

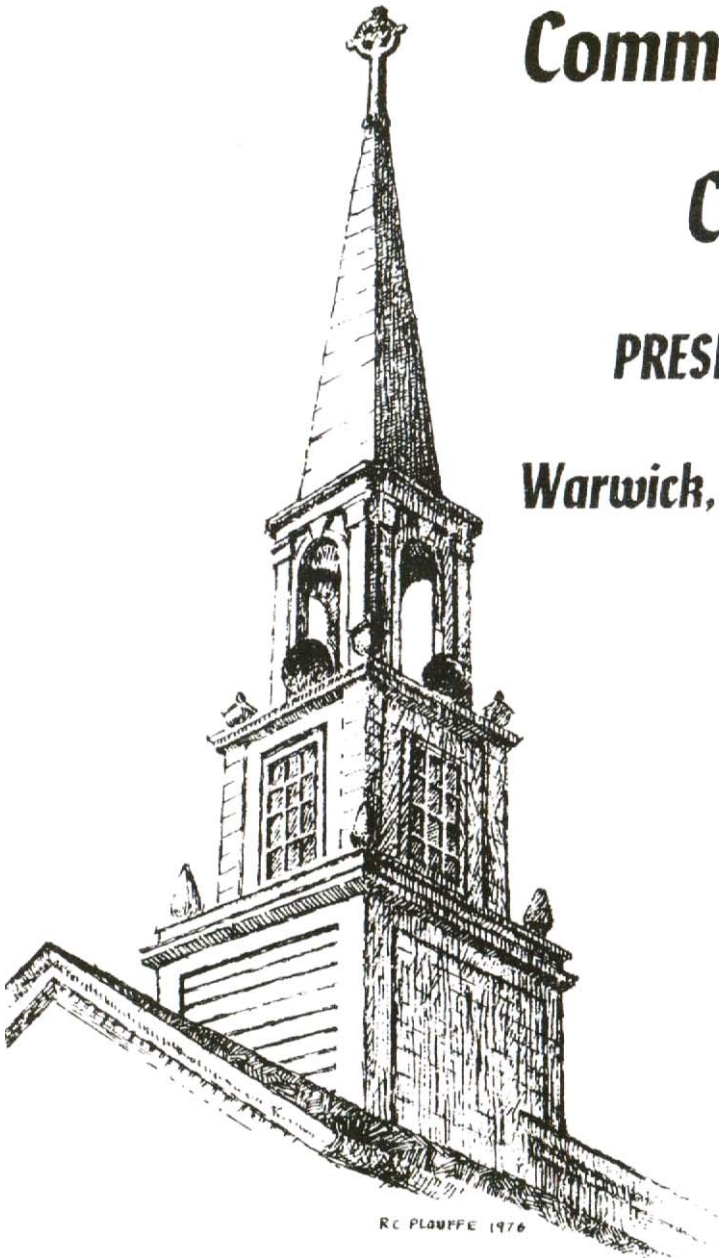
# Greenwood

## 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 NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**Morning Worship - 9:30 a. m.**  
**August 2, 2020**

*A prayer of Charles Haddon Spurgeon, 1834-1892*

*Lord, educate us for a higher life, and let that life be begun here.  
May we always be in the school, always disciples, and when we are out in  
the world may we always be trying to put into practice  
what we have learned at Jesus' feet. Amen.*

**PRELUDE** *Fugue in E-Flat Major ("St. Anne")* J.S. Bach

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** (adapted from Psalm 116:12-14; Psalm 34:3)

What shall we return to the Lord for all the good things He has done for us?  
WE WILL LIFT UP THE CUP OF SALVATION AND CALL ON THE NAME OF THE LORD!  
We will fulfill our vows to the Lord in the presence of all His people.  
O PRAISE THE LORD WITH US; LET US EXALT HIS NAME TOGETHER!

**\*+HYMN** *I Sing the Mighty Power of God*

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (A prayer of Thomas Aquinas, 1225-1274)

O GOD, OUR FATHER, WE ARE EXCEEDINGLY FRAIL, AND NOT DISPOSED TO VIRTUE. FORGIVE OUR SINS, STRENGTHEN OUR WEAKNESS, AND MAKE US VALIANT IN THE SPIRITUAL WAR WE FIGHT WITHIN AND WITHOUT. GUARD US AGAINST OUR OWN NEGLIGENCE AND COWARDICE, AND DEFEND US FROM THE TREACHERY OF OUR UNFAITHFUL HEARTS, FOR THE SAKE OF THY SON, OUR SAVIOR, JESUS CHRIST, AMEN. (A prayer of Augustine of Hippo, 354-430)

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**\*GLORIA PATRI**

**\*+AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

*The Nicene Creed*

WE BELIEVE IN ONE GOD THE FATHER ALMIGHTY, MAKER OF HEAVEN AND EARTH, AND OF ALL THINGS VISIBLE AND INVISIBLE; AND IN ONE LORD JESUS CHRIST, THE ONLY-BEGOTTEN SON OF GOD, BEGOTTEN OF THE FATHER BEFORE ALL WORLDS, GOD OF GOD, LIGHT OF LIGHT, VERY GOD OF VERY GOD, BEGOTTEN, NOT MADE, BEING OF ONE SUBSTANCE WITH THE FATHER BY WHOM ALL THINGS WERE MADE; WHO FOR US, AND FOR OUR SALVATION, CAME DOWN FROM HEAVEN, AND WAS INCARNATE BY THE HOLY SPIRIT OF THE VIRGIN MARY, AND WAS MADE MAN, AND WAS CRUCIFIED ALSO FOR US UNDER PONTIUS PILATE. HE SUFFERED AND WAS BURIED, AND THE THIRD DAY HE ROSE AGAIN ACCORDING TO THE SCRIPTURES, AND ASCENDED INTO HEAVEN, AND SITTETH ON THE RIGHT HAND OF THE FATHER. AND HE SHALL COME AGAIN WITH GLORY TO JUDGE BOTH THE QUICK AND THE DEAD, WHOSE KINGDOM SHALL HAVE NO END. AND WE BELIEVE IN THE HOLY SPIRIT, THE LORD AND GIVER OF LIFE, WHO PROCEEDETH FROM THE FATHER AND THE SON, WHO WITH THE FATHER AND THE SON TOGETHER IS WORSHIPPED AND GLORIFIED, WHO SPOKE BY THE PROPHETS. AND WE BELIEVE ONE HOLY CATHOLIC AND APOSTOLIC CHURCH. WE ACKNOWLEDGE ONE BAPTISM FOR THE REMISSION OF SINS. AND WE LOOK FOR THE RESURRECTION OF THE DEAD, AND THE LIFE OF THE WORLD TO COME. AMEN.

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

*Jesus is the Living Stone*  
*Stephen Parkinson, Baritone*

*Mary MacDonald*

**SCRIPTURE READING**

*Genesis 32:22-31*

**SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM**

**HYMN**

*Lord Jesus Christ, Our Lord Most Dear*

**SERMON**

"TOUCHED" BY AN ANGEL

**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**

**THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

The Lord be with you.

**AND ALSO WITH YOU.**

Lift up your hearts.

**WE LIFT THEM UP TO THE LORD.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**IT IS RIGHT TO GIVE OUR THANKS AND PRAISE.**

**YOU ARE HOLY, O GOD OF MAJESTY, AND BLESSED IS JESUS CHRIST, YOUR ONLY SON, OUR LORD, WHOM YOU SENT TO BE OUR SAVIOR. BLESS AND SANCTIFY WITH YOUR WORD AND SPIRIT THESE YOUR OWN GIFTS OF BREAD AND WINE, THAT WE MAY RECEIVE BY FAITH CHRIST CRUCIFIED FOR US, AND SO FEED UPON HIM THAT HE MAY BE MADE ONE WITH US AND WE WITH HIM. ACCEPT THIS OUR SACRIFICE OF PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING AS A LIVING AND HOLY OFFERING OF OURSELVES, THAT OUR LIVES MAY PROCLAIM THE ONE CRUCIFIED AND RISEN, WHO TAUGHT US TO PRAY, "OUR FATHER ..."**

*The Words of Institution*  
*The Communion*

**\*HYMN**

*Give Thanks!*

*Give thanks with a grateful heart, Give thanks to the Holy One,  
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son; (2x)*

*And now let the weak say, "I am strong;" let the poor say, "I am rich,"  
Because of what the Lord has done for us (2x)*

*(repeat first stanza once, end with "Give thanks!")*

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

*Finale*

*Alexandre Guilmant*

**\*Congregation standing, as able**

# Give Thanks

The Lord has done great things for us, and we are filled with joy. Psalm 126:3

Unison

Give thanks with a grate-ful heart; Give thanks to the Ho-ly One;

Give thanks be-cause He's giv-en Je-sus Christ, His Son.

Give thanks with a grate-ful heart; Give thanks to the Ho-ly One;

Give thanks be-cause He's giv-en Je-sus Christ, His Son.

And now let the weak say, "I am strong;" Let the poor say, "I am rich," be-cause of what the Lord has done for us. And

[2 Optional D.C.] Last time  
us. us. Give thanks!

# I Sing the Mighty Power of God

The Lord made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them. Exodus 20:11

> 1. I sing the might-y pow'r of God That made the moun-tains rise,  
> 2. I sing the good-ness of the Lord That filled the earth with food;  
> 3. There's not a plant or flow'r be-low But makes Thy glo-ries known;

That spread the flow-ing seas a-broad, And built the loft-y skies.  
He formed the crea-tures with His word And then pro-nounced them good.  
And clouds a-rise and tem-pests blow By or-der from Thy throne;

I sing the wis-dom that or-dained The sun to rule the day;  
Lord, how Thy won-ders are dis-played Wher-e'er I turn my eye:  
While all that bor-rows life from Thee Is ev-er in Thy care,

The moon shines full at His com-mand And all the stars o-bey.  
If I sur-vey the ground I tread Or gaze up-on the sky!  
And ev-ery-where that man can be, Thou, God, art pres-ent there.

TEXT: Isaac Watts, altered  
MUSIC: From *Gesangbuch der Herzog, Württemberg*, 1784  
A lower setting may be found at No. 297

ELLACOMBE  
C.M.D.

# GENESIS 32: 3-21

Jacob sent messengers ahead of him to his brother Esau in the land of Seir, the country of Edom. He instructed them: "This is what you are to say to my lord Esau: 'Your servant Jacob says, I have been staying with Laban and have remained there till now. I have cattle and donkeys, sheep and goats, male and female servants. Now I am sending this message to my lord, that I may find favor in your eyes.'" When the messengers returned to Jacob, they said, "We went to your brother Esau, and now he is coming to meet you, and four hundred men are with him." In great fear and distress Jacob divided the people who were with him into two groups, and the flocks and herds and camels as well. He thought, "If Esau comes and attacks one group, the group that is left may escape."

Then Jacob prayed, "O God of my father Abraham, God of my father Isaac, Lord, You who said to me, 'Go back to your country and your relatives, and I will make you prosper,' I am unworthy of all the kindness and faithfulness You have shown Your servant. I had only my staff when I crossed this Jordan, but now I have become two camps. Save me, I pray, from the hand of my brother Esau, for I fear him, lest he come and slay us all, the mothers with the children. But you have said, 'I will surely make you prosper and will make your descendants like the sand of the sea, which cannot be counted.'"

He spent the night there, and from what he had with him he selected a gift for his brother Esau: two hundred female goats and twenty male goats, two hundred ewes and twenty rams, thirty female camels with their young, forty cows and ten bulls, and twenty female donkeys and ten male donkeys. He put them in the care of his servants, each herd by itself, and said to his servants, "Go ahead of me, and keep some space between the herds." He instructed the one in the lead: "When my brother Esau meets you and asks, 'Who do you belong to, and where are you going, and who owns all these animals in front of you?' then you are to say, 'They belong to your servant Jacob. They are a gift sent to my lord Esau, and he is coming behind us.'" He also instructed the second, the third and all the others who followed the herds: "You are to say the same thing to Esau when you meet him. And be sure to say, 'Your servant Jacob is coming behind us.'" For he thought, "I will pacify him with these gifts I am sending on ahead; later, when I see him, perhaps he will receive me." So Jacob's gifts went on ahead of him, but he himself spent the night in the camp.

## JACOB WRESTLES WITH GOD

That night Jacob got up and took his two wives, his two female servants and his eleven sons and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. After he had sent them across the stream, he sent over all his possessions. So Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him till daybreak. When the man saw that he could not overpower him, he touched the socket of Jacob's hip so that his hip was wrenched as he wrestled with the man. Then the man said, "Let me go, for it is daybreak." But Jacob replied, "I will not let you go unless you bless me."

The man asked him, "What is your name?"

"Jacob," he answered.

Then the man said, "Your name will no longer be Jacob, but Israel, because you have struggled with God and with men and have overcome."

Jacob said, "Please tell me your name."

Jacob said, "Please tell me your name."

But he replied, "Why do you ask my name?" Then he blessed him there.

So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "It is because I saw God face to face, and yet my life was spared." The sun rose above him as he passed Peniel, and he was limping because of his hip. Therefore to this day the Israelites do not eat the tendon attached to the socket of the hip, because the socket of Jacob's hip was touched near the tendon.

- a. [Genesis 32:28](#) *Israel probably means he struggles with God.*
- b. [Genesis 32:30](#) *Peniel means face of God.*

## Lord Jesus Christ, Our Lord Most Dear

*If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise. Gal. 3:29*

1. Lord Je - sus Christ, our Lord most dear, as thou wast  
2. As in thy heav'n - ly king - dom, Lord, all things o -  
3. Their watch let an - gels round him keep wher - e'er he

once an in - fant here, so give this child of thine, we pray,  
bey thy sa - cred word, do thou thy might - y suc - cor give,  
be, a - wake, a - sleep; thy sav - ing grace on him be - stow

REFRAIN  
thy grace and bless - ing day by day.  
and shield this child by morn and eve. O ho - ly Je - sus,  
that he in thee may live and grow.

Lord di - vine, we pray thee guard this child of thine.

**GREENWOOD COMMUNITY CHURCH, PRESBYTERIAN  
WARWICK, RHODE ISLAND  
August 2, 2020**

*WELCOME to all who are worshipping in our sanctuary today; welcome, too, to all worshipping with us online! As done these past seventeen 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, sometimes longer. Also, a special word of welcome to any visiting with us in person or on line this morning ... whether you are visiting us for this hour or looking for a new church home, welcome to our fellowship!*

**FLOWERS TODAY** are given to the glory of God by Glenn and Artena Fairbairn in honor of their grandchild's August birthday.

**FROM THE PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN:** There have been inquiries about purchasing items for the school kits due to the upcoming sales. However, due to COVID restrictions, the school and health kits were not delivered in May. The initial dates for delivery of kits to the depots were postponed several times; we are now looking at delivering, if at all, in September. Should you want to purchase supplies, we ask you to please store your donations at home, as we have limited storage space in our church building. We do already have ample school supplies for both a September and an upcoming May 2021 delivery, so it is not imperative to purchase school supplies this year. Although we have a good quantity of health kits (42) to send out in September, we do not have any surplus of health items; these will be needed in the early part of 2021

We are resuming our **WEDNESDAY NIGHT HYMN SING VIA FACEBOOK** on **August 5 at 7:15 P.M.** Join us as we spend an hour on Facebook Live singing requested hymns, hearing a few stories behind the hymns, enjoying digital fellowship with our church family, and having laughs and heartwarming moments along the way. What began last March as a program for those in our congregation soon expanded to include friends and extended family across the continent and even overseas, with some weeks seeing several hundred views.

**CONGRATULATIONS AND BLESSINGS** to the Whaley family who are presenting their daughter, **Grace Elizabeth** (born September 17, 2019) for the **Sacrament of Baptism** this morning. Mother **Stefanie Florenz Whaley** is a granddaughter of the late Doris Safford, a long-time and dear member of this congregation. Father **Michael Whaley** and sister **Laura Rose Whaley** (born 9/21/2016) were baptized together May 7, 2017. **WELCOME, GRACE ELIZABETH!**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Our Father Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever, Amen

## **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](http://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; I trust all to be graciously understanding as we do our best to accommodate everyone, given our limitations.

## **THANK YOU!**

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