

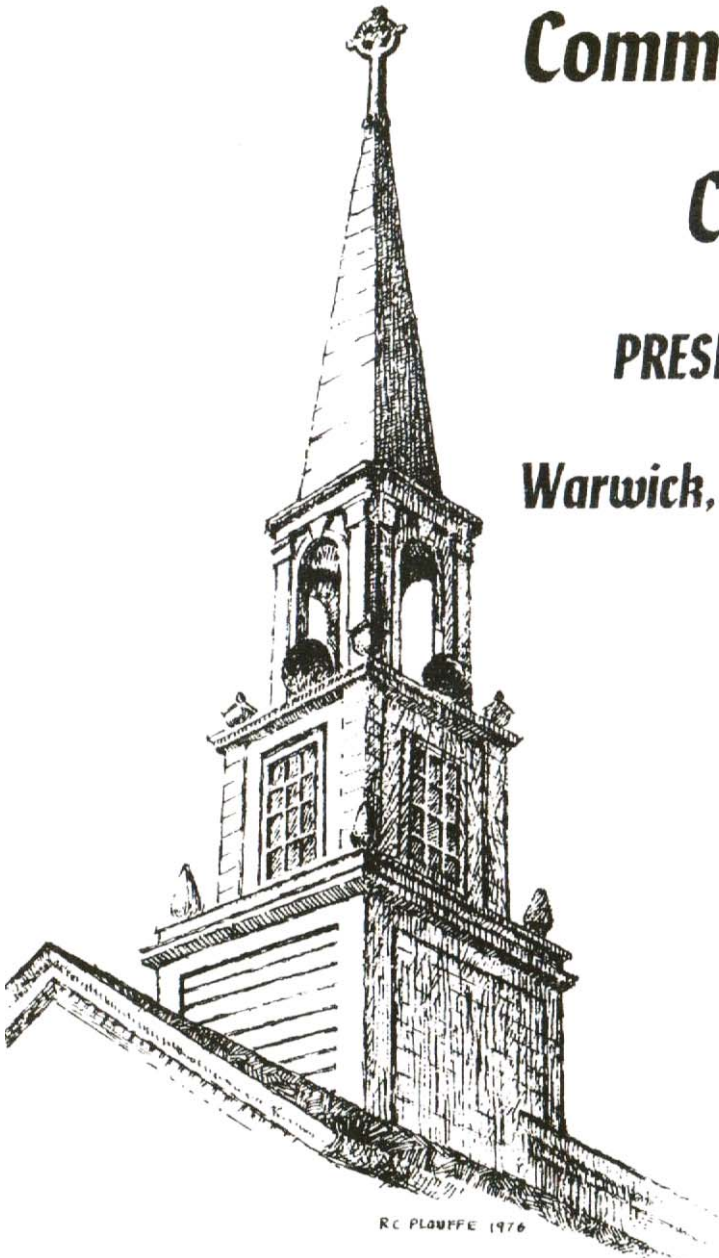
Greenwood

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 FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Morning Worship – 9:30 a.m.

February 7, 2021

From John Baillie's *A Diary of Private Prayer*, c. 1936

“O Lord, all treasures of wisdom and truth and holiness are stored up in Your boundless being. Grant that through our constant fellowship with You, those graces of Christian character may more and more take shape within me: the grace of a thankful and uncomplaining heart; the grace to await Your timing patiently and to answer Your call promptly; the grace of courage whether in suffering or in danger; the grace to endure any hardship in the fight against evil; the grace of boldness to stand up for what is right; the grace of being adequately prepared for any temptation; the grace of physical discipline; the grace of truthfulness; the grace to treat others as I would like them to treat me; the grace of sensitivity, that I may refrain from hasty judgment; the grace of silence, that I may refrain from thoughtless speech; the grace of forgiveness toward all who have wronged me; the grace of tenderness toward all who are weaker than myself; the grace of faithfulness in continuing to desire that You will answer these prayers.”

PRELUDE *Fugue on B-A-C-H, Op. 60, No 3* R. Schumann

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (from Isaiah 40:28-31)

Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary, and His understanding no one can fathom.

HE GIVES STRENGTH TO THE WEARY, AND INCREASES THE POWER OF THE WEAK.

Even youths shall faint and grow weary, and young men stumble and fall

BUT THEY WHO WAIT UPON THE LORD SHALL RENEW THEIR STRENGTH, THEY SHALL MOUNT UP WITH WINGS LIKE EAGLES; THEY SHALL RUN AND NOT BE WEARY, THEY SHALL WALK AND NOT FAINT.

***+HYMN** *O For A Thousand Tongues to Sing*

LITANY OF CONFESSION (from the Book of Common Worship, c. 1993)

Leader: I confess to God Almighty, and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, through my fault, through my fault, through my own most grievous fault; wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life.

Congregation: MAY ALMIGHTY GOD HAVE MERCY ON YOU, PARDON AND DELIVER YOU FROM ALL YOUR SINS AND GIVE YOU TIME TO AMEND YOUR LIFE.

Leader: Amen.

Congregation: I CONFESS TO GOD ALMIGHTY, AND TO YOU, MY BROTHERS AND SISTERS, THAT I HAVE GREATLY SINNED IN MY THOUGHTS AND IN MY WORDS, IN WHAT I HAVE DONE AND IN WHAT I HAVE FAILED TO DO, THROUGH MY FAULT, THROUGH MY FAULT, THROUGH MY OWN MOST GRIEVOUS FAULT; WHEREFORE I PRAY GOD ALMIGHTY TO HAVE MERCY ON ME, FORGIVE ME ALL MY SINS, AND BRING ME TO EVERLASTING LIFE.

Leader: May Almighty God have mercy on you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, and give you time to amend your life.

All: 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.

***+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 *How Great Thou Art* arr. Lloyd Larsen
Sherry Phillips, Soprano; Cynthia Pisano, Alto

SCRIPTURE *Romans 14:1-10, 15:1-7*

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

***HYMN** *I Stand Amazed*

SERMON KNOW GREATER LOVE, PART II

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 SON, OUR LORD, WHO DESCENDED FROM YOUR HEIGHTS TO BE BORN AMONG US, FULL OF GRACE AND TRUTH. THE CUP OF SUFFERING HE DRANK HAS BECOME FOR US THE CUP OF SALVATION. IN HIS DEATH, HE HAS DELIVERED US FROM DEATH'S DOMINION; IN HIS RESURRECTION, HE OPENED THE WAY TO LIFE FULL, ABUNDANT AND ETERNAL. WE EAGERLY AWAIT HIS COMING AGAIN, THAT HIS RULE MAY BE COMPLETE AND YOUR RIGHTEOUSNESS REIGN OVER ALL; AT THAT TIME WE WILL FEAST AT HIS ROYAL BANQUET AND SING HIS PRAISES WITH THE CHOIRS OF HEAVEN. 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 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."

The Words of Institution

The Communion

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

***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

Toccata

Eugène Gigout

Please help to keep our records up to date by completing this form with current information; change of address, email, home phone number, cell number, etc. Also, if you have noticed on our birthday calendar in **Fishermen's News** that information is missing and/or incorrect, please include that information as well. Thank you.

Name _____ **Last** _____ **First** _____ **Middle** _____ **(Maiden)** _____

Street/Apt. Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone _____ **Home** _____ **Cell** _____ **Work** _____

E-mail Address _____

Birth Date / Place of Birth _____

Wedding anniversary / Place of Marriage (if applicable) _____

You may drop this in the offering plate or leave in / mail to the church office. Thank you!

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

My tongue will speak of Your praises all day long. Psalm 35:28

1. O for a thousand tongues to sing My great Re-deem-er's praise,
2. Je - sus! the name that charms our fears, That bids our sor - rows cease,
3. He breaks the pow'r of can-celled sin, He sets the pris - on-er free;
4. Hear Him, ye deaf; His praise, ye dumb, Your loos-ened tongues em-ploy;
5. My gra-cious Mas - ter and my God, As - sist me to pro - claim,

The glo - ries of my God and King, The tri - umphs of His grace.
'Tis mu - sic in the sin - ner's ears, 'Tis life and health and peace.
His blood can make the foul - est clean; His blood a - vailed for me.
Ye blind, be - hold your Sav - ior come; And leap, ye lame, for joy.
To spread thro' all the earth a - broad, The hon - ors of Thy name.

TEXT: Charles Wesley
MUSIC: Carl G. Gläzer; arranged by Lowell Mason;

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C.M.

ROMANS 14:1-10

As for the man who is weak in faith, accept him, but not to quarrel over opinions. One person believes he may eat anything, while the weak person eats only vegetables. Let not the one who eats look down on the one who abstains, and let not the one who abstains pass judgment on the one who eats; for God has welcomed him. Who are you to pass judgment on the servant of another? It is before his own master that he stands or falls. And he will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make him stand. One person esteems one day as better than another, while another esteems all days alike. Let every one be fully convinced in his own mind. The one who observes the day, observes it in honor of the Lord. The one who eats, eats in honor of the Lord, since he gives thanks to God; while the one who abstains, abstains in honor of the Lord and gives thanks to God. For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. If we live, we live unto the Lord, and if we die, we die unto the Lord; whether we live, therefore, or die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, that he might be Lord both of the dead and the living. Why do you pass judgment on your brother? Or you, why do you look down on your brother? For we shall all stand before the judgment seat of God.

ROMANS 15:1-7

We who are strong have an obligation to bear with the failings of the weak, and not to please ourselves; let each of us please his neighbor for his good, to edify him. For Christ did not please himself, but as it is written, "The reproaches of those who reproached you fell on me." For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.

May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore accept one another as Christ has accepted you, for the glory of God.

I CORINTHIANS 8 (from last week)

Now concerning food offered to idols: we know that "all of us possess knowledge." This "knowledge" puffs up, but love builds up. If anyone imagines that he knows something, he does not yet know as he ought to know. But if anyone loves God, he is known by God.

Therefore, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that "an idol has no real existence," and that "there is no God but one." For although there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth — as indeed there are many "gods" and many "lords" — yet for us there is one God, the Father, from Whom are all things and for Whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through Whom are all things and through Whom we exist.

However, not all possess this knowledge. But some, through former association with idols, eat food as really offered to an idol, and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. Food will not commend us to God. We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. For if anyone sees you who have knowledge reclining at table in an idol's temple, will he not be encouraged, if his conscience is weak, to eat food offered to idols? And so by your knowledge this weak person is destroyed, the brother for whom Christ died. Thus, sinning against your brethren and wounding their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if such food is a cause of my brother's falling, I will never eat meat, lest I cause my brother to fall.

I Stand Amazed in the Presence

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February 7, 2021

1. I stand a-mazed in the pres-ence of Je - sus the Naz - a - rene,
2. For me it was in the gar - den He prayed, "Not my will, but Thine";
3. He took my sins and my sor - rows, He made them His ver - y own;
4. When with the ran-somed in glo - ry His face I at last shall see,

and won-der how He could love me, a sin - ner, con-demned, un-clean.
He had no tears for His own griefs, but sweat drops of blood for mine.
He bore the bur - den to Cal - vary, and suf - fered and died a - lone.
'twill be my joy through the a - ges to sing of His love for me.

How mar-vel-ous! how won-der-ful! and my song shall ev - er be;
Oh, how mar-vel-ous! oh, how won-der-ful!

how mar-vel-ous! how won-der-ful! is my Sav - ior's love for me!
oh, how mar-vel-ous! oh, how won-der-ful!

WORDS: Charles H. Gabriel, 1905 (Luke 22:42-44)
MUSIC: Charles H. Gabriel, 1905

MY SAVIOR'S LOVE
8.7.8.7 with refrain

WELCOME to all who are worshiping in our sanctuary today; welcome, too, to all worshiping with us online! As done the past forty-five weeks, the service will be archived and posted @ twenty minutes after the benediction and will be available for viewing and/or downloading for at least one week. A special word of welcome to any and all visiting with us in person or online this morning ... welcome to our fellowship!

FLOWERS TODAY are given to the glory of God by Robert & Karen Hocking in loving memory of their son, David Lawrence Hocking, and by Denise Mair in memory of her dear friend, Doreen Huro Michelini, as a birthday remembrance,

THE 2021 FLOWER CALENDAR is now available in the church office, instead of Fellowship Hall, in light of the current health restrictions. **Please call (737-1230) to sign up for dates** to honor a loved one, mark a special occasion, or commemorate the memory of a dearly departed relative or friend and, in doing so, help beautify our sanctuary for worship. The cost is **\$15** per bouquet.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S "GIFTS OF THE HEART" – During February and March we will hold our annual collection for the "Gifts of the Heart" kits. A donation box is on the Fellowship Hall stage. Thank you for your continued support of this project! **Items needed:** 15"x28" hand towels, wash cloths, wide tooth combs, nail clippers, (wrapped) bars of soap, (boxed) toothbrushes.

THE FEBRUARY FISHERMEN'S NEWS will be arriving a bit late (*along with the February Birthday list*); in the meantime, our records indicate the following members and friends are marking birthdays this week: *Cathy Schobel (2/7), Fred Fairbairn Summers (2/8), Richard Arling (2/11), Hannah Clark, Jay Martins (2/12), Deb Burrows, Andrea Souza (2/13).*

THE PICASSO QUILTERS NEED YOUR HELP ONCE AGAIN! We began making sleeping bags for the homeless in 2010 and have so far completed and delivered throughout Rhode Island 944 sleeping bags towards our goal of 1,000. The families here at Greenwood have supported this project for the past eleven years by donating some of the supplies we need to complete our sleeping bags. As you know, we make them with used materials. **Right now we need used mattress pads, blankets, and comforters for the fillings.** They can be faded, have a rip or two, or just be things you don't intend to use again. If you have items you can donate for this project, please leave them on the table outside the double doors to Fellowship Hall or call Sandy Olson at (401) 647-7034 to make other arrangements. Thank you!

WORSHIP CANCELLATION NOTIFICATION: For up to date information regarding the potential cancellation of church activities during inclement weather, please log on to www.wpri.com or www.turnto10.com, tune in to the corresponding TV stations, look us up on **Face Book** (Greenwood Community Church, Presbyterian) ... and/or call the church office answering machine.