

THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
Morning Worship – 9:30 a. m.  
September 12, 2021

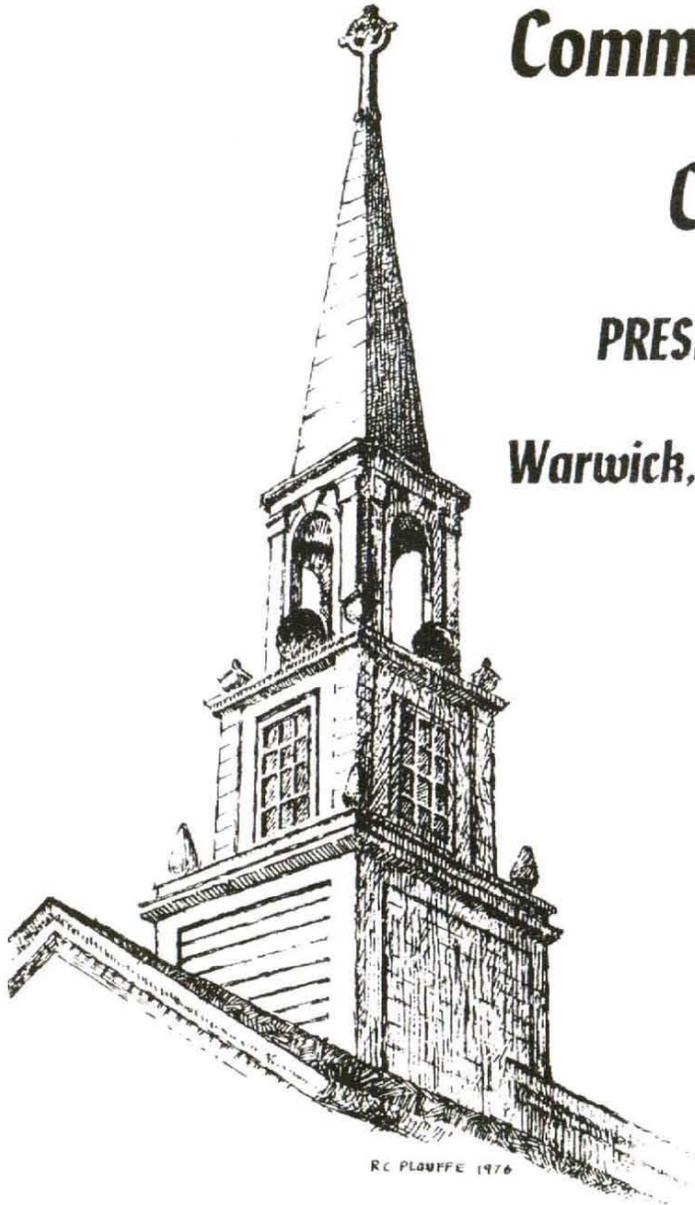
Greenwood

Community

Church

PRESBYTERIAN

Warwick, Rhode Island



*Silent prayer for use in preparation for worship:*

*O Almighty Lord God, Who alone riddest away tyrants by Thine everlasting determination, and stillest the noise and tumult of the people: Stir up Thy great strength, we beseech Thee, and come and help us; scatter the counsels of them that secretly devise mischief, and bring the dealings of the violent to naught; cast down the unjust from high places, and cause the unruly to cease from troubling; allay all envious and malicious passions, and subdue the haters and the evil-doers; that our land may have rest before Thee, and that all the people may praise Thee, our Help and our Shield, both now and evermore, Amen.*

*From the Book of Common Worship, c. 1906*

**PRELUDE**

*Andante Tranquillo*  
*Alexandra Nichols, Violin*

*Ola Gjeilo*

*All Hail the Power of Jesus Name arr. Marilyn Ham*  
*(adapted from hymn #296 of Trinity Hymnal)*  
*John Black, Organ*

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

*Psalm 46*

God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.

THEREFORE WE WILL NOT FEAR, THOUGH THE EARTH GIVE WAY AND THE  
MOUNTAINS FALL INTO THE HEART OF THE SEA,

Though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with surging.

THERE IS A RIVER WHOSE STREAMS MAKE GLAD THE CITY OF GOD, THE HOLY PLACE  
WHERE THE MOST HIGH DWELLS.

God is within her, she will not fall; God will help her at break of day.

NATIONS ARE IN UPROAR, KINGDOMS FALL; HE LIFTS HIS VOICE, THE EARTH MELTS.

The LORD of Hosts is with us;

THE GOD OF JACOB IS OUR FORTRESS.

Come, behold the works of the LORD, the desolations He has brought on the  
earth.

HE MAKES WARS CEASE TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH; HE BREAKS THE BOW AND  
SHATTERS THE SPEAR, HE BURNS THE SHIELDS WITH FIRE.

"Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will  
be exalted in the earth."

THE LORD OF HOSTS IS WITH US; THE GOD OF JACOB IS OUR FORTRESS.

**\*+HYMN**

*Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven*

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(adapted from the 25<sup>th</sup> Psalm)*

UNTO THEE, O LORD, DO I LIFT UP MY SOUL; O MY GOD, I TRUST IN THEE. DO NOT LET ME BE PUT TO SHAME, NOR LET MY ENEMIES TRIUMPH OVER ME. NO ONE WHOSE HOPE IS IN YOU WILL EVER BE PUT TO SHAME, BUT THEY WILL BE PUT TO SHAME WHO ARE TREACHEROUS WITHOUT EXCUSE. SHOW ME YOUR WAYS, O LORD, TEACH ME YOUR PATHS. LEAD ME IN YOUR TRUTH AND TEACH ME, FOR YOU ARE THE GOD OF MY SALVATION, AND MY HOPE IS IN YOU ALL DAY LONG. REMEMBER, O LORD, YOUR TENDER MERCIES AND LOVINGKINDNESSES; FOR THEY HAVE BEEN EVER OF OLD. REMEMBER NOT THE SINS OF MY YOUTH, NOR MY TRANSGRESSIONS; ACCORDING TO YOUR MERCY REMEMBER ME, FOR YOU ARE GOOD, O LORD. FOR YOUR NAME'S SAKE, O LORD, FORGIVE MY INIQUITY, THOUGH IT IS GREAT. TURN UNTO ME AND BE GRACIOUS TO ME, FOR I AM DESOLATE AND AFFLICTED. THE TROUBLES OF MY HEART ARE ENLARGED; FREE ME FROM MY ANGUISH. LOOK UPON MY AFFLICTION AND MY PAIN, AND FORGIVE ALL MY SINS. KEEP MY SOUL AND DELIVER ME; LET ME NOT BE PUT TO SHAME, FOR I PUT MY TRUST IN YOU. MAY INTEGRITY AND UPRIGHTNESS PROTECT ME, BECAUSE MY HOPE IS IN YOU. AMEN.

## 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

*No More Night*

*Camp Kirkland*

*The timeless theme, Earth and Heaven will pass away;  
It's not a dream, God will make all things new that day.  
Gone is the curse from which I stumbled and fell;  
Evil is banished to eternal hell.*

*[REFRAIN] No more night, no more pain,  
No more tears; never crying again.  
Praises to the great "I AM";  
We will live in the light of the risen Lamb.*

*See all around, now the nations bow down to sing,  
The only sound is the praises to Christ, our King.  
Slowly the names from the book are read;  
I know the King, there's no need to dread. [REFRAIN]:*

*See over there, there's a mansion  
Prepared for me,  
Where I can live with my Savior eternally. [REFRAIN]:*

### SCRIPTURE READINGS

*Proverbs 1:1-7; 20-33  
James 3:1-12*

### \*HYMN

*The Law of the Lord Is Perfect*

## A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

### SERMON

LETHAL WEAPON

### \*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

*I Stand Amazed in the Presence*

### \*BENEDICTION

### POSTLUDE

*Toccata*

*Joseph Callaerts*

*\*(Congregation standing, as able)*

# PRAISE, My SOUL, THE KING OF HEAVEN

Henry F. Lyte, 1834

Sir John Goss, 1869

1. Praise, my soul, the King of heav - en, To his  
 2. Praise him for his grace and fa - vor To our  
 3. Fa - ther - like, he tends and spares us; Well our  
 4. An - gels, help us to a - dore him; Ye be -

feet thy trib - ute bring; Ran-somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en,  
 fa - thers in dis - tress; Praise him, still the same for ev - er,  
 fee - ble frame he knows; In his hands he gen - tly bears us,  
 hold him face to face; Sun and moon, bow down be - fore him,

Who, like me, his praise should sing? Praise him, praise him,  
 Slow to chide, and swift to bless; Praise him, praise him,  
 Res - cues us from all our foes; Praise him, praise him,  
 Dwel - lers all in time and space, Praise him, praise him,

Praise him, praise him, Praise the ev - er - last - ing King.  
 Praise him, praise him, Glo - rious in his faith - ful - ness.  
 Praise him, praise him, Wide - ly as his mer - cy goes.  
 Praise him, praise him, Praise with us the God of grace. A - MEN.

## PROVERBS 1:1-7, 20-33

(1-7) The proverbs of Solomon, son of David, king of Israel: for gaining wisdom and instruction; for understanding words of insight; for receiving instruction in wise dealing, in righteousness, justice, and equity, for giving prudence to those who are simple, [knowledge and discretion to the young — Let the wise hear and increase in learning, and the one who understands obtain guidance, for understanding proverbs and parables, and the sayings and riddles of the wise. The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and instruction.

(20-33) Wisdom calls aloud in the street, she raises her voice in the public square; at the head of the noisy streets she cries out; at the entrance of the city gates she speaks: "How long, O simple ones, will you love being simple? How long will scoffers delight in their scoffing and fools hate knowledge? If you turn at my reproof, behold, I will pour out my spirit to you; I will make known to you my teachings. Because I have called and you refused to listen, have stretched out my hand and no one has heeded, because you have ignored all my counsel and would have none of my reproof, I in turn will laugh when terror strikes you; I will mock when calamity overtakes you like a storm, when disaster sweeps over you like a whirlwind, when distress and anguish come upon you. Then they will call to me but I will not answer; they will seek me diligently but will not find me, because they hated knowledge and did not choose the fear of the Lord. Since they would not accept my advice and spurned my rebuke, therefore they shall eat the fruit of their ways and have their fill of their own devices. For the waywardness of the simple will kill them, and the complacency of fools will destroy them; but whoever listens to me will dwell secure and will be at ease, without dread of disaster."

## JAMES 3:1-12

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. For we all stumble in many ways. And if anyone does not stumble in what he says, he is a perfect man, able also to bridle his whole body. If we put bits into the mouths of horses so that they obey us, we guide their whole bodies as well. Look at the ships also: though they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. So also the tongue is a small part of the body, yet it boasts of great things.

How great a forest is set ablaze by such a small fire! The tongue also is a fire, a world of evil among the parts of the body. It corrupts the whole body, sets the whole course of one's life on fire, and is itself set on fire by hell.

For every kind of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by mankind, but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse people who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers, [these things ought not to be. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and salt water? Can a fig tree, my brothers, bear olives, or a grapevine produce figs? Neither can a salt pond yield fresh water.

# The Law of the Lord Is Perfect

The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul. Ps. 19:7

**Unison** D Em A A7

1. The law of the Lord is perfect, con-vert-ing the  
 2. The stat-utes of the Lord are right, re-joic-ing the  
 3. The fear of the Lord is clean, en-dur-ing for -

**D**

soul. The tes-ti-mo-ny of the  
 heart. The com-mand-ments of the  
 ev-er. The judg-ments of the

**Em A A7 D**

Lord is sure, mak-ing wise the sim-ple.  
 Lord are pure, en-light-ning the eyes.  
 Lord are true, and righ-teous al-to-geth-er.

**REFRAIN D7 G**

More to be de-sired are they than gold,

**D Bm7**

yea, than much fine gold. Sweet-er al-so than

**Em7 A7 D**

hon-ey and the hon-ey-comb.

# I Stand Amazed in the Presence

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

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

**September 12, 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 Sandy Olson in loving memory of her husband, Ken, and their 55 years together.

**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 resumed rehearsals Wednesday, September 8 and we would still love to welcome others 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).

**39ERS** Will be meeting at 12:00 p.m. at **Chelo's Restaurant 222 Post Road on Wednesday, September 15**. Choose off the menu. If you would like more information or are in need of a ride, please contact Joan Eichenfeldt at (401) 737-0128 or her cell (401) 787-2574

**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN:** The year's activities will kick off with a **Fall Coffee September 21** at 7:00pm in Fellowship Hall. No food will be served; please bring your own beverage. We will have a time of fellowship and then will break into Circles. **FROM SANDY OLSON: CALLING ALL THOSE MAY BE ABLE TO HELP WITH A NEW PW PROJECT!** Gwen Anderson spoke to me awhile back about a LINUS PROJECT she supervised in her former church and wondered if we would be interested. For those of you not familiar with LINUS, it is a nationwide project with Martha Scholes serving as Rhode Island leader. LINUS provides small quilts for infants and teenagers in hospitals. Those quilts then go home with those patients. Like our **Picasso Quilts**, those making LINUS quilts do not have to know how to sew, a big plus for those who want to help; unlike our sleeping bags which took hours to complete, LINUS quilts can be put together much more quickly. If there is interest in this project, we will set it up to meet on the Tuesdays on which no other PW activity is scheduled; each session would last two hours, and the hours to schedule the workshop session would be determined by the group. If you think you'd be interested in participating in LINUS and / or have questions, please call Gwen Anderson at (401) 471-7601 or me, Sandy Olson, at (401) 647-7034. We look forward to hearing from you.

**HURRICANE RELIEF** -- The Mission Committee provides support to agencies who are first responders to areas impacted by hurricanes; nationally and internationally. If you would like to donate through the Greenwood Community Church Mission Team, please mark your donation '**Hurricane Relief**' and designate either **Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA)** or **Samaritan's Purse**. Thank you for helping provide hope through the love of Jesus in the midst of misery.

**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



September 12 (today)	10:00 a.m.	<b>SERVICE OF WORSHIP</b>
		<b>RALLY DAY</b>
	11:00 a.m.	Coffee Hour
	11:15 a.m.	<b>SUNDAY SCHOOL</b>
	5 - 7 p.m.	King's Kids
	6 - 8 p.m.	29Eleven
Monday	6 - 9 p.m.	BSF - Ladies
Tuesday	6 - 9 p.m.	BSF - Men
Wednesday	12:00 p.m.	39ers
Wednesday	7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Thursday	7:00 p.m.	Session Meeting

**Psalm 19:14**

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Thy sight, O LORD, my Rock and my Redeemer.

# FOR THE TIME WITH THE CHILDREN: Rally Day!

## (SONG) GOOD MORNING, LORD!

Good morning, Lord, it's a beautiful day;  
Good morning, Lord, I'm going Your way!

Open my eyes and let me see  
Someone who needs a friend like me.  
I know that I can surely be loving, caring, always sharing.

Good morning, Lord, it's a beautiful day;  
Good morning, Lord, I'm going Your way!

## A WORD FROM THE SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS

### (SONG) FILL MY CUP

Fill my cup and let it overflow,  
Fill my cup and let it overflow,  
Let It overflow with love.

Jesus loves me this I know,  
For the Bible tells me so  
Little ones to Him belong,  
They are weak but He is strong.

(Chorus)

Amazing grace how sweet the sound,  
That saved a wretch like me,  
I once was lost but now am found,  
Was blind but now I see.

(Chorus)



## 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  
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D. Elaine Magyar, Clerk

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Kristine L. Swanson

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