

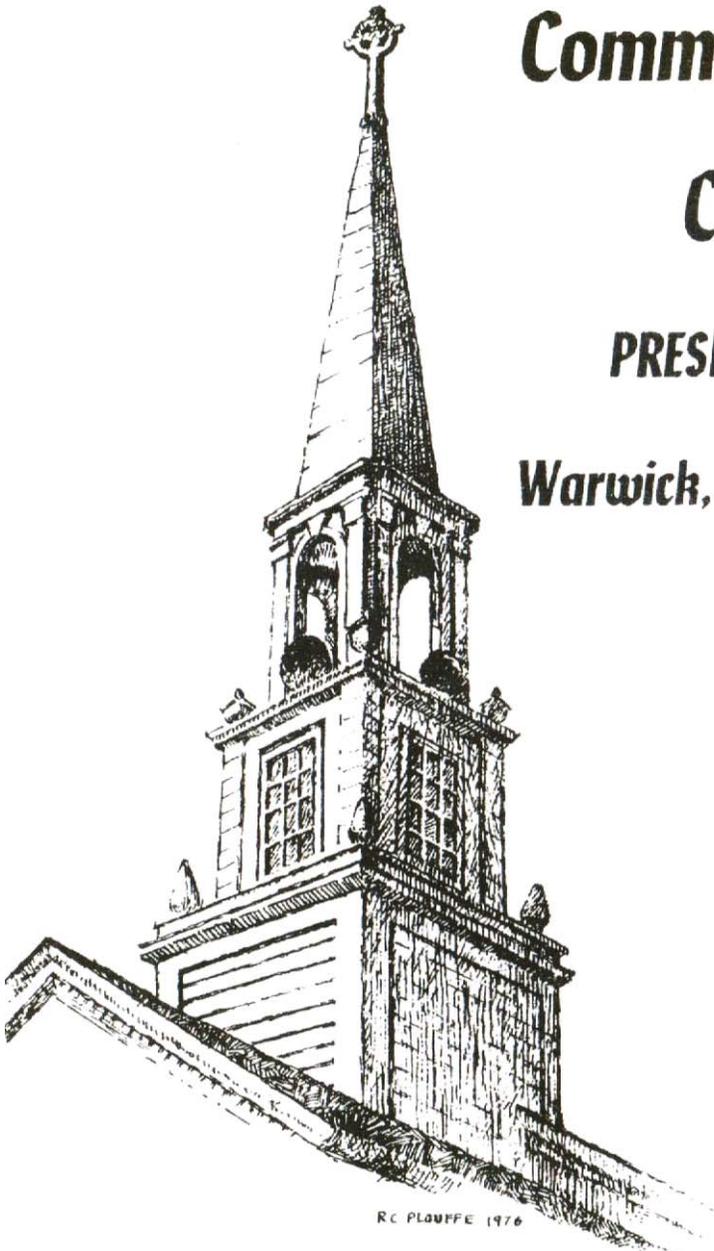
Greenwood

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 TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Morning Worship - 9:30 a. m.

August 9, 2020

Silent prayer for use in preparation for worship:

O God Almighty, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Grant us, we pray, to be grounded and settled in Your truth by the coming down of the Holy Spirit into our hearts. That which we know not, reveal; that which is wanting in us, fill up; that which we know, confirm; and keep us blameless in Your service; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

A Prayer of Clement of Rome, (@ 90 A.D.)

PRELUDE *Rhosymedre Ralph Vaughan Williams*
Jesus, What A Friend for Sinners arr. Laura Wasson
Handbell Choir
Olivia Black, Conducting; John Black, Organ

*CALL TO WORSHIP / PRAYER OF ADORATION

(a prayer of David, adapted from I Chronicles 29:10-13)

Blessed are You, O LORD, God of Israel our father, forever and ever.

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

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, and You rule over all.

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

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

*+HYMN *Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken*

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

O LORD, IN WHOM IS ALL OUR HOPE, REMOVE FAR FROM US EMPTY HOPES AND PRESUMPTUOUS CONFIDENCES. CLEANSE OUR SINFUL HEARTS, AND MAKE THEM SO RIGHT WITH THY MOST HOLY AND LOVING HEART, THAT HOPING IN THEE WE MAY DO THY GOOD, UNTIL THAT DAY WHEN FAITH AND HOPE SHALL GIVE WAY TO SIGHT, AND CHRIST'S LOVE SHALL BE ALL IN ALL. AMEN.

A prayer of Christina Rossetti, 1830-1894

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Believe the good news of the Gospel.

IN JESUS CHRIST, WE ARE FORGIVEN.

*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.*

MINUTE FOR MISSION

SPECIAL MUSIC *Precious Lord, Take My Hand* T. Dorsey
Bill Cheney, Baritone
Alexandra Nichols, Violin

PSALTER *Psalm 105:1-7*

SCRIPTURE READING *Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28*

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

*HYMN *By Grace I Am an Heir of Heaven*

SERMON THE ROAD PAVED WITH GOD INTENTIONS, PART ONE

*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 *(Lasst Uns Erfruen tune)*

*Praise God from Whom all blessings flow, praise Him all creatures here below:
Alleluia, alleluia!*

*Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

*Prayer of Dedication

*HYMN *God Be with You Till We Meet Again*

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Crown Imperial* William Walton

**(Congregation standing, as able)*

By Grace I Am an Heir of Heaven

That, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life. Titus 3:7

1. By grace I am an heir of heav - en: why doubt this,
 2. By grace a - lone shall I in - her - it that bliss - ful
 3. By grace! These pre - cious words re - mem - ber when sore - ly
 4. By grace! Be this in death my com - fort; de - spite my

O my trem - bling heart? If what the Scrip - tures prom - ise clear - ly
 home be - yond the skies. Works count for naught, the Lord in - car - nate
 by your sins op - pressed, when Sa - tan comes to vex your spir - it,
 fears, 'tis well with me. I know my sin in all its great - ness,

is true and firm in ev - 'ry part, this al - so must be
 has won for me the heav'n - ly prize. Sal - va - tion by his
 when trou - bled con - science sighs for rest; what rea - son can - not
 but al - so him who sets me free. My heart to naught but

truth di - vine: by grace a crown of life is mine.
 death he wrought, his grace a - lone my par - don bought.
 com - pre - hend, God does to you by grace ex - tend.
 joy gives place since I am saved by grace, by grace.

Christian L. Scheidt, 1742, cento
 Tr. by H. Breuckner

NEUMARK 9.8.9.8.8.8.
 Georg Neumark, 1657

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

Glorious things are said of you, O city of God. Psalm 87:3

1. Glo - rious things of thee are spo - ken, Zi - on, cit - y of our God;
 2. See, the streams of liv - ing wa - ters, Spring - ing from e - ter - nal Love,
 3. Round each hab - i - ta - tion hov - 'ring, See the cloud and fire ap - pear
 4. Sav - ior, since of Zi - on's cit - y I thro' grace a mem - ber am,

He whose word can - not be bro - ken Formed thee for His own a - bode.
 Well sup - ply thy sons and daugh - ters, And all fear of want re - move.
 For a glo - ry and a cov - 'ring, Show - ing that the Lord is near!
 Let the world de - ride or pit - y; I will glo - ry in Thy name.

On the Rock of A - ges found - ed, What can shake thy sure re - pose?
 Who can faint while such a riv - er Ev - er flows their thirst to as - suage?
 Thus they march, the pil - lar lead - ing, Light by night and shade by day,
 Fad - ing is the world's best plea - sure, All its boast - ed pomp and show;

With sal - va - tion's walls sur - round - ed, Thou may'st smile at all thy foes.
 Grace which like the Lord, the Giv - er, Nev - er fails from age to age!
 Dai - ly on the man - na feed - ing Which He gives them when they pray.
 Sol - id joys and last - ing trea - sures None but Zi - on's chil - dren know.

TEXT: John Newton, altered
 MUSIC: Franz Joseph Haydn

AUSTRIAN HYMN
 8.7.8.7.D.

Psalm 105:1-7

O give thanks to the Lord, call on His name, make known His deeds among the peoples!

SING TO HIM, SING PRAISES TO HIM, TELL OF ALL HIS WONDERFUL WORKS!

Glory in His holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice!

SEEK THE LORD AND HIS STRENGTH, SEEK HIS PRESENCE CONTINUALLY!

Remember the wonderful works that He has done, His miracles, and the judgments He uttered,

O OFFSPRING OF ABRAHAM HIS SERVANT, SONS OF JACOB, HIS CHOSEN ONES!

He is the Lord our God: His judgments are in all the earth.

GENESIS 37: 1-4, 12-17 *(and the rest)*

Jacob lived in the land where his father had stayed, the land of Canaan. This is the account of Jacob. Joseph, a young man of seventeen, was tending the flocks with his brothers, the sons of Bilhah and the sons of Zilpah, his father's wives, and he brought their father a bad report about them. Now Israel loved Joseph more than any of his other sons, because he had been born to him in his old age; and he made a richly ornamented robe for him. When his brothers saw that their father loved him more than any of them, they hated him and could not speak a peaceable word to him.

Joseph had a dream, and when he told it to his brothers, they hated him all the more. He said to them, "Listen to this dream I had: We were binding sheaves of grain out in the field when suddenly my sheaf rose and stood upright, while your sheaves gathered around mine and bowed down to it." His brothers said to him, "Do you intend to reign over us? Will you actually rule us?" And they hated him all the more because of his dream and what he had said. Then he had another dream, and he told it to his brothers. "Listen," he said, "I had another dream, and this time the sun and moon and eleven stars were bowing down to me." When he told his father as well as his brothers, his father rebuked him and said, "What is this dream you had? Will your mother and I and your brothers actually come and bow down to the ground before you?" His brothers were jealous of him, but his father kept the matter in mind.

Now his brothers had gone to graze their father's flocks near Shechem, and Israel said to Joseph, "As you know, your brothers are grazing the flocks near Shechem. Come, I am going to send you to them." "Very well," he replied. So he said to him, "Go and see if all is well with your brothers and with the flocks, and bring word back to me." Then he sent him off from the Valley of Hebron. When Joseph arrived at Shechem, a man found him wandering around in the fields and asked him, "What are you looking for?" He replied, "I'm looking for my brothers. Can you tell me where they are grazing their flocks?"

"They have moved on from here," the man answered. "I heard them say, 'Let's go to Dothan.'"

So Joseph went after his brothers and found them near Dothan. But they saw him in the distance, and before he reached them, they plotted to kill him. "Here comes that dreamer!" they said to each other. "Come now, let's kill him and throw him into one of these cisterns and say that a ferocious animal devoured him. Then we'll see what comes of his dreams." When Reuben heard this, he tried to rescue him from their hands. "Let's not take his life," he said. "Don't shed any blood. Throw him into this cistern here in the wilderness, but don't lay a hand on him." Reuben said this to rescue him from them and take him back to his father.

So when Joseph came to his brothers, they stripped him of his robe -- the richly ornamented robe he was wearing -- and they took him and threw him into the cistern. The cistern was empty; there was no water in it. As they sat down to eat their meal, they looked up and saw a caravan of Ishmaelites coming from Gilead. Their camels were loaded with spices, balm and myrrh, and they were on their way to take them down to Egypt. Judah said to his brothers, "What will we gain if we kill our brother and cover up his blood? Come, let's sell him to the Ishmaelites and not lay our hands on him; after all, he is our brother, our own flesh and blood." His brothers agreed. So when the Midianite merchants came by, his brothers pulled Joseph up out of the cistern and sold him for twenty shekels of silver to the Ishmaelites, who took him to Egypt.

When Reuben returned to the cistern and saw that Joseph was not there, he tore his clothes. He went back to his brothers and said, "The boy isn't there! Where can I turn now?"

Then they got Joseph's robe, slaughtered a goat and dipped the robe in the blood. They took the ornamented robe back to their father and said, "We found this. Examine it to see whether it is your son's robe." He recognized it and said, "It is my son's robe! Some ferocious animal has devoured him. Joseph has surely been torn to pieces."

Then Jacob tore his clothes, put on sackcloth and mourned for his son many days. All his sons and daughters came to comfort him, but he refused to be comforted. "No," he said, "I will continue to mourn until I join my son in the grave." So his father wept for him. Meanwhile, the Midianites sold Joseph in Egypt to Potiphar, one of Pharaoh's officials, the captain of the guard

~ IN MEMORIAM ~

Betty Jean Eckard Herman

September 19, 1931 - July 21, 2020

Church Member, Child of God

"Well done good and faithful servant."

Matthew 25:21

**GREENWOOD COMMUNITY CHURCH, PRESBYTERIAN
WARWICK, RHODE ISLAND**

August 9, 2020

***WELCOME** to all who are worshipping in our sanctuary today; welcome, too, to all worshipping with us online! As done these past eighteen 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 Beverly Carson in memory of Logan, Gavin and Keegan's grandmother, Linda Fratus.

We have resumed our **WEDNESDAY NIGHT HYMN SING VIA FACEBOOK; TUNE IN August 12 at 7:15 P.M.** on Facebook Live. Join us as we sing requested hymns, hear a few stories about particular hymns, enjoy digital fellowship with our church family (all ages welcome!) as well as others joining us from all over.

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

CONGRATULATIONS AND BLESSINGS to the Swiatek family as they prepare to celebrate the wedding of **Virginia Swiatek** and **Jordan Greenlee** TODAY! To Virginia and Jordan, in the words of that old Irish benediction: "*May joy and peace surround you both, may contentment latch your door. May happiness be with you now, and may God bless you evermore.*" **Amen!**

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) 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, 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.

THANK YOU!

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Alexandra K. Nichols, Music Associate
Matthew S. Majeika, Camera and Technical Master
Olivia R. Black, "Choir"
Jonathan Farnsworth, Lector

God Be with You Till We Meet Again

JEREMIAH E. RANKIN, 1828-1904

WILLIAM G. TOMER, 1833-1896

1. God be with you till we meet a - gain! By His coun - sels guide, up -
 2. God be with you till we meet a - gain! 'Neath His wings se - cure - ly
 3. God be with you till we meet a - gain! When life's per - ils thick con -
 4. God be with you till we meet a - gain! Keep love's ban - ner float - ing

hold you, With His sheep se - cure - ly fold you; God be with you till we
 hide you, Dai - ly man - na still pro - vide you; God be with you till we
 found you, Put His arms un - fail - ing round you; God be with you till we
 o'er you, Smite death's threat - ning wave be - fore you; God be with you till we

REFRAIN

meet a - gain! Till we meet! Till we meet!
 Till we meet! Till we meet a - gain!

Till we meet at Je - sus' feet; Till we meet! . . .
 Till we meet! Till we meet!

Till we meet! God be with you till we meet a - gain! A - MEN.
 Till we meet a - gain!

Doxology

Let everything that has breath praise the LORD. Ps. 150:6

Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow; praise him, all crea - tures

here be - low: al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise him a -

bove, ye heav'n - ly host, praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost:

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Thomas Ken, 1709; alt.

LASST UNS ERFREUEN L.M.al.
 Geistliche Kirchengesänge, Cologne, 1623