

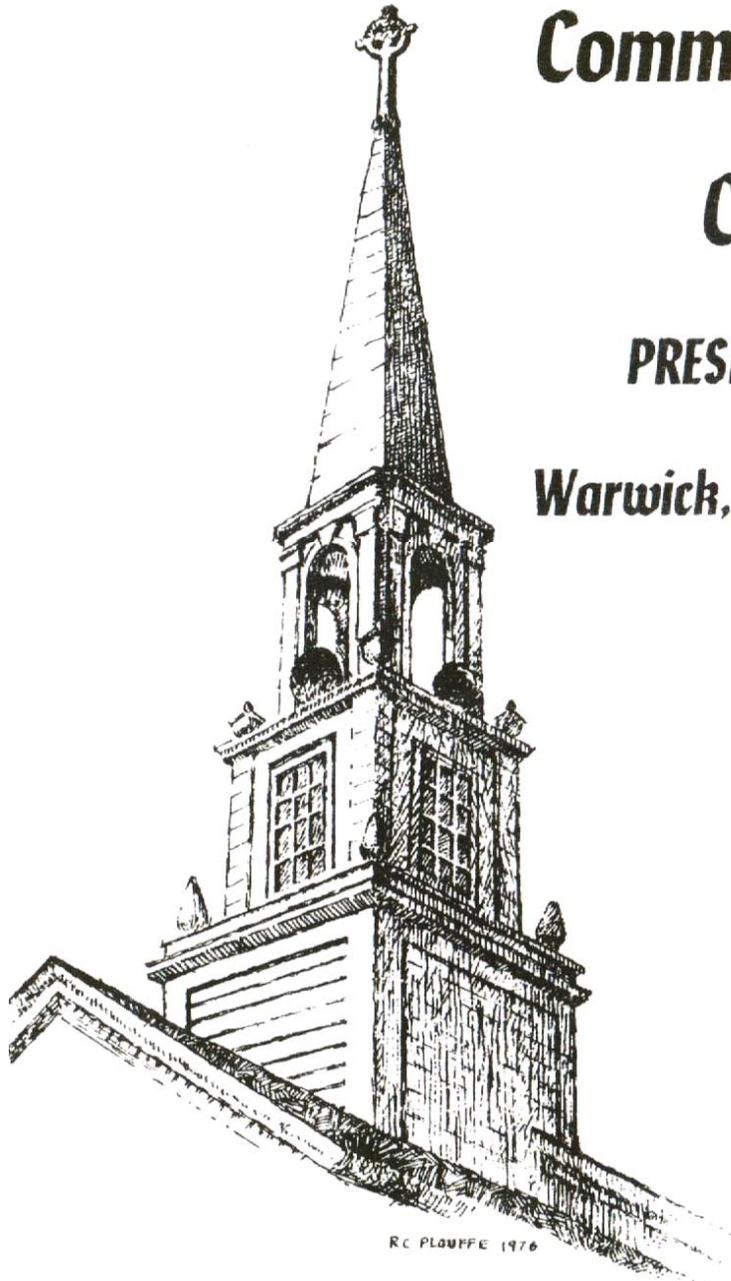
# Greenwood

## Community

## Church

### PRESBYTERIAN

### Warwick, Rhode Island



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

**August 29, 2021**

*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** *Favorite String Selections* *Summer Strings*  
*Lord, I Want to Be a Christian* *arr. A. Whitworth*  
*John Black and Alexandra Nichols, Piano*  
*(Lyrics may be found in the pew Hymnal, #530)*

**\*\*PSALTER CALL TO WORSHIP** (*Psalm 15*)

O Lord, who may dwell in Your sanctuary? Who may live on Your holy hill?  
HE WHO WALKS BLAMELESSLY AND DOES WHAT IS RIGHT, WHO SPEAKS TRUTH IN HIS HEART;  
Who does not slander with his tongue, and does no evil to his neighbor, and casts no slur on others;  
IN WHOSE EYES A VILE PERSON IS DESPISED, BUT WHO HONORS THOSE WHO FEAR THE LORD;  
Who keeps an oath even when it hurts, and does not change his mind;  
WHO LENDS MONEY WITHOUT USURY; WHO DOES NOT ACCEPT A BRIBE AGAINST THE INNOCENT.  
Whoever does these things shall never be shaken.

**\*+HYMN** *Forever Settled in the Heavens*

**LITANY OF CONFESSION / ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

*(adapted 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.*

**SCRIPTURE READINGS** Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23  
James 1:17-27

**SPECIAL MUSIC** *The Power of the Cross* arr. Mark Hayes  
Stephen Parkinson, Baritone

*Oh, to see the dawn of the darkest day:  
Christ on the road to Calvary.  
Tried by sinful men, torn and beaten, then  
Nailed to a cross of wood.*

*[Refrain]: This, the power of the cross:  
Christ became sin for us,  
Took the blame, bore the wrath:  
We stand forgiven at the cross.*

*Now the daylight flees, now the ground beneath  
Quakes as its Maker bows His head.  
Curtain torn in two, dead are raised to life;  
'Finished!' the victory cry. [Refrain]*

*Oh, to see my name written in the wounds,  
For through Your suffering I am free.  
Death is crushed to death, life is mine to live,  
Won through Your selfless love*

*This, the pow'r of the cross: Son of God — slain for us.  
What a love! What a cost! We stand forgiven at the cross.*

**A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN**

**\*HYMN** *Teach Me Thy Way, O Lord*

**SERMON** WE DO WEAR OUR HEARTS ON OUR MOUTHS

**\*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**

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** *Be Thou My Vision*

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE** *Carillon-Sortie* Henri Mullet

*\*(Congregation standing, as able)*

## Forever Settled in the Heavens

Your word, LORD, is eternal; it stands firm in the heavens. Ps. 119:89

1. For - ev - er set - tled in the heav'ns, thy word, O  
 2. Thy word and works un - moved re - main, thine ev - 'ry  
 3. I should have per - ished in my woe had not I  
 4. The wick - ed would de - stroy my soul, but in thy

Lord, shall firm - ly stand; thy faith - ful - ness shall nev - er  
 pur - pose to ful - fil; all things are thine and thee o -  
 loved thy law di - vine; that law I nev - er can for -  
 truth is ref - uge sure; ex - ceed - ing broad is thy com -

fail; the earth a - bides at thy com - mand.  
 bey, and all as ser - vants wait thy will.  
 get; O save me, Lord, for I am thine.  
 mand, and in per - fec - tion shall en - dure.

## MARK 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

The Pharisees and some of the teachers of the law who had come from Jerusalem gathered around Jesus and saw some of His disciples eating food with hands that were “unclean,” that is, unwashed. (The Pharisees and all the Jews do not eat unless they wash their hands properly, holding to the tradition of the elders. When they come from the marketplace they do not eat unless they wash. And they observe many other traditions, such as the washing of cups, pitchers and kettles [and dining couches].)

So the Pharisees and teachers of the law asked Jesus, “Why do your disciples not walk according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with ‘unclean’ hands?” He replied, “Isaiah was right when he prophesied about you hypocrites; as it is written:

‘These people honor Me with their lips, but their heart is far from Me. They worship Me in vain; teachings as doctrines the commandments of men.’ [Isaiah 29:13]

You have let go of the commands of God and hold to the traditions of men.”

Again Jesus called the crowd to Him and said, “Listen to Me, everyone, and understand this. There is nothing outside a person that by going into him can make him ‘unclean,’ but the things that come out of a person are what make him ‘unclean.’”

“For it is from within, out of the heart of man, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, greed, malice, deceit, lewdness, envy, slander, arrogance and folly. All these evils come from within and make a person ‘unclean.’”

## JAMES 1:17-27

Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, Who does not change like shifting shadows. He chose to give us birth through the word of truth, that we might be a kind of firstfruits of all He created.

My dear brothers, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry, because man’s anger does not produce the righteousness of God. Therefore, get rid of all moral filth and the evil that is so prevalent and humbly accept the word planted in you, which can save you.

Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like someone who looks at his face in a mirror and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like. But the one who looks intently into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and continues to do this, not forgetting what he has heard, but doing it — he will be blessed in what he does.

If anyone considers himself religious and yet does not keep a tight rein on his tongue, he deceives himself and his religion is worthless. Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world.

# Teach Me Thy Way, O Lord

Teach me your way, O LORD; lead me in a straight path. Ps. 27:11

1. Teach me thy way, O Lord; teach me thy way!  
 2. When I am sad at heart, teach me thy way!  
 3. When doubts and fears a - rise, teach me thy way!  
 4. Long as my life shall last, teach me thy way!

Thy guid - ing grace af - ford; teach me thy way!  
 When earth - ly joys de - part, teach me thy way!  
 When storms o'er - spread the skies, teach me thy way!  
 Wher - e'er my lot be cast, teach me thy way!

Help me to walk a - right, more by faith, less by sight;  
 In hours of lone - li - ness, in times of dire dis - tress,  
 Shine through the cloud and rain, thro' sor - row, toil, and pain;  
 Un - til the race is run, un - til the jour - ney's done,

lead me with heav'n - ly light; teach me thy way!  
 in fail - ure or suc - cess, teach me thy way!  
 make thou my path - way plain; teach me thy way!  
 un - til the crown is won, teach me thy way!

# Be Thou My Vision

What things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ. Phil. 3:1

Irish hymn, c. 8th century  
 Trans. by Mary E. Byrne, 1905  
 Versified by Eleanor H. Hull, 1912

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 Traditional Irish melody  
 Arr. by Donald P. Hustad, 1973

*Unison*

1. Be Thou my Vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;  
 2. Be Thou my Wis - dom, and Thou my true Word;  
 3. Rich - es I heed not, nor man's emp - ty praise,  
 4. High King of heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,

Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art—  
 I ev - er with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;  
 Thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways;  
 May I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun!

Thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
 Thou my great Fa - ther, I Thy true son;  
 Thou and Thou on - ly, first in my heart,  
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

Wak - ing or sleep - ing, Thy pres - ence my light.  
 Thou in me dwell - ing, and I with Thee one.  
 High King of heav - en, my Treas - ure Thou art.  
 Still be my Vi - sion, O Rul - er of all. A - men.

## GREENWOOD COMMUNITY CHURCH, PRESBYTERIAN

August 29, 2021

***WE WELCOME** all who are worshiping in our sanctuary today; welcome, too, to all worshiping online! A special word of welcome to any visiting with us in person or online, whether you are visiting us for a day or looking for a new church home. Information packets are available in the narthex, or feel free to ask an usher or member if you have any questions. All are cordially invited to Coffee Hour downstairs following the service.*



**Flowers Today** are given to the glory of God by James and Deborah Burrows in memory of Deborah's parents, John E. Stebbens and Doris B. Stebbens, and by William Taylor in loving memory of his parents, Stewart and Ruby Taylor.

**ATTENTION 29ELEVEN FAMILIES – TODAY 6:00 PM.** 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 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 Ministries director, Matt Majeika, at [mmajeika@gccp.org](mailto:mmajeika@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  
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

**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 upcoming year!

**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](mailto:music@gccp.org).

## 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

Marcia Camilleri Camp  
Dennis J. Charpentier  
Beth A. Fish  
Kevin L. Golde

Emmy J. Kmet  
H. Samuel Koldyk  
Denise S. Mair  
Matthew S. Majeika  
D. Elaine Magyar, Clerk

Wayne A. Meunier  
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Donald B. Sorgel  
Kristine L. Swanson

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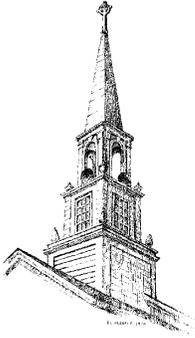
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Alexandra K. Nichols, Music Associate  
Virginia A. Jacobs, Director of Family Ministries  
Matthew S. Majeika, Director of Young Adult Ministries  
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# Greenwood Community Church, Presbyterian

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The Rev. Dr. Stephen L. Clark, Pastor

August 23, 2021

Dear Members and Friends,

Our Director of Music begins his **September Fishermen's News** article (*the full Fishermen's News is being compiled/edited and will likely be in your mailbox just prior to Labor Day*) with these words:

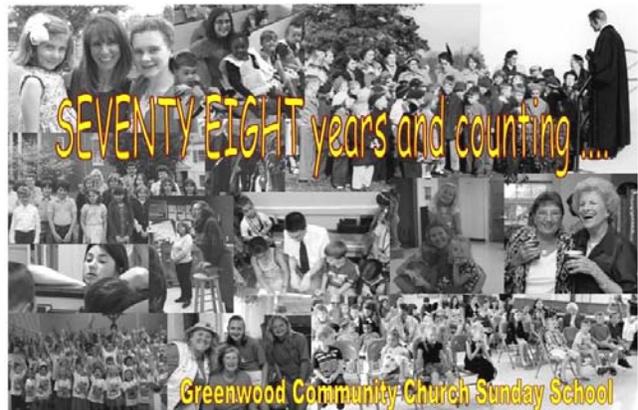
A church packed with summer singers, eager voices of Vacation Bible School students, a full congregation at worship, and the buzz of fellowship at coffee hour graced the summer of 2021 as we felt the release of pandemic restrictions and the joyful return toward our full life and ministry at Greenwood. A large part of this joy has been finally welcoming back those who are returning to in-person worship for the first time, most of whom have expressed similar sentiments: gratitude for the technology that has allowed us to remain connected as best possible during this time of separation, and an affirmation of the overwhelming, irreplaceable experience of worshipping together as the gathered body of Christ. If you haven't yet been able to rejoin us in person, please know how dearly you are missed.

I echo and affirm every word John wrote. This summer has just flown by, and weekly worship enhanced by our excellent and varied ministry of music has been an absolute delight! I/we do certainly understand that some are still cautious about gathering in person, and are grateful many of you are still with us each and every Sunday through the medium of live streaming.

We are gearing up for a new academic year, making constant improvements/upgrades to the sound system to both enhance the quality of our live streaming service and improve the aural dynamics of our sanctuary, and eagerly anticipating continued re-growth as we approach September. With unanimous Session approval following input (*including slight time adjustments*) from Christian Education Committee, Worship Committee, Chancel Choir, the various youth ministries and the church staff, the following Sunday schedule will go into effect **September 12, 2021**:

- SERVICE OF WORSHIP: 10:00 A.M.**
- (CHOIR REHEARSAL: 9:00 A.M.)*
- COFFEE HOUR: 11:00 A.M.**
- SUNDAY SCHOOL (ALL AGES) 11:15- NOON**
- KING'S KIDS: 5:00 P.M. – 7:00 P.M.**
- 29ELEVEN: 6:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M**

*The last Rally Day post card, mailed 9/19*



There will be a much fuller explanation of these changes in the upcoming **Fishermen's News**, but I wanted to get this to you THIS week as (a) the **Fishermen's News** bulk mail doesn't always arrive at various homes in the timeliest manner, and (b) **September 12** is quickly approaching! (*including Rally Day, commencing our 80<sup>th</sup> year of Sunday School ... we did not have a Rally Day last year as routines our 79<sup>th</sup> year were sorely disrupted; the above pictured card was mailed September 2019*). Mark your calendars!

Sincerely,

Stephen L. Clark, Pastor

*P.S. As mentioned, a fuller explanation is coming in the Fishermen's News, but a brief word may be in order now: We believe retaining a single, unified service of worship as we gradually emerge out of the pandemic limitations would make the very best use of the resources of the church, our volunteers and staff and also makes sense logistically until the day our attendance actually necessitates additional services ... which will be a wonderful problem to one day have! -- slc*