

THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Morning Worship – 9:30 a.m.

June 13, 2021

Silent prayer for use in preparation for worship:

Guide us, teach us, strengthen us, O Lord, we beseech Thee, until we become such as Thou wouldst have us be: pure, gentle, truthful, high-minded, courteous, generous, able, dutiful and useful, for Thy honour and glory, Amen.

*A prayer of Charles Kingsley (1819-1875),
Royal Chaplain to Queen Victoria*

PRELUDE *Rhosymedre* *Ralph Vaughan Williams*

***PSALTER** *from Psalm 57:9-11*

We will give thanks to Thee, O Lord, among the peoples;

WE WILL SING PRAISES TO THEE AMONG THE NATIONS.

For Thy steadfast love is great to the heavens, Thy faithfulness to the clouds.

BE EXALTED, O GOD, ABOVE THE HEAVENS! LET THY GLORY BE OVER ALL THE EARTH!

***CALL TO WORSHIP** *Be Exalted, O God*

***PRAYER OF ADORATION**

***+HYMN** *All People That On Earth Do Dwell*

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

IN CONFIDENCE OF YOUR GOODNESS AND GREAT MERCY, O LORD, I DRAW NEAR TO YOU: AS A SICK PERSON TO THE HEALER, AS ONE HUNGRY AND THIRSTY TO THE FOUNTAIN OF LIFE, AS A CREATURE TO THE CREATOR, AS AN UTTERLY NEEDY SOUL TO MY TENDER COMFORTER. FORGIVE AND CLEANSE ME, O GOD. IN YOU IS EVERYTHING THAT I CAN OR OUGHT TO DESIRE. YOU ARE MY SALVATION AND MY REDEMPTION, MY HELPER AND MY STRENGTH. AMEN.

A prayer of Thomas à Kempis, 1380-1471

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.*

***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

ANTHEM *O Sing My Soul* *Jacob Navarud*

(with stanzas from "How Great Thou Art," trans. Stuart K. Hine)

*O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder consider all the works Thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder, Thy power throughout the universe displayed*

*Tum canit anima, anima mea. In spiritum, omnium!
(My soul sings; o sing, my soul! In spirit, all of me!)*

*And when I think that God, His Son not sparing, sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing, He bled and died to take away my sin.*

*When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation & take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration, and there proclaim, "My God, how great Thou art!"*

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee: How great Thou art! How great Thou art!

A MINUTE FOR MISSION

SCRIPTURE READINGS *II Corinthians 5:6-17*
Mark 4:26-34

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

***HYMN** *My Country, 'Tis of Thee*

SERMON *PASSING MUSTER*

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. THE CUP OF SUFFERING HE DRANK HAS BECOME FOR US THE CUP OF BLESSING AND SALVATION. IN HIS DEATH, HE HAS FREED US FROM DEATH'S DOMINION; IN HIS RESURRECTION, HE OPENED THE WAY TO LIFE ABUNDANT AND ETERNAL. 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, JESUS CHRIST, OUR LORD AND OUR REDEEMER, AMEN."

The Words of Institution

The Communion

***HYMN**

The Lord's Prayer

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Prelude in G Major, BWV 541

J.S. Bach

**(Congregation standing, as able)*

BE EXALTED, O God

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BRENT CHAMBERS

(from Psalm 57:9-11)

I will give thanks to Thee O Lord a - mong the
 peo - ples I will sing prais-es to Thee a - mong the na - tions
 For Thy steadfast love is great is great to the
 heav - ens, and Thy faithfulness, Thy faithfulness to the clouds
 Be ex - alt - ed, O God, a - bove the heav -
 ens, let Thy glo - ry be o - ver all the earth
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All People That on Earth Do Dwell

Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth. Psalm 100:1

1. All peo - ple that on earth do dwell, Sing to the
 2. The Lord, ye know, is God in - deed; With - out our
 3. O en - ter then His gates with praise; Ap - proach with
 4. For why? The Lord our God is good; His mer - cy
 5. To Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, The God whom
 Lord with cheer - ful voice. Him serve with fear; His praise forth
 aid He did us make. We are His flock; He doth us
 joy His courts un - to. Praise, laud, and bless His name al -
 is for - ev - er sure. His truth at all times firm - ly
 heav'n and earth a - dore, From earth and from the an - gel
 tell. Come ye be - fore Him and re - joice.
 feed, And for His sheep He doth us take.
 ways, For it is seem - ly so to do.
 stood, And shall from age to age en - dure.
 host Be praise and glo - ry ev - er - more. A - men.

TEXT: William Kethe and Scottish Psalter, 1565; based on Psalm 100
 MUSIC: Genevan Psalter, 1551; attributed to Louis Bourgeois

OLD HUNDRETH
L. M.

II CORINTHIANS 5:6-17

So we are always of good courage. We know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we are of good courage, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please Him. For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil.

Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we persuade others. But what we are is known to God, and I hope it is known also to your conscience. We are not commending ourselves to you again but giving you cause to be proud of us, so that you may be able to answer those who pride themselves about outward appearance and not about what is in the heart. For if we are out of our mind, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. For the love of Christ controls us, because we are convinced that One has died for all, therefore all have died; and He died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for Him Who for their sake died and was raised.

From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once regarded Christ from a human point of view, we regard him thus no longer. Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

MARK 4:26-34

Again He said, "This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man scatters seed on the ground. Night and day, whether he sleeps or gets up, the seed sprouts and grows, though he does not know how. All by itself the soil produces, first the blade, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. As soon as the grain is ripe, he puts the sickle to it, because the harvest has come."

Again he said, "What shall we say the kingdom of God is like, or what parable shall we use to describe it? It is like a mustard seed, which is the smallest of all seeds on earth. Yet when it is sown, it grows and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, with such large branches that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade."

With many similar parables Jesus spoke the word to them, as much as they could understand. He did not say anything to them without using a parable. But when He was alone with His own disciples, He explained everything.

My Country, 'Tis of Thee

Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a disgrace to any people. Proverbs 14:34

1. My coun - try, 'tis of thee, Sweet land of lib - er - ty,
2. My na - tive coun - try, thee, Land of the no - ble free,
3. Let mu - sic swell the breeze And ring from all the trees
4. Our fa - thers' God, to Thee, Au - thor of lib - er - ty,

Of thee I sing: Land where my fa - thers died, Land of the
Thy name I love: I love thy rocks and rills, Thy woods and
Sweet free - dom's song: Let mor - tal tongues a - wake, Let all that
To Thee we sing: Long may our land be bright With free - dom's

pil - grims' pride, From ev - ery moun - tain - side Let free - dom ring!
tem - pled hills; My heart with rap - ture thrills Like that a - bove.
breathe par - take; Let rocks their si - lence break, The sound pro - long.
ho - ly light; Pro - tect us by Thy might, Great God, our King!

TEXT: Samuel F. Smith
MUSIC: *Thesaurus Musicus*, c. 1745

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For the Time with the Children:

WHAT IS FLAG DAY?

Adapted from a 2018 article found at www.history.com/news/95-years-of-flag-day

When the American Revolution broke out in 1775, the colonists weren't fighting united under a single flag. Instead, most regiments participating in the war for independence against the British fought under their own flags. In June of 1775, the Second Continental Congress met in Philadelphia to create the Continental Army — a unified colonial fighting force — with the hopes of more organized battle against its colonial oppressors. This led to the creation of what was, essentially, the first "American" flag, the Continental Colors. For some, this flag, which was comprised of thirteen red and white alternating stripes and a Union Jack in the corner, was too similar to that of the British. George Washington soon realized that flying a flag that was even remotely close to the British flag was not a great confidence-builder for the revolutionary effort, so he turned his efforts towards creating a new symbol of freedom for the soon-to-be fledgling nation.

On **June 14, 1777**, the Second Continental Congress passed a resolution stating that "the flag of the United States be "thirteen stripes, alternate red and white," and that "the union be thirteen stars, white in a blue field, representing a new constellation." In 1916, President Woodrow Wilson marked the anniversary of that decree by officially establishing June 14 as Flag Day. Bernard Cigrand, a small-town Wisconsin teacher, had originated the idea for an annual flag day, to be celebrated across the country every June 14, in 1885. That year, he led his school in the first formal observance of the holiday. Cigrand, who later changed careers and practiced dentistry in Illinois, continued to promote his concept and advocate respect for the flag throughout his life.

In the 1950s, when it seemed certain Alaska would be admitted to the Union, designers began retooling the American flag to add a 49th star to the existing 48. Meanwhile, a 17-year-old Ohioan named Bob Heft borrowed his mother's sewing machine, disassembled his family's 48-star flag and stitched on 50 stars in a proportional pattern. He handed in his creation to his history teacher for a class project, explaining that he expected Hawaii would soon achieve statehood as well. Heft also sent the flag to his congressman, Walter Moeller, who presented it to President Eisenhower after both states joined the Union. Eisenhower selected Heft's design, and on July 4, 1960, the president and the high school student stood together as the 50-star flag was raised for the first time. Heft's teacher promptly changed his grade from a B- to an A.

SOME BASIC FLAG ETIQUETTE: Despite the preponderance of "patriotic" gear ranging from tee shirts to swimsuits to boxer shorts, the Flag Code stipulates that the Stars and Stripes should not appear on apparel, bedding or decorative items. Etiquette calls for American flags to be illuminated by sunlight or another light source while on display. When flags are taken down from their poles, care must be taken to keep them from touching the ground. In fact, the American flag should always be kept aloft; rugs and carpets featuring the Stars and Stripes are barred by the Flag Code. When the flags of cities, states, localities or groups are flown on the same staff as the American flag, Old Glory should always be at the peak. The Flag Code strictly prohibits adding an insignia, drawing or other markings to the Stars and Stripes. Some American politicians have been known to defy this regulation by signing copies of the U.S. flag for their supporters.

The Lord's Prayer

*This, then, is how you should pray: "Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name."
Matt. 6:9*

1. Our Fa - ther, Lord of heav'n and earth, let praise and hon - or
2. For - give us, Lord, our sins and debts as we to debt - ors

clothe your name. Your king - dom come, your will be done; through -
show your grace. Re - move us from all tempt - ing paths and

out the world com - plete your reign. Teach us, O Lord, to
guard us from the dev - il's ways; for glo - ry, strength, and

trust in you for bread and breath each day a - new.
heav - en's throne be - long to you, and you a - lone.

**GREENWOOD COMMUNITY CHURCH, PRESBYTERIAN
Warwick, Rhode Island**

June 13, 2021

***WELCOME** to all who are worshiping in our sanctuary today; welcome, too, to all worshiping online! The service will be archived and posted after the benediction and be available for viewing and/or downloading. 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 Sandy Olson in loving memory of her husband, Ken Olson.



JOIN US FOR THE ANNUAL ALL-CHURCH PICNIC
Today June 13, starting NOON at the Masonic Youth Center. Hot dogs, hamburgers, sausages, and drinks will be provided and served in a modified buffet; designated masked/gloved servers will handle condiments and assist with salads, chips, and desserts

39ERS MEET WEDNESDAY, JUNE 16, 12:00 NOON at **Chelo's Restaurant, 2225 Post Road**. Choose off the menu! If you need a ride or want to make a reservation, please contact Joan Eichenfeldt at (737-0128).

SUMMER CHOIR, a favorite annual activity and a **WONDERFUL** chance for first-time singers to try choral singing in a low-pressure environment! The program will run on Sunday mornings from **July 4 – August 22**, meeting at 9:00 AM in the sanctuary to learn a simple, fun anthem to share in worship at 9:30. No experience required, and you don't have to commit to the whole summer ... stop by any week(s) you would like! All ages are welcome; bring the whole family. It has been such a privilege to welcome so many first-time, current, and returning singers, and to see families leading worship together through this program; I do hope you will consider giving it a try.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL July 12 - July 16.
"DESTINATION DIG!" where kids will discover more than dirt when they unearth exciting evidences that biblical events were not just stories. We can't wait to explore a new **EXPERIENCE** and have a blast at VBS! *Ages four through entering grade six, register at www.gccp.org.*

JOIN US FOR COFFEE HOUR outside (*weather permitting; rain and/or too much heat will bring us indoors!*) immediately following worship. Thank you, Deacons, for preparing and hosting! **ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL** begins **10:45 am** after the worship service, allowing time for coffee. The class is reading and discussing the Scripture of the Revised Common Lectionary. Email Kevin Golde (kevingolde@gmail.com) to receive the weekly readings and the Zoom link.

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

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