

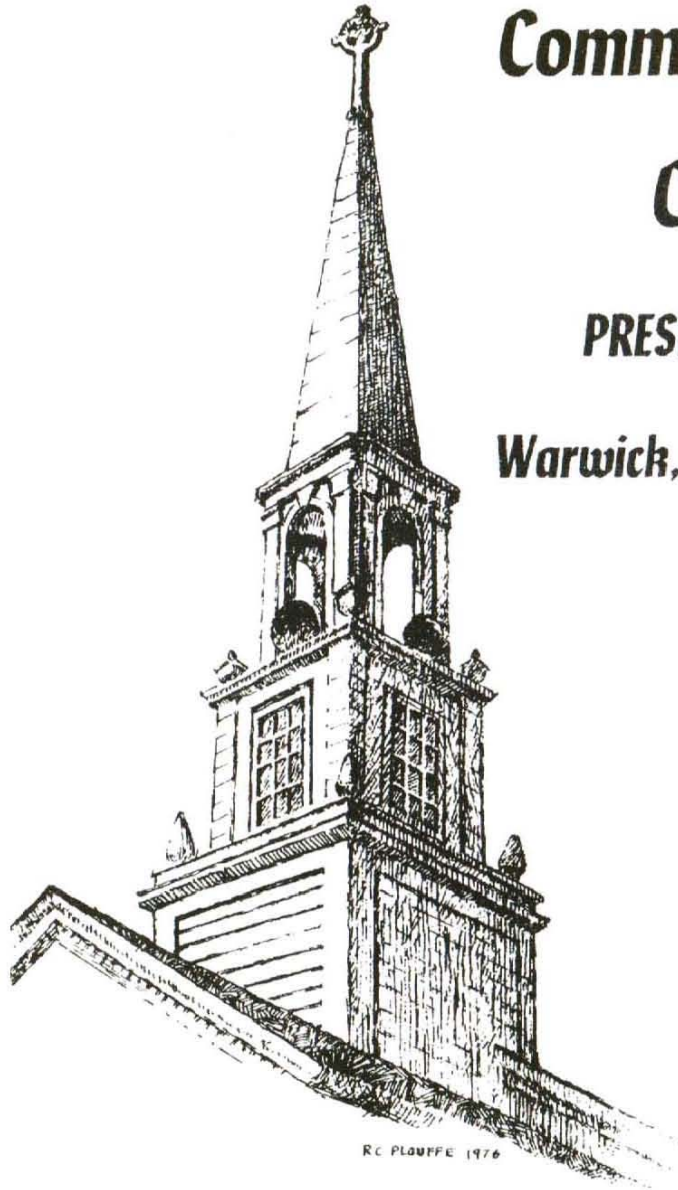
Greenwood

Community

Church

PRESBYTERIAN

Warwick, Rhode Island



THE TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
Morning Worship - 9:30 a. m.

August 15, 2021

Silent prayer for use in preparation for worship:

O Divine Spirit, Who in all the events of life art knocking at the door of my heart, help me to respond to Thee. I would not be driven blindly as the stars over their courses. I would not be made to work out Thy will unwillingly, to fulfill Thy law unintelligently, to obey Thy mandates unsympathetically. I would take the events of my life as good and perfect gifts from Thee; I would receive even the sorrows of life as disguised gifts from Thee. I would have my heart open at all times to receive -- at morning, noon, and night; in spring and summer and winter. Whether Thou comest to me in sunshine or in rain, I would take Thee into my heart joyfully. Thou art Thyself more than the sunshine; Thou art Thyself compensation for the rain; it is Thee, and not Thy gifts, I crave; knock and I shall open unto Thee. Amen.

A prayer of George Matheson (1842-1906)

PRELUDE

*Andante Tranquillo
To God Be the Glory*

*F. Mendelssohn
arr. Albin Whitworth*

Alexandra Nichols, Piano; John Black, Organ

***CALL TO WORSHIP/PRAYER OF ADORATION** (Psalm 33: 18, 20-22)

Behold, the eye of the Lord is on those who fear Him, on those whose hope
in His steadfast love,

WE WAIT IN HOPE FOR THE LORD; HE IS OUR HELP AND OUR SHIELD.

In Him our hearts rejoice, for we trust in His holy name.

LET YOUR STEADFAST LOVE, O LORD, BE UPON US, EVEN AS WE HOPE IN YOU.

***+HYMN**

Blessed Assurance

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

O LORD JESUS, YOU CAME DOWN FROM HEAVEN TO REDEEM US FROM ALL OUR INIQUITIES. WRITE YOUR WORD IN OUR HEARTS THAT WE MAY KNOW YOU, AND THE POWER OF YOUR RESURRECTION, AND EXPRESS IT BY TURNING FROM OUR SINS. IN OUR REPENTANCE, FORGIVE AND CLEANSE US. THEN RULE IN OUR HEARTS BY FAITH, THAT BEING DEAD TO SIN AND ALIVE TO RIGHTEOUSNESS, WE MAY BEAR THE FRUIT OF HOLINESS AND GROW IN GRACE AND KNOWLEDGE OF YOU. AMEN.

A prayer of Henry Hammond, 1605-1660, English Royal Chaplain

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***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

Just a Little Talk with Jesus Summer Choir

Words and Music by Cleavant Derricks

*I once was lost in sin, but Jesus took me in,
And then a little light from heaven filled my soul.
It bathed my heart in love and wrote my name above,
And just a little talk with Jesus made me whole.*

*[Chorus] Now let us have a little talk with Jesus,
Let us tell Him all about our troubles.
He will hear our faintest cry; He will answer by and by.
Now when you feel a little prayer wheel turning,
And you know a little fire is burning.
You will find a little talk with Jesus makes it right.*

*Sometimes my path seems drear without a ray of cheer,
And then a cloud of doubt may hide the light of day ...
The mists of sin may rise and hide the starry skies,
But just a little talk with Jesus clears the way. [Chorus]*

*I may have doubts and fears, my eyes be filled with tears,
But Jesus is a friend Who watches day and night.
I go to Him in prayer; He knows my every care,
And just a little talk with Jesus makes it right. [Chorus]*

SCRIPTURE READINGS *I Kings 2:10-12, 3:3-14
Ephesians 5:15-21*

SPECIAL MUSIC *What Is It That He Sees In Me?*

Words and Music by Dennis Charpentier

*My dreams are but God's plan for me and who I am.
He only provides for my best; I always seem to give Him less.*

*Whatever pleases take the lead; guide my every thought and deed.
I wish to follow where You go; guide me, Lord, and let me know.*

*Chorus: Why can't I live to be what He wants and what He sees?
I don't know what is to be. What is it that He sees in me?*

*Can't seem to understand Your way; where to go, and where to stay.
Guide me, Lord, to see Your way, and let me walk with You today.*

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

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

SERMON *A GIFT FIT FOR A KING*

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 1*

What is my only comfort, in life and death?

THAT I BELONG -- BODY AND SOUL, IN LIFE AND IN DEATH -- NOT TO MYSELF,
BUT TO MY FAITHFUL SAVIOR, JESUS CHRIST.

**How many things must I know that I may live and
die in the blessedness of this comfort?**

THREE. FIRST, THE GREATNESS OF MY SIN AND WRETCHEDNESS. SECOND, HOW I
AM FREED FROM ALL MY SINS AND THEIR WRETCHED CONSEQUENCES IN JESUS
CHRIST. THIRD, WHAT GRATITUDE I OWE TO GOD FOR SUCH REDEMPTION.

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

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.

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*

***HYMN** *Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim*

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE *Trumpet Voluntary Henry Purcell*

**(Congregation standing, as able)*

Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine

I will sing praises unto my God while I have any being. Psa. 146:2

Fanny J. Crosby, 1873

ASSURANCE 9 10 9 9 Ref.

Phoebe P. Knapp, 1873

1. Bless - ed as - sur - ance, Je - sus is mine! O, what a fore - taste of
2. Per - fect sub - mis - sion, per - fect de - light, Vi - sions of rap - ture now
3. Per - fect sub - mis - sion, all is at rest, I in my Sav - ior am

glo - ry di - vine! Heir of sal - va - tion, pur - chase of God,
burst on my sight; An - gels de - scend - ing, bring from a - bove
hap - py and blest; Watch - ing and wait - ing, look - ing a - bove,

Refrain

Born of His Spir - it, washed in His blood.
Ech - oes of mer - cy, whis - pers of love. This is my sto - ry, this is my
Filled with His good - ness, lost in His love.

song, Prais - ing my Sav - ior all the day long; This is my sto - ry,

this is my song, Prais - ing my Sav - ior all the day long.

I Kings 2:10-12, 3:3-14

Then David rested with his ancestors and was buried in the City of David. He had reigned forty years over Israel — seven years in Hebron and thirty-three in Jerusalem. So Solomon sat on the throne of his father David, and his rule was firmly established.

Solomon showed his love for the LORD by walking according to the instructions given him by his father David, except that he offered sacrifices and burned incense on the high places.

The king went to Gibeon to offer sacrifices, for that was the most important high place, and Solomon offered a thousand burnt offerings on that altar. At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon during the night in a dream, and God said, “Ask for whatever you want Me to give you.”

Solomon answered, “You have shown great kindness to your servant, my father David, because he was faithful to you and righteous and upright in heart. You have continued this great kindness to him and have given him a son to sit on his throne this very day. And now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of David my father, although I am but a little child. I do not know how to go out or come in. Your servant is here among the people You have chosen, a great people, too numerous to count or number. So give your servant an understanding mind to govern your people, that I may discern between good and evil,”

The LORD was pleased that Solomon had asked for this. So God said to him, “Since you have asked for this and not for long life or wealth for yourself, nor have asked for the death of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, I will do what you have asked. I will give you a wise and discerning mind, so that there will never have been anyone like you, nor will there ever be. Moreover, I will give you what you have not asked for, both wealth and honor, so that in your lifetime you will have no equal among kings. And if you will walk in My ways, keeping my statutes and my commandments, as did your father David, then I will lengthen your days.”

Ephesians 5:15-21

Be very careful, then, how you live, not as unwise but as wise, making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what is the will of the Lord.

And do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart, giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.

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.

Ye Servants of God

Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb. Revelation 7:10

1. Ye ser - vants of God, your Mas - ter pro - claim, And pub - lish a -
 2. God rul - eth on high, al - might - y to save, And still He is
 3. "Sal - va - tion to God, who sits on the throne!" Let all cry a -
 4. Then let us a - dore, and give Him His right - All glo - ry and

broad His won - der - ful name; The name, all - vic - to - rious, of
 nigh, His pres - ence we have; The great con - gre - ga - tion His
 loud, and hon - or the Son; The prais - es of Je - sus the
 pow'r, all wis - dom and might, All hon - or and bless - ing, with

Je - sus ex - tol: His king - dom is glo - rious, He rules o - ver all.
 tri - umph shall sing, As - crib - ing sal - va - tion to Je - sus, our King.
 an - gels pro - claim, Fall down on their fac - es and wor - ship the Lamb.
 an - gels a - bove, And thanks nev - er - ceas - ing, and in - fi - nite love.

GREENWOOD COMMUNITY CHURCH
Presbyterian
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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 by Denise Mair in honor of yesterday's wedding of Chelsea McGraw and Dylan Pauga, and by Jean and Ray Greco with great gratitude for their new granddaughter, Emily Robin Greco, and in celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary



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.

SUMMER CHOIR: Next Sunday, August 22, will conclude this year's Summer Choir season. If you have not yet had a chance to sing, please join us at 9:00 in the Choir Room! Thank you to all who have shared their gifts during this year's summer music season.

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!

39ERS MEET WEDNESDAY, JULY 21, 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).



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

SING THIS FALL! We want to build upon the wonderful opportunities for music ministry in this congregation, and we need to maintain a strong number of dedicated volunteers to prepare and present our musical offerings each week. If you have ever felt called to lead worship in this capacity, please join us this fall! Our Chancel Choir will resume rehearsals on Wednesday, September 8, and we would love to welcome you for our exciting season, which will include a festival of lessons and carols in December, and several collaborations with the wonderful Greenwich Bay Brass ensemble. Please speak to any current choir member for more information, or reach out to us at music@gccp.org.

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



CALLING ALL KING'S KIDS – and families, **TODAY!** Immediately following the worship service all are invited to the **Kings' Kids summer party** at the Jacobs home on Johnson's Pond in Coventry. No RSVP needed, just wear your swimsuit and bring your appetite for a cook-out and get ready for the fun! Please find address on the King's Kids Facebook page or call the church office. Hope to see you there!

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 **Sunday, August 29 at 6:00 PM** at the Majeika household (30 Hackman Place, Warwick) 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.

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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