

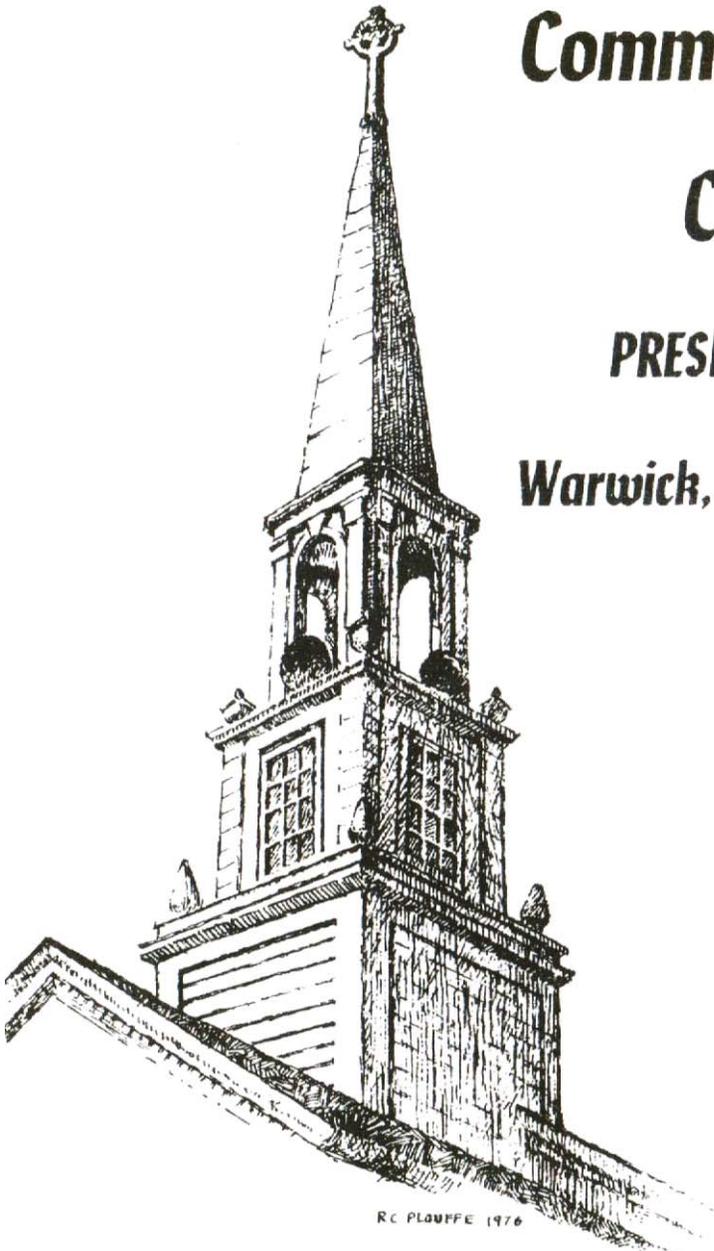
Greenwood

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 SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Morning Worship – 9:30 a.m.

July 12, 2020

Silent prayer for use in preparation for worship:

O God, I seek Thy guidance and direction in all that I do. Let Thy wisdom counsel me, Thy hand lead me, and Thine arm support me. I put myself into Thy hands. I trust Thy grace and mercy to forgive. Cleanse and breathe into my soul Thy holy desires. Conform me to Thine own image. Make me like my Savior. Enable me in some measure to live here as He lived, and to act in all things as He would have acted, Amen.

A prayer of Ashton Oxenden, 1808-1892, Bishop of Montreal

PRELUDE *I Love to Tell the Story* arr. Laura Wasson

John Black, Piano

My Faith Looks Up to Thee arr. Albin Whitworth

Handbell Choir (Olivia Black conducting)

John Black, Organ

Alexandra Nichols, Piano

***CALL TO WORSHIP / PRAYER OF ADORATION** (from Psalm 84: 1, 2, 4)

How lovely is Thy dwelling place, O Lord Almighty!

MY HEART AND MY FLESH SING FOR JOY TO THE LIVING GOD.

Blessed are those who dwell in Thy house; they are ever praising Thee.

BETTER IS ONE DAY IN THY COURTS, O LORD, THAN A THOUSAND ELSEWHERE.

In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit,

LET US WORSHIP GOD!

***HYMN** *And Can It Be that I Should Gain*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (first silently, then in unison)

MERCIFUL GOD, FOR EVERY FAILURE TO LOVE AS WE OUGHT TO LOVE, SERVE AS WE OUGHT TO SERVE, FORGIVE AS WE OUGHT TO FORGIVE, DO WHAT YOU'VE CALLED US TO DO AND BE WHAT YOU'VE CALLED US TO BE: FORGIVE US, WE PRAY. BY THE POWER OF YOUR HOLY SPIRIT, BREAK FOR US THE HABITS WE CANNOT BREAK, CONQUER FOR US THE FEARS WE CANNOT CONQUER, AND CALM FOR US THE WORRIES WE CANNOT STILL. ENABLE US IN ALL THINGS TO WORK WITH DILIGENCE, ACT IN HONOR, LIVE IN KINDNESS AND WALK HUMBLY WITH YOU, IN JESUS NAME, AMEN.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***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

Thy Word

Amy Grant

*Glenn Fairbairn, Tenor
Alexandra Nichols, Violin*

SCRIPTURE READINGS *Genesis 25:19-34
Hebrews 12:14-17*

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

***HYMN** *Spirit of the Living God*

SERMON *SELLING OUT OUR HERITAGE*

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *The Apostles' Creed*

I BELIEVE IN GOD THE FATHER ALMIGHTY, MAKER OF HEAVEN AND EARTH, AND IN JESUS CHRIST HIS ONLY SON OUR LORD; WHO WAS CONCEIVED BY THE HOLY GHOST, BORN OF THE VIRGIN MARY, SUFFERED UNDER PONTIUS PILATE, WAS CRUCIFIED, DEAD, AND BURIED. HE DESCENDED INTO HELL. THE THIRD DAY HE ROSE AGAIN FROM THE DEAD; HE ASCENDED INTO HEAVEN, AND SITTETH ON THE RIGHT HAND OF GOD THE FATHER ALMIGHTY; FROM THENCE HE SHALL COME TO JUDGE THE QUICK AND THE DEAD. I BELIEVE IN THE HOLY GHOST; THE HOLY CATHOLIC CHURCH; THE COMMUNION OF SAINTS; THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS; THE RESURRECTION OF THE BODY; AND THE LIFE EVERLASTING. AMEN

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** *I Surrender All*

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE *Festival Toccata* *Percy Fletcher*

**Congregation standing, as able*

AND CAN IT BE THAT I SHOULD GAIN

1. And can it be that I should gain an
 2. 'Tis mys - tery all: th'Im - mor - tal dies! Who
 3. He left his Fa - ther's throne a - bove (so
 4. Long my im - pris - oned spir - it lay, fast
 5. No con - dem - na - tion now I dread; Je -

in - terest in the Sav - ior's blood! Died he for
 can ex - plore his strange de - sign? In vain the
 free, so in - fi - nite his grace!), emp - tied him -
 bound in sin and na - ture's night; thine eye dif -
 sus, and all in him, is mine; a - live in

me? who caused his pain! For me? who him to
 first - born ser - aph tries to sound the depths of
 self of all but love, and bled for Ad - am's
 fused a quick - ening ray; I woke, the dun - geon
 him, my liv - ing Head, and clothed in righ - teous -

death pur - sued? A - maz - ing love! How can it
 love di - vine. 'Tis mer - cy all! Let earth a -
 help - less race. 'Tis mer - cy all, im - mense and
 flamed with light; my chains fell off, my heart was
 ness di - vine, bold I ap - proach th'e - ter - nal

be that thou, my God, shouldst die for
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 free, for O my God, it found out
 free, I rose, went forth, and fol - lowed
 throne, and claim the crown, through Christ my

me? A - maz - ing love! How can it be
 more. 'Tis mer - cy all! Let earth a - dore;
 me! 'Tis mer - cy all, im - mense and free,
 thee. My chains fell off, my heart was free,
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- 4. My chains fell off, my heart was free,
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that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?
 let an - gel minds in - quire no more.
 for O my God, it found out me!
 I rose, went forth, and fol - lowed thee.
 and claim the crown, through Christ my own.

that thou, my God,
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 for O my God,
 I rose, went forth,
 and claim the crown,

GENESIS 25:19-34 (NIV)

This is the account of the family line of Abraham's son Isaac. Abraham became the father of Isaac, and Isaac was forty years old when he married Rebekah, daughter of Bethuel the Aramean from Paddan Aram and sister of Laban the Aramean. Isaac prayed to the Lord on behalf of his wife, because she was childless. The Lord answered his prayer, and his wife Rebekah became pregnant. The babies jostled each other within her, and she said, "Why is this happening to me?" So she went to inquire of the Lord.

The Lord said to her, "Two nations are in your womb, and two peoples from within you will be separated; one people will be stronger than the other, and the older will serve the younger."

When the time came for her to give birth, there were twin boys in her womb. The first to come out was red, and his whole body was like a hairy garment; so they named him Esau. After this, his brother came out, with his hand grasping Esau's heel; so he was named Jacob. Isaac was sixty years old when Rebekah gave birth to them.

The boys grew up, and Esau became a skillful hunter, a man of the open country, while Jacob was content to stay at home among the tents. Isaac, who had a taste for wild game, loved Esau, but Rebekah loved Jacob.

Once when Jacob was cooking some stew, Esau came in from the open country, famished. He said to Jacob, "Quick, let me have some of that red stew! I'm famished!" (That is why he was also called Edom). Jacob replied, "First sell me your birthright."

"Look, I am about to die," Esau said. "What good is the birthright to me?"

But Jacob said, "Swear to me first." So he swore an oath to him, selling his birthright to Jacob.

Then Jacob gave Esau some bread and some lentil stew. He ate and drank, and then got up and left.

So Esau despised his birthright.

Footnotes:

Genesis 25:20 That is, Northwest Mesopotamia

Genesis 25:25 Esau may mean hairy.

Genesis 25:26 Jacob means he grasps the heel, a Hebrew idiom for he deceives.

Genesis 25:30 Edom means red.

HEBREWS 12:14-17 (RSV)

Strive for peace with all men, and for the holiness without which no one will see the Lord. See to it that no one fail to obtain the grace of God; that no "root of bitterness" spring up and cause trouble, and by it the many become defiled; that no one be immoral or irreligious like Esau, who sold his birthright for a single meal. For you know that afterward, when he desired to inherit the blessing, he was rejected, for he found no chance to repent, though he sought it with tears.

HEBREWS 12:14-17 (J.B. Phillips)

In times of testing be especially on your guard against certain sins. Let it be your ambition to live at peace with all men and to achieve holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord. Be careful that none of you fails to respond to the grace which God gives, for if he does there can very easily spring up in him a bitter spirit which is not only bad in itself but can also poison the lives of many others. Be careful too, that none of you falls into impurity or loses his reverence for the things of God and then, like Esau, is ready to sell his birthright to satisfy the momentary hunger of his body. Remember how afterwards, when he wanted to have the blessing which was his birthright, he was refused. He never afterwards found the way of repentance, though he sought it desperately and with tears.

The New Testament in Modern English by J.B Phillips © 1960, 1972 J. B. Phillips.

Spirit of the Living God

Live by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the sinful nature. Galatians 5:16

1. Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall fresh on me. Spir - it of the
2. Soul of heav - en, heart of God, wash o - ver me. Soul of heav - en,
3. Ho - ly pres - ence, love di - vine, cast out my fear. Ho - ly pres - ence,

liv - ing God, fall fresh on me. Melt me, mold me, fill me,
heart of God, wash o - ver me. Cleanse me, teach me, hold me,
love di - vine, cast out my fear. Shield me, free me, call me,

use me. Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall fresh on me.
reach me. Soul of heav - en, heart of God, wash o - ver me.
lead me. Ho - ly pres - ence, love di - vine, cast out my fear.

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I Surrender All

Offer yourselves to God. Romans 6:13

1. All to Je-sus I sur-ren-der, All to Him I free-ly give;
2. All to Je-sus I sur-ren-der, Hum-bly at His feet I bow,
3. All to Je-sus I sur-ren-der, Make me, Sav-ior, whol-ly Thine;
4. All to Je-sus I sur-ren-der, Lord, I give my-self to Thee;

I will ev-er love and trust Him, In His pres-ence dai-ly live.
World-ly pleas-ures all for-sak-en, Take me, Je-sus, take me now.
May Thy Ho-ly Spir-it fill me, May I know Thy pow'r di-vine.
Fill me with Thy love and pow-er, Let Thy bless-ing fall on me.

Refrain
I sur-ren-der all, I sur-ren-der all.
I sur-ren-der all, I sur-ren-der all.

All to Thee, my bless-ed Sav-ior, I sur-ren-der all. *Optional transition to "Take My Life and Let It Be"*

TEXT: Judson W. VanDeVenter
MUSIC: Winfield S. Weeden

SURRENDER
8.7.8.7.with Refrain

WELCOME to all who are worshipping in our sanctuary today; welcome, too, to all worshipping with us online! As done these past fourteen weeks, the service will be archived and posted @ twenty minutes after the closing benediction and will be available for viewing and/or downloading for at least **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 be dedicating tithes and offerings received during the course of the week, as well as those placed in the plates by the entrances; again, **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 Joan Eichenfeldt in loving memory of her brothers Donald and Jimmy, and by Betty McClung in memory of beloved husband John McClung, parents Ed and Marie McClung and sister Beverly Kraus.

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*) **and pick a time to claim your kit.** 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 join us! “See” you then!

Lisa David,
Chief Armorer and VBS Director

MISSION REPORT

2020 OGHS Disbursements

Thank you for so generously supporting the Lenten **One Great Hour of Sharing** offering. The Mission Committee disbursed a record **\$6,560** received to support our brothers and sisters in need around the world. Your contributions were distributed as follows:

1. **Christianville Foundation, HAITI -- (\$400)** Christianville was established in 1978 with a mission to reach the poorest of people in Haiti with spiritual and humanitarian aid. From their website at www.christianvillehaiti.com – *“Our vision is to implement sustainable programs that provide hope for the present, future and eternity. Our mission is to share the love of Christ through education, nutrition, poverty alleviation and health ministries; and empowering the local church.”* Isaiah 58:10 *“If you spend yourselves in behalf of the hungry and satisfy the needs of the oppressed, then your light will rise in the darkness, and your night will become like the noonday.”* Greenwood members became involved in Christianville during a 2012 mission trip to Haiti.



2. Gifts of **\$1,400 & \$3,000** were (respectively) designated/directed by the donor(s) to (a) the mission and relief agency **World Relief**, and (b) Greenwood Church’s **Board of Deacons** for relief efforts to those in need in the church community as well as through cooperation with local relief agencies, such as the Salvation Army, Amos House, Tanner House, West Bay Community Action, the Kent Center, the MacCauley House, the Elizabeth Buffum Chace House, and Habitat for Humanity.



world relief

3. **Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) OGHS (\$500)** The One Great Hour of Sharing Program makes the love of Christ real for individuals and communities around the world who suffer the effects of disaster, conflict, or severe economic hardship, and for those who serve them through gifts of money and time.



4. **Voice of the Martyrs (\$500)** The Voice of the Martyrs (VOM) is a nonprofit, interdenominational Christian missions organization dedicated to serving persecuted Christians worldwide through practical and spiritual assistance and leading other members of the body of Christ into fellowship with them. VOM was founded in 1967 by Pastor Richard Wurmbrand, who was imprisoned fourteen years in then-communist Romania for his faith in Christ; his wife, Sabina, was imprisoned three years. In 1965 they were ransomed out of Romania, and soon thereafter established the global network of missions of which VOM is a part. The Wurmbrands based these missions on Hebrews 13:3, which instructs us to *“Remember those who are in bonds, as bound with them; and them which suffer adversity, as being yourselves also in the body.”*



5. **Chiang Rai International Christian School (\$300)**, Thailand. The vision of CRICS is ... *“to help others know God and understand Him more fully by serving the body of Christ through providing quality Christian education in Chiang Rai, Thailand. We are a Christian school committed to serving the children of pastors, missionaries, educators, and social welfare workers of non-profit businesses or agencies in the Chiang Rai area. Our school also invites, embraces, and serves other students whose presence provides culture, diversity, and resources that support and enrich our primary mission.”* CRIC is a mission and ministry of International Ministries of the American Baptist Churches, USA.



6. **Love146 (\$460)**. Love146 is an international human rights organization working to end child trafficking and exploitation through survivor care, education and prevention. From www.love146.org – *“The trafficking and exploitation of children is one of the darkest stories and most severe human rights abuses imaginable. But for us, the hope of ending it is a reality. Love146 is providing effective and thoughtful solutions while helping grow the movement to end child trafficking. We believe in the power of love and its ability to effect sustainable change. Love is the foundation of our motivation. Love is the foundation of our name because it is our motivating drive to end the trafficking and exploitation of children. We hold true what Martin Luther King Jr. said: ‘Justice at its best is love correcting everything that stands against love.’”*

THE GLORY OF THE GARDEN

Our England is a garden that is full of stately views,
Of borders, beds and shrubberies and lawns and avenues,
With statues on the terraces and peacocks strutting by;
But the Glory of the Garden lies in more than meets the eye.

For where the old thick laurels grow, along the thin red wall,
You'll find the tool-and-potting-sheds which are the heart of all
The cold-frames and the hot-houses, the dung-pits and the tanks,
The rollers, carts, and drain-pipes, with the barrows and the planks.

And there you'll see the gardeners, the men and 'prentice boys
Told off to do as they are bid and do it without noise;
For, except when seeds are planted and we shout to scare the birds,
The Glory of the Garden, it abideth not in words.

And some can pot begonias and some can bud a rose,
And some are hardly fit to trust with anything that grows;
But they can roll and trim the lawns and sift the sand and loam,
For the Glory of the Garden occupieth all who come.

Our England is a garden, and such gardens are not made
By singing, "Oh, how beautiful," and sitting in the shade
While better men than we go out and start their working lives
At grubbing weeds from gravel-paths with broken dinner-knives.

There's not a pair of legs so thin, there's not a head so thick,
There's not a hand so weak and white, nor yet a heart so sick
But it can find some needful job that's crying to be done,
For the Glory of the Garden glorifieth every one.

Then seek your job with thankfulness and work till further orders,
If it's only netting strawberries or killing slugs on borders;
And when your back stops aching and your hands begin to harden,
You will find yourself a partner in the Glory of the Garden.

Oh, Adam was a gardener, and God who made him sees
That half a proper gardener's work is done upon his knees,
So when your work is finished, you can wash your hands and pray
For the Glory of the Garden that it may not pass away!

And the Glory of the Garden, it shall never pass away!

Rudyard Kipling

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.
- 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, worship materials are available online (gccp.org) for those who 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!

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