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en, who, like me, his praise should sing?
praise him, still the same for - ev - er, slow to chide and swift to bless;
• in his hands he gent - ly bears us, res - cues us from all our foes;
but while mor - tals rise and per - ish, God en - dures un - chang - ing on.
sun and moon, bow down be - fore him, dwell - ers all in time and space,

Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, praise the ev - er - last - ing King.
praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, glo - rious in his faith - ful - ness.
• praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, wide - ly as his mer - cy goes.
Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, praise the High E - ter - nal One.
praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, praise with us the God of grace.

From Psalm 103
Henry F. Lyte, 1834; mod.

LAUDA ANIMA 8.7.8.7.8.7.
John Goss, 1869

Be Thou My Vision

What things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ. Phil. 3:7

Irish hymn, c. 8th century
Trans. by Mary E. Byrne, 1905
Versified by Eleanor H. Hull, 1912

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Traditional Irish melody
Arr. by Donald P. Hustad, 1973

Unison

1. Be Thou my Vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
2. Be Thou my Wis - dom, and Thou my true Word;
3. Rich - es I heed not, nor man's emp - ty praise,
4. High King of heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,

Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art—
I ev - er with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
Thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways;
May I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun!

Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Thou my great Fa - ther, I Thy true son;
Thou and Thou on - ly, first in my heart,
Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

Wak - ing or sleep - ing, Thy pres - ence my light.
Thou in me dwell - ing, and I with Thee one.
High King of heav - en, my Treas - ure Thou art.
Still be my Vi - sion, O Rul - er of all. A - men.

INSTRUCTIONS AND MISCELLANEOUS DETAILS

- We recognize the sensitive issue that some won't attend a service without masks being required, while others won't attend a service if masks are required ... as per the CDC Guidelines for Houses of Worship at this time, facemask use is strongly encouraged, but not mandated. We **DO** request all to do their best to maintain the recommended social distancing of six feet between non-family persons at all times.
- The 29Eleven room is designated as a "Masks Required" area; a 75 inch TV allows for live-stream viewing of the worship service.
- Roughly every other pew will be open in the sanctuary and pews will be marked off to leave a distance on either side of people from different households; ushers will be prepared to guide you in seating.
- The hymnals and pew Bibles need not be used; all worship materials are in the bulletins which you may pick up as you enter the sanctuary. Also, the worship materials are available online (gccp.org) for those who may prefer to use personal electronic devices.
- For now there will be no Passing of the Peace, nursery care, Children's Church, or Sunday School for any age until further notice.
- The offering plates will not be passed, but strategically placed in the narthex and by entrances for people to place tithes and offerings. Online giving is also encouraged.
- There will be no formal coffee hour/refreshment time.
- TO HELP US WITH PLANNING, PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOU PLAN TO COME TO WORSHIP. The most efficient way is to go to www.gccp.org, and click on the heading subcategory on the home page "RSVP for Worship." Or, go directly to www.gccp.org/RSVP. A form will pop up for you to fill out and submit. If you have difficulty navigating technology, just give the church a telephone call to let us know you're coming; leave your name, number attending, and a number we can call to confirm if necessary.
- Again, this is uncharted territory for us; I trust all to be graciously understanding as we do our best to accommodate everyone, given our limitations.

THANK YOU!

The Rev. Dr. Stephen L. Clark, Pastor
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Alexandra K. Nichols, Music Associate
Matthew S. Makeika, Camera and Technical Master
Olivia R. Black, "Choir"
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WARWICK, RHODE ISLAND
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WELCOME to all who are worshiping in our sanctuary today; welcome, too, to all worshipping with us online! As done these past eleven weeks, the service will be archived and posted @ twenty minutes after the closing benediction and will be available for viewing and/or downloading for ONE WEEK. Also, a special word of welcome to any visiting with us here or on line this morning ... whether you are visiting us for this hour or looking for a new church home, welcome to our fellowship!

During the offering we will dedicate tithes and offerings received during the course of the week, as well as those placed in the plates by the entrances; **THANK YOU** for your consistently faithful financial support of the Greenwood Community Church during this time of economic hardship for many AND when we have been unable to meet as a full congregation.

Flowers Today are given to the glory of God by William S. Taylor in loving memory of his mother, Ruby Taylor, and by Monika Algozino in loving memory of her mother, Helga Ramke, who passed away June 29, 2017.

Remember in Prayer Elsa Ashton, Memory Care unit, Atria Harborhill
Jaimeson Jacobs, recovering from ankle surgery

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2020

Monday - Friday, July 20 – 24; 9:00 AM - 12 noon

Appropriate for preschool and elementary friends!

KNIGHTS OF NORTH CASTLE – ARMOR UP WITH TRUTH, JUSTICE, PEACE, FAITH AND SALVATION!



We will meet on ZOOM at 9:30 each morning to start the day with a welcome, songs with Pastor Clark and a skit as well as a recap of the previous day amid a "castle call out." Armor up with your take home kit – all the gear you will need to join us in adventuring through the ice and snow (*use your imagination!*) to find the Great Armor by following clues in the King's Book. **You can register at www.gccp.org** (*click on the Christian Education tab, then Vacation Bible School subcategory*) **and pick a time to claim your kit on July 18 or 19.** Be sure to include the name of each child who wants to join our adventure so we have enough gear on hand. It's sure to be a cool adventure during the heat of the summer, so sign up and join us. "See" you then!

Lisa David,
Chief Armorer and VBS Director