

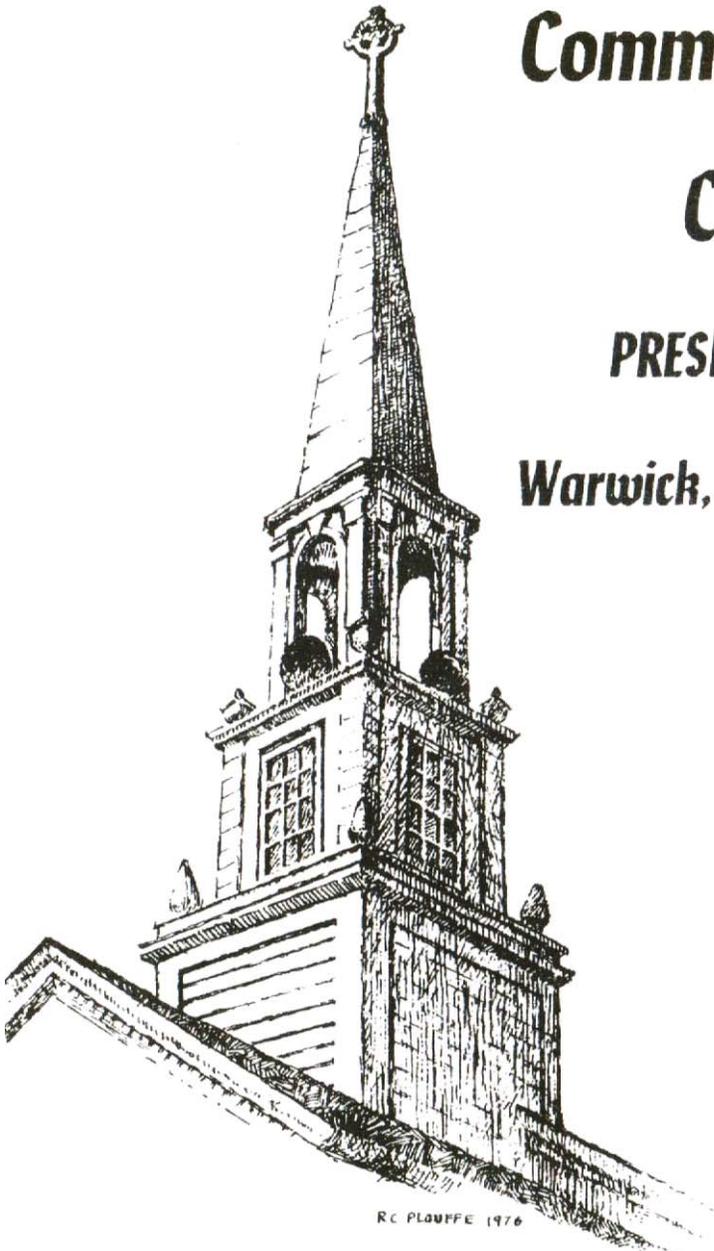
# Greenwood

## 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.

#### OUR SESSION

M. Barry Baxter  
Dennis J. Charpentier  
Joan Eichenfeldt  
Emmy J. Kmet

H. Samuel Koldyk  
D. Elaine Magyar, Clerk  
Denise S. Mair  
Matthew S. Majeika

Wayne A. Meunier  
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Jeffrey S. Plouffe  
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#### OUR STAFF

The Rev. Dr. Stephen L. Clark, Pastor  
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## THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Morning Worship - 9:30 a. m.

August 16, 2020

*Silent prayer for use in preparation for worship:*

*O Divine Spirit, Who in all the events of life art knocking at the door of my heart, help me to respond to Thee. I would not be driven blindly as the stars over their courses. I would not be made to work out Thy will unwillingly, to fulfill Thy law unintelligently, to obey Thy mandates unsympathetically. I would take the events of my life as good and perfect gifts from Thee; I would receive even the sorrows of life as disguised gifts from Thee. I would have my heart open at all times to receive -- at morning, noon, and night; in spring and summer and winter. Whether Thou comest to me in sunshine or in rain, I would take Thee into my heart joyfully. Thou art Thyself more than the sunshine; Thou art Thyself compensation for the rain; it is Thee, and not Thy gifts, I crave; knock and I shall open unto Thee. Amen.*

*A prayer of George Matheson (1842-1906)*

### PRELUDE

*Turn Back, O Man,  
Forswear Thy Foolish Ways arr. Healey Willan  
Lord, I Want to Be a Christian arr. Albin Whitworth  
Alexandra Nichols, Piano; John Black, Organ*

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP/PRAYER OF ADORATION (Psalm 33: 18, 20-22)

Behold, the eye of the Lord is on those who fear Him, on those whose hope in His steadfast love,  
WE WAIT IN HOPE FOR THE LORD; HE IS OUR HELP AND OUR SHIELD.  
In Him our hearts rejoice, for we trust in His holy name.  
LET YOUR STEADFAST LOVE, O LORD, BE UPON US, EVEN AS WE HOPE IN YOU.

### \*+HYMN Blessed Assurance

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION (first silently, then in unison):

O LORD JESUS, YOU CAME DOWN FROM HEAVEN TO REDEEM US FROM ALL OUR INIQUITIES. WRITE YOUR WORD IN OUR HEARTS THAT WE MAY KNOW YOU, AND THE POWER OF YOUR RESURRECTION, AND EXPRESS IT BY TURNING FROM OUR SINS. IN OUR REPENTANCE, FORGIVE AND CLEANSE US. THEN RULE IN OUR HEARTS BY FAITH, THAT BEING DEAD TO SIN AND ALIVE TO RIGHTEOUSNESS, WE MAY BEAR THE FRUIT OF HOLINESS AND GROW IN GRACE AND KNOWLEDGE OF YOU. AMEN.

*A prayer of Henry Hammond, 1605-1660, English Royal Chaplain*

### 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** *Lord of the Small* Dan Forrest  
*Olivia Black, Soprano; Alexandra Nichols, Violin*

**PSALTER** *Psalm 105:1-11*

**SCRIPTURE READING** *Romans 8:28-39  
Genesis 42:1-8, 29-36*

### A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

**\*HYMN** *Open My Eyes, That I May See*

**SERMON** THE ROAD PAVED WITH GOD INTENTIONS, PART II

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 1*

#### What is my only comfort, in life and death?

THAT I BELONG -- BODY AND SOUL, IN LIFE AND IN DEATH -- NOT TO MYSELF,  
BUT TO MY FAITHFUL SAVIOR, JESUS CHRIST.

#### How many things must I know that I may live and die in the blessedness of this comfort?

THREE. FIRST, THE GREATNESS OF MY SIN AND WRETCHEDNESS. SECOND, HOW I AM FREED FROM ALL MY SINS AND THEIR WRETCHED CONSEQUENCES IN JESUS CHRIST. THIRD, WHAT GRATITUDE I OWE TO GOD FOR SUCH REDEMPTION.

### INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

*The Lord's Prayer (trespasses)*

### 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** *My Faith Looks Up To Thee*

### \*BENEDICTION

**POSTLUDE** *Fugue in g minor BWV 578* J.S. Bach

*\*(Congregation standing, as able)*

# Open My Eyes That I May See

Open my eyes that I may see wonderful things in Your law. Psalm 119:18

1. O - pen my eyes that I may see Glimp-ses of truth Thou hast for me;  
 2. O - pen my ears that I may hear Voic - es of truth Thou send-est clear;  
 3. O - pen my mouth and let me bear Glad - ly the warm truth ev - ery - where;

Place in my hands the won - der - ful key That shall un - clasp and  
 And while the wave - notes fall on my ear, Ev - ery - thing false will  
 O - pen my heart, and let me pre - pare Love with Thy chil - dren

*Refrain*

set me free. Si - lent - ly now I wait for Thee, Read - y, my God, Thy  
 dis - ap - pear. Si - lent - ly now I wait for Thee, Read - y, my God, Thy  
 thus to share. Si - lent - ly now I wait for Thee, Read - y, my God, Thy

will to see; O - pen my eyes, il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di - vine.  
 will to see; O - pen my ears, il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di - vine.  
 will to see; O - pen my heart, il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di - vine.

TEXT: Clara H. Scott  
 MUSIC: Clara H. Scott

SCOTT  
 Irregular meter

# Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine

I will sing praises unto my God while I have any being. Psa. 146:2

ASSURANCE 9 10 9 9 Ref.

Phoebe P. Knapp, 1873

Fanny J. Crosby, 1873

1. Bless - ed as - sur - ance, Je - sus is mine! O, what a fore - taste of  
 2. Per - fect sub - mis - sion, per - fect de - light, Vi - sions of rap - ture now  
 3. Per - fect sub - mis - sion, all is at rest, I in my Sav - ior am

glo - ry di - vine! Heir of sal - va - tion, pur - chase of God,  
 burst on my sight; An - gels de - scend - ing, bring from a - bove  
 hap - py and blest; Watch - ing and wait - ing, look - ing a - bove,

*Refrain*

Born of His Spir - it, washed in His blood.  
 Ech - oes of mer - cy, whis - pers of love. This is my sto - ry, this is my  
 Filled with His good - ness, lost in His love.

song, Prais - ing my Sav - ior all the day long; This is my sto - ry,

this is my song, Prais - ing my Sav - ior all the day long.

## PSALM 124

If the LORD had not been on our side, let Israel now say —

“IF THE LORD HAD NOT BEEN ON OUR SIDE, WHEN MEN ROSE UP AGAINST US,

When their anger was kindled against us, then they would have swallowed us up alive.

THEN THE FLOOD WOULD HAVE ENGULFED US, THE TORRENT WOULD HAVE SWEEPED OVER US; THE RAGING WATERS WOULD HAVE SWEEPED US AWAY.

Blessed be the Lord, Who has not given us as prey to their teeth!

WE HAVE ESCAPED AS A BIRD FROM THE SNARE OF THE FOWLERS;

The snare has been broken, and we have escaped!

OUR HELP IS IN THE NAME OF THE LORD, WHO MADE HEAVEN AND EARTH.

## ROMANS 8:28-39

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose. For those God foreknew He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren. And those He predestined, He also called; those He called, He also justified; those He justified, He also glorified. What, then, shall we say in response to this? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not spare His own Son, but gave Him up for us all -- how will He not also, along with Him, graciously give us all things? Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies; who is to condemn? Is it Christ Jesus, Who died, yes, Who was raised from the dead, Who is at the right hand of God Who indeed intercedes for us? Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written: “For Your sake we face death all day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.”

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him Who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

## GENESIS 42:1-8, 29-36 *(and the rest)*

When Jacob learned that there was grain in Egypt, he said to his sons, “Why do you just keep looking at each other?” He continued, “I have heard that there is grain in Egypt. Go down there and buy some for us, so that we may live and not die.” Then ten of Joseph's brothers went down to buy grain from Egypt. But Jacob did not send Benjamin, Joseph's brother, with the others, because he was afraid that harm might come to him. So Israel's sons were among those who went to buy grain, for there was famine in the land of Canaan also. Now Joseph was the governor of the land of Egypt, the one who sold grain to all its people. So when Joseph's brothers arrived, they

bowed down to him with their faces to the ground. As soon as Joseph saw his brothers, he recognized them, but he pretended to be a stranger and spoke harshly to them. “Where do you come from?” he asked. They replied, “From the land of Canaan, to buy food.” Although Joseph recognized his brothers, they did not recognize him.

*Then he remembered his dreams about them and said to them, “You are spies! You have come to see where our land is unprotected.” “No, my lord,” they answered. “Your servants have come to buy food. We are all the sons of one man. Your servants are honest men, not spies.” He said to them. “No! You have come to see where our land is unprotected.” But they replied, “Your servants were twelve brothers, the sons of one man, who lives in the land of Canaan. The youngest is now with our father, and one is no more.” Joseph said to them, “It is just as I told you: You are spies! And this is how you will be tested: As surely as Pharaoh lives, you will not leave this place unless your youngest brother comes here. Send one of your number to get your brother; the rest of you will be kept in prison, so that your words may be tested to see if you are telling the truth. If you are not, then as surely as Pharaoh lives, you are spies!” And he put them all in custody for three days.*

*On the third day, Joseph said to them, “Do this and you will live, for I fear God: If you are honest men, let one of your brothers stay here in prison, while the rest of you go and take grain back for your starving households. But you must bring your youngest brother to me, so that your words may be verified and that you may not die.” This they proceeded to do. They said to one another, “Surely we are being punished because of our brother. We saw how distressed he was when he pleaded with us for his life, but we would not listen; that's why this distress has come on us.” Reuben replied, “Didn't I tell you not to sin against the boy? But you wouldn't listen! Now we must give an accounting for his blood.” They did not realize that Joseph could understand them, since he was using an interpreter. He turned away from them and began to weep, but then came back and spoke to them again. He had Simeon taken from them and bound before their eyes. Joseph gave orders to fill their bags with grain, to put each man's silver back in his sack, and to give them provisions for their journey. After this was done for them, they loaded their grain on their donkeys and left. At the place where they stopped for the night one of them opened his sack to get feed for his donkey, and he saw his silver in the mouth of his sack. “My silver has been returned,” he said to his brothers. “Here it is in my sack.” Their hearts sank and they turned to each other trembling and said, “What is this that God has done to us?”*

When they came to their father Jacob in the land of Canaan, they told him all that had happened to them. They said, “The man who is lord over the land spoke harshly to us and treated us as though we were spying on the land. But we said to him, ‘We are honest men; we are not spies. We were twelve brothers, sons of one father. One is no more, and the youngest is now with our father in Canaan.’ Then the man who is lord over the land said to us, ‘This is how I will know whether you are honest men: Leave one of your brothers here with me, and take food for your starving households and go. But bring your youngest brother to me so I will know that you are not spies but honest men. Then I will give your brother back to you, and you can trade in the land.’” As they were emptying their sacks, there in each man's sack was his pouch of silver! When they and their father saw the money pouches, they were frightened. Their father Jacob said to them, “You have deprived me of my children. Joseph is no more and Simeon is no more, and now you want to take Benjamin. Everything is against me!”

*Then Reuben said to his father, “You may put both of my sons to death if I do not bring him back to you. Entrust him to my care, and I will bring him back.” But Jacob said, “My son will not go down there with you; his brother is dead and he is the only one left. If harm comes to him on the journey you are taking, you will bring my gray head down to the grave in sorrow.”*

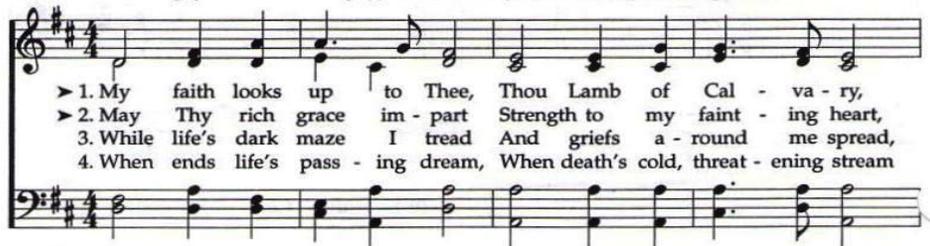
GREENWOOD COMMUNITY CHURCH, PRESBYTERIAN  
WARWICK, RHODE ISLAND  
August 16, 2020

*WELCOME to all who are worshipping in our sanctuary today; welcome, too, to all worshipping with us online! As done these past nineteen weeks, the service will be archived and posted @ twenty minutes after the benediction and will be available for viewing and/or downloading for a week. A special word of welcome to any visiting with us in person or on line this morning ... welcome to our fellowship!*

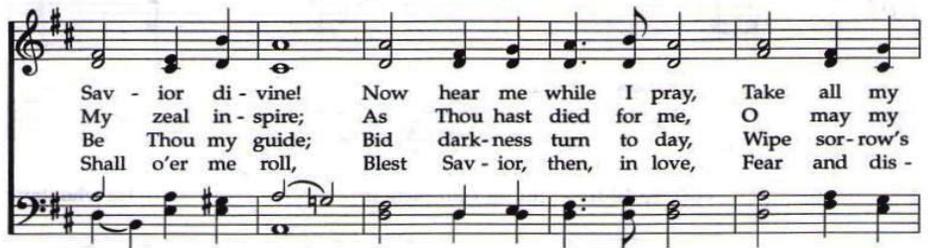
**Flowers Today** are provided by the Board of Deacons to the glory of God and in loving memory of our dearly departed members and friends who've joined the ranks of the Church Triumphant during this season of quarantine restrictions, directives which have hampered our ability as a congregation to appropriately mourn and/or plan memorial services: **Janet Louise Pisano, Frances Helen Reed Bonn, Nancy Powell Dickerman, Walter Williamson Budlong Jr., Betty Jean Eckard Herman, Marjorie Lee Platt.** Rest in peace, dear friends.

## My Faith Looks Up to Thee

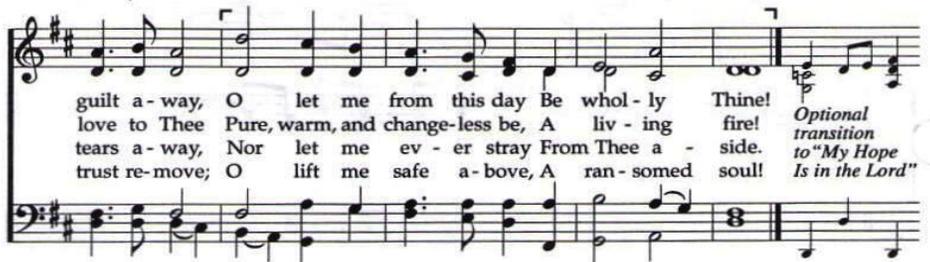
*Through faith in Him we may approach God with freedom and confidence. Ephesians 3:12*



> 1. My faith looks up to Thee, Thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry,  
> 2. May Thy rich grace im - part Strength to my faint - ing heart,  
3. While life's dark maze I tread And griefs a - round me spread,  
4. When ends life's pass - ing dream, When death's cold, threat - ening stream



Sav - ior di - vine! Now hear me while I pray, Take all my  
My zeal in - spire; As Thou hast died for me, O may my  
Be Thou my guide; Bid dark-ness turn to day, Wipe sor - row's  
Shall o'er me roll, Blest Sav - ior, then, in love, Fear and dis -



guilt a - way, O let me from this day Be whol - ly Thine!  
love to Thee Pure, warm, and change-less be, A liv - ing fire!  
tears a - way, Nor let me ev - er stray From Thee a - side. *Optional transition to "My Hope Is in the Lord"*  
trust re - move; O lift me safe a - bove, A ran - somed soul!

TEXT: Ray Palmer  
MUSIC: Lowell Mason

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## 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](http://www.gccp.org), and click on the heading subcategory on the home page "RSVP for Worship." Or, go directly to [www.gccp.org/RSVP](http://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, and has gone on much longer than originally anticipated; I trust all to be graciously understanding as we do our best to accommodate everyone, given our limitations.

~ IN MEMORIAM ~

Marjorie Lee Platt

June 20, 1918 - August 5, 2020

Deacon, Church Member, Child of God

*"I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race,  
I have kept the faith."  
II Timothy 4:7*