

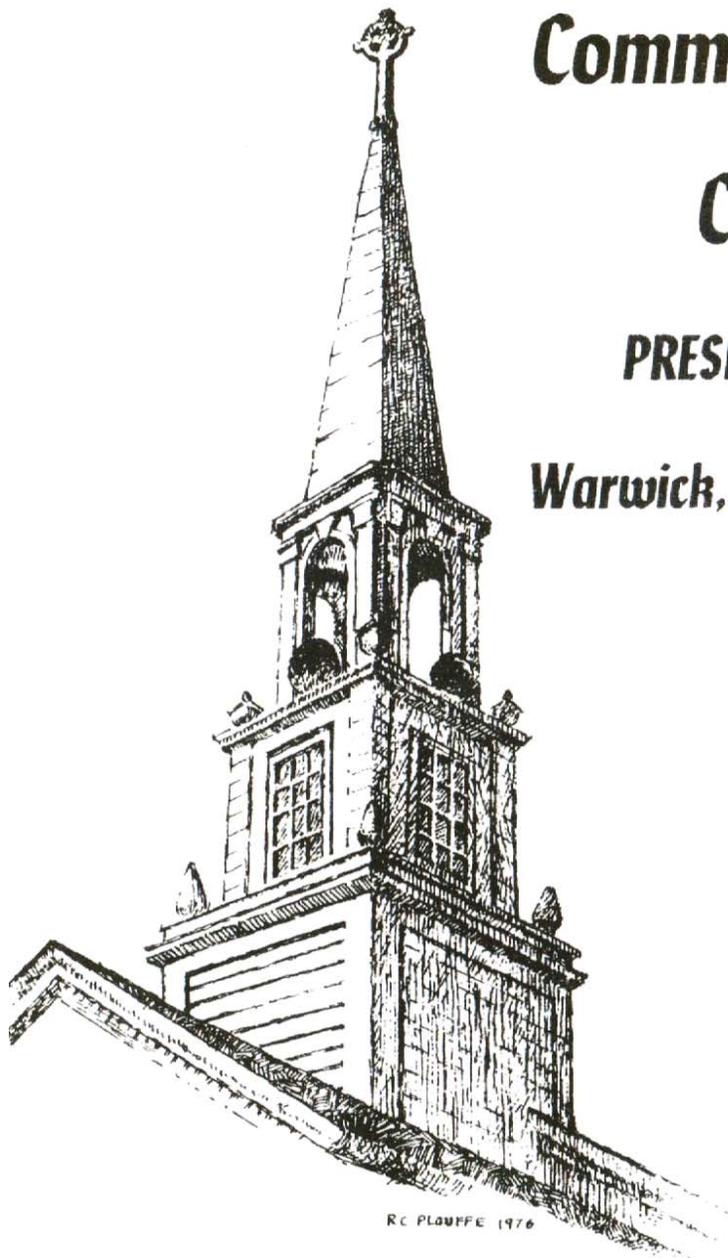
Greenwood

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 1, 2021

Silent prayer for use in preparation for worship:

We love Thee, O God, and we desire to love Thee more and more. Grant that we may love Thee as much as we ought. Let Christ dwell in our hearts, so to keep watch over our lips, our steps, and our deeds. In love for Thee, give us love, sweetest of all gifts, which knows no enemy. Most loving Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, let our hearts, frozen in sin, cold to Thee and cold to others, be warmed by Thy divine and cleansing fire. So help and bless us in Thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

A prayer of Anselm of Canterbury, 1033-1109.

PRELUDE *My Jesus, I Love Thee* arr. Diane Bish
John Black, Organ

And Can It Be arr. Dan Forrest
Jesstin Jacobs, Baritone; Alexandra Nichols, Violin

*And can it be that I should gain an interest in the Savior's blood?
Died He for me, who caused His pain—for me, who Him to death pursued?
Amazing love! How can it be, that Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?*

*He left His Father's throne above, so free, so infinite His grace —
Emptied Himself of all but love, and bled for Adam's helpless race:
'Tis mercy all, immense and free, for O my God, it found out me!*

*No condemnation now I dread; Jesus, and all in Him, is mine;
Alive in Him, my living Head, and clothed in righteousness divine,
Bold I approach th'eternal throne, and claim the crown, through Christ my own.*

***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** *Make Me A Captive, Lord*

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 (responsively, from Jeremiah 31)

"The time is coming," declares the Lord, "when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah."

"THIS IS THE COVENANT I WILL MAKE WITH THE HOUSE OF ISRAEL AFTER THAT TIME," DECLARES THE LORD. "I WILL PUT MY LAW IN THEIR MINDS AND WRITE IT ON THEIR HEARTS. I WILL BE THEIR GOD, AND THEY WILL BE MY PEOPLE."

"For I will forgive their wickedness and remember their sins no more."

IN JESUS CHRIST, WE ARE FORGIVEN. 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.*

ANTHEM *In My Heart There Rings a Melody* Summer Choir

*I have a song that Jesus gave me, it was sent from heav'n above;
There never was a sweeter melody, 'tis a melody of love.*

[CHORUS]

*In my heart there rings a melody,
There rings a melody with heaven's harmony;
In my heart there rings a melody;
There rings a melody of love.*

*I love the Christ who died on Calv'ry, for He washed my sins away;
He put within my heart a melody, and I know it's there to stay. [CHORUS]*

*'Twill be my endless theme in glory, with the angels I will sing;
'Twill be a song with glorious harmony, when the courts of heaven ring. [CHORUS]*

SCRIPTURE READINGS *Selections from John 6
Ephesians 6:10-20*

***HYMN** *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

SERMON THE APOSTOLIC AMEN CORNER

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*

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Invitation to the Table

The Eucharistic Prayer

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.

ALL GLORY AND THANKSGIVING TO YOU, ALMIGHTY GOD, OUR HEAVENLY FATHER, FOR OUT OF YOUR GREAT MERCY YOU GAVE YOUR ONLY SON JESUS CHRIST TO TAKE OUR NATURE UPON HIM, AND TO SUFFER DEATH UPON THE CROSS FOR OUR REDEMPTION. REMEMBERING HIS INCARNATION AND HOLY LIFE, HIS PASSION AND PRECIOUS DEATH, HIS RESURRECTION AND GLORIOUS ASCENSION, AND HIS CONTINUAL INTERCESSION ON OUR BEHALF, WE DO SET FORTH THE MEMORIAL YOUR SON COMMANDED US TO MAKE. BLESS AND SANCTIFY THESE YOUR GIFTS OF BREAD AND WINE, THAT THE BREAD WE BREAK MAY BE THE COMMUNION OF THE BODY OF CHRIST, AND THE CUP OF BLESSING WE DRINK THE COMMUNION OF THE BLOOD OF CHRIST. 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

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 in Seven

John Rutter

**(Congregation standing, as able)*

Make Me a Captive, Lord

He that loseth his life for My sake shall find it. Matt. 10:39

DIADEMATA S.M.D.
George J. Elvey, 1868

George Matheson, 1890

1. Make me a cap - tive, Lord, And then I shall be free;
2. My heart is weak and poor Un - til it mas - ter find;
3. My power is faint and low Till I have learned to serve;
4. My will is not my own Till Thou hast made it Thine;

Force me to ren - der up my sword, And I shall con - qu'ror be.
It has no spring of ac - tion sure, It var - ies with the wind.
It wants the need - ed fire to glow, It wants the breeze to nerve;
If it would reach a mon - arch's throne, It must its crown re - sign;

I sink in life's a - larms When by my - self I stand; Im -
It can - not free - ly move Till Thou hast wrought its chain; En -
It can - not drive the world Un - til it - self be driv'n; Its
It on - ly stands un - bent A - mid the clash - ing strife, When

pris - on me with - in Thine arms, And strong shall be my hand.
slave it with Thy match - less love, And death - less it shall reign.
flag can on - ly be un - furled When Thou shalt breathe from heav'n.
on Thy bos - om it has leaned, And found in Thee its life. A - men.

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

His compassions fail not. They are new every morning. Lam. 3:22,23

FAITHFULNESS 11 10 11 10 Ref.
William M. Runyan, 1923

Thomas O. Chisholm, 1923

1. Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther, There is no shad - ow of
2. Sum - mer and win - ter, and springtime and har - vest, Sun, moon and stars in their
3. Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth, Thy own dear pres - ence to

turn - ing with Thee; Thou chang - est not, Thy com - pas - sions they fail not;
cours - es a - bove Join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness
cheer and to guide; Strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row,

Refrain
As Thou hast been Thou for - ev - er wilt be.
To Thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy and love. Great is Thy faith - ful - ness!
Bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

Great is Thy faith - ful - ness! Morn - ing by morn - ing new mer - cies I see; All I have

need - ed Thy hand hath pro - vid - ed - Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, Lord, un - to me!

SELECTIONS FROM JOHN 6

After the people saw the miraculous sign that Jesus did, they began to say, "Surely this is the Prophet who is to come into the world. Jesus, knowing that they intended to come and make him king by force, withdrew again to a mountain by himself. When evening came, his disciples went down to the lake, where they got into a boat and set off across the lake for Capernaum. By now it was dark, and Jesus had not yet joined them. A strong wind was blowing and the waters grew rough. When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus approaching the boat, walking on the water; and they were terrified. But he said to them, "It is I; don't be afraid." Then they were willing to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the shore where they were heading. The next day the crowd that had stayed on the opposite shore of the lake realized that only one boat had been there, and that Jesus had not entered it with his disciples, but that they had gone away alone. Then some boats from Tiberias landed near the place where the people had eaten the bread after the Lord had given thanks. Once the crowd realized that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they got into the boats and went to Capernaum in search of Jesus. When they found him on the other side of the lake, they asked him, "Rabbi, when did you get here?"

Jesus answered, "Very truly I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw the signs I performed but because you ate the loaves and had your fill. Do not work for food that spoils, but for food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For on him God the Father has placed his seal of approval." Then they asked him, "What must we do to do the works God requires?" Jesus answered, "The work of God is this: to believe in the one he has sent."

So they asked him, "What miraculous sign then will you give that we may see it and believe you? What will you do? Our forefathers ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written: 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.' Jesus said to them, "Very truly I tell you, it is not Moses who has given you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is He Who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." "Sir," they said, "from now on give us this bread."

Then Jesus declared, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. But as I told you, you have seen me and still you do not believe. All those the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never drive away. For I have come down from heaven not to do my will but to do the will of him who sent me. And this is the will of him who sent me, that I shall lose none of all those he has given me, but raise them up at the last day. For my Father's will is that everyone who looks to the Son and believes in him shall have eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day."

At this the Jews there began to grumble about him because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." They said, "Is this not Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, 'I came down from heaven?'"

"Stop grumbling among yourselves," Jesus answered. "No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him, and I will raise him up at the last day. It is written in the Prophets: 'They will all be taught by God.' Everyone who listens to the Father and learns from him comes to me. No one has seen the Father except the one who is from God; only he has seen the Father. Very truly I tell you, the one who believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your forefathers ate the manna in the wilderness, yet they died. But here is the bread that comes down from heaven, which anyone may eat and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats this bread will live forever. This bread is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world." Then the Jews began to argue sharply among themselves, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?"

Jesus said to them, "Very truly I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise them up at the last day. For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me, and I in him. Just as the living Father sent me and I live because of the Father, so the one who feeds on me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven. Your forefathers ate manna and died, but whoever feeds on this bread will live forever." He said this while teaching in the synagogue in Capernaum.

On hearing it, many of his disciples said, "This is a hard teaching. Who can accept it?" Aware that his disciples were grumbling about this, Jesus said to them, "Does this offend you? What if you see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before! The Spirit gives life; the flesh counts for nothing. The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life. Yet there are some of you who do not believe." For Jesus had known from the beginning which of them did not believe and who would betray him. He went on to say, "This is why I told you that no one can come to me unless the Father has enabled them."

From this time many of his disciples turned back and no longer followed him.

"You do not want to leave too, do you?" Jesus asked the Twelve.

Simon Peter answered him, Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God."

Then Jesus replied, "Have I not chosen you, the Twelve? Yet one of you is a devil!" (He meant Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot, who, though one of the Twelve, was later to betray him.)

EPHESIANS 6:10-20

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.

Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people. Pray also for me, that whenever I speak, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it fearlessly, as I should.

GREENWOOD COMMUNITY CHURCH
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WE WELCOME all who are worshipping in our sanctuary today; welcome, too, to all worshipping online! The recording of 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 – whether you are visiting us for a day or looking for a new church home. Information packets are available for you in the narthex, or you may ask an usher or member if you have any questions. All are cordially invited to Coffee Hour downstairs in Fellowship Hall following the service.



Flowers Today are given to the glory of God and in celebration of their 50th Wedding Anniversary (July 31, 2021) by Sue and Mike Desmond.



CHILDREN'S CHURCH (Nursery - Grade 2) will be held in the Crib Room. Children may leave the service following the Time With the Children. Parents are asked to pick up children immediately following the service.

CHAMBER MUSIC CONCERT: TODAY 2:00 PM for an afternoon with "Schumann and Friends." The program will feature Schumann's thrilling Piano Quintet in E-Flat Major, in addition to selections from the lieder of Brahms, and music for string quartet and soloists. Our music staff will be joined by members of the Rhode Island College string quartet for an hour-long offering of beautiful music. Admission is FREE; an offering will be taken to benefit our ministry of music.

SUMMER CHOIR continues through **August 22**. We meet 9:00 AM each summer Sunday morning in the Choir Room to learn a simple, fun anthem to share in the 9:30 AM morning worship service. No experience required; stop by any week(s) you would like! All ages 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 venue; I do hope you will consider giving it a try.

SUMMER STRINGS: Calling all string players! Join us for an informal string ensemble this summer. Gather in the Choir Room on **Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m.** for a fun time of music making. We'll provide sheet music, but feel free to bring anything you would like to play. No experience required - you bring the instrument, and we'll enjoy a time of music and fellowship! We may plan to offer a piece in worship at the end of August for those who are comfortable doing so. Please contact John Black with questions, and please RSVP to music@gccp.org or (401) 737-1230 so we know how much music to prepare!



THE PLANNING CALENDAR for **September 2021 – July 2022** is now being assembled in the church office! Please be sure to secure the dates your group or committee will need for the annual calendar which will be printed and distributed to officers and committees at the September meeting.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES are now on sale at good prices. It is a good time to begin our collection for the Church World Service School Kits, an annual project of our Presbyterian Women. Here is a list of what we need; please place your contributions in the collection box in Fellowship Hall. **Thank you!**

- 70-count bound notebooks or notebooks totaling 200-210 pages
(no loose leaf or filler paper)
- 30 centimeter / 12 inch rulers
- Blunt (round-tipped) scissors
- Hand-held pencil sharpeners
- Large eraser (no pencil cap erasers)
- Pencils (unsharpened) with erasers
- Boxes of 24 crayons

ATTENTION 29ELEVEN FAMILIES – new and old! The summer is ending, which means our school year is about to kick off. Whether you are finishing your high school years, or about to enter middle school, join us on Sunday, August 29th at 6:00 PM at the Majeika household for a meet and greet dinner, and to look ahead at our upcoming year. For more details, please reach out to our Young Adults Ministry director, Matt Majeika, at mmajeika@gccp.org.



LOST & FOUND: Please check the **Lost & Found** table in Fellowship Hall to see if there is something there that belongs to you. Unclaimed items will be donated to local agencies.

THE DEADLINE for the September edition of *Fishermen's News* is **Sunday, August 15**. Please leave submissions in the office or email articles to ccastergine@gccp.org



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.



Schumann and Friends

Sunday, August 1 • 2:00 P.M.

Greenwood Church, 805 Main Avenue, Warwick, RI

Alexandra Nichols,
Violin

Isaiah Hopper,
Violin

Julianne Svoboda,
Viola

Carolina Roy,
Cello

John Black,
Piano

Olivia Black,
Soprano