

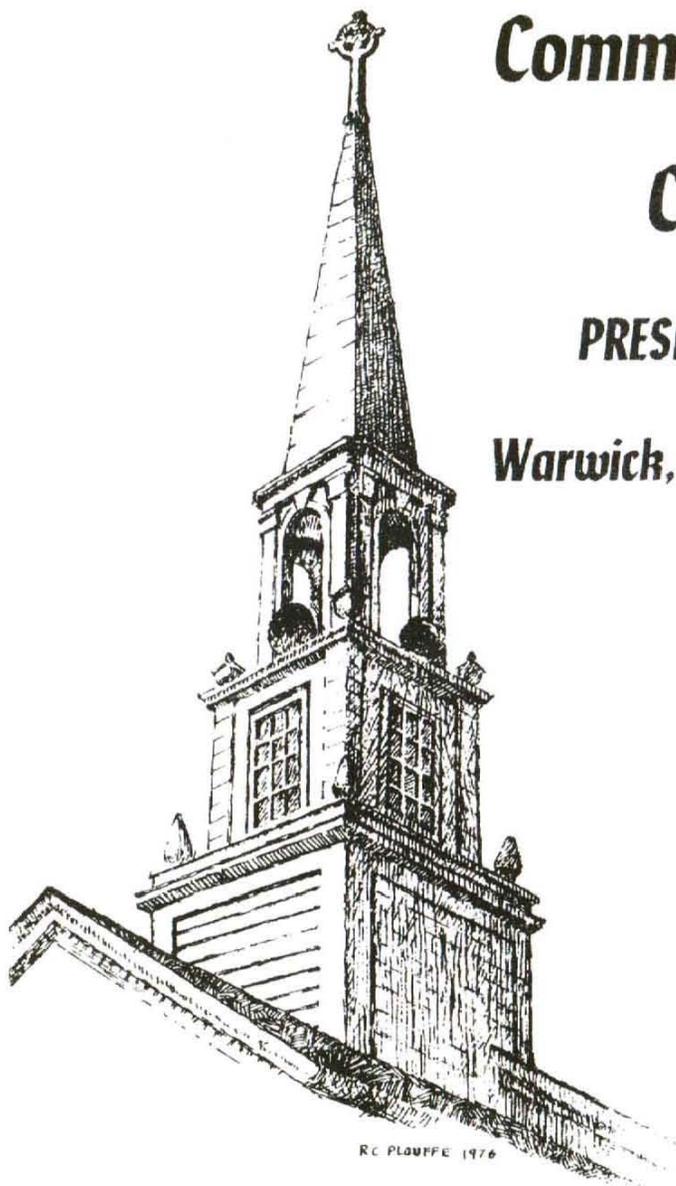
# Greenwood

## Community

## Church

### PRESBYTERIAN

## Warwick, Rhode Island



**THE NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**Morning Worship – 10:00 a.m.**

**August 7, 2022**

*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**

*How Lovely Is Thy Dwelling Place*

*J. Brahms*

*Alexandra Nichols, Violin*

*(Adapted from Psalm 84 by Johannes Brahms)*

*How lovely is Thy dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!  
For my soul, it longeth, yea fainteth, for the courts of the Lord.  
My soul and body crieth out, yea for the living God.*

*O blest are they that dwell in Thy house: they praise Thy name evermore.*

*“Near to the Heart of God” with “Children of the Heavenly Father”  
arr. Brant Adams*

*John Black, Piano*

*“Near to the Heart of God” by C.B. McAfee*

*There is a place of quiet rest, near to the heart of God;  
A place where sin cannot molest, near to the heart of God.*

*[REFRAIN] O Jesus, blest Redeemer, sent from the heart of God,  
Hold us, who wait before Thee, near to the heart of God.*

*There is a place of comfort sweet, near to the heart of God;  
A place where we our Savior meet, near to the heart of God.*

*There is a place of full release, near to the heart of God,  
a place where all is joy and peace, near to the heart of God.*

**\*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**

*The Mighty God, the Lord*

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

MERCIFUL GOD, WE BRING OUR HELPLESSNESS TO YOUR STRENGTH, OUR IGNORANCE TO YOUR WISDOM, OUR SIN TO YOUR PURITY, OUR NEED TO YOUR LOVE. FORGIVE US FOR TIMES WE HAVE NOT KEPT YOUR GOOD LAW, FOR TIMES WE HAVE IGNORED YOUR GUIDANCE, FOR TIMES WE WANDERED FROM YOUR WAYS, FOR TIMES WE HAVE GLORIFIED EVIL AND TRIVIALIZED THE GOOD. GRANT US THE WISDOM AND WILL TO ACCEPT YOUR GUIDANCE, OBEY YOUR COMMANDS, AND FOLLOW YOU IN THE WAY EVERLASTING, THROUGH JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD, AMEN.

## 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

*Marching to Zion*

*Summer Choir*

*(Text: Isaac Watts; refrain later added by Robert Lowry)*

*Come, we that love the Lord, and let our joys be known;  
Join in a song with sweet accord, and thus surround the throne.*

*[REFRAIN]: We're marching to Zion, beautiful, beautiful Zion;  
We're marching upward to Zion, the beautiful city of God.*

*Let those refuse to sing w ho never knew our God;  
But children of the heav'nly King may speak their joys abroad. [REFRAIN]*

*The hill of Zion yields a thousand sacred sweets,  
Before we reach the heav'nly fields, or walk the golden streets. [REFRAIN]*

*Then let our songs abound, and every tear be dry;  
We're marching through Immanuel's ground to fairer worlds on high. [REFRAIN]*

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

*Genesis 15:1-6  
Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16*

## A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

### \*HYMN

*By Grace I Am an Heir of Heaven*

### SERMON

LIVING IN-TENTS-LY

## OFFERING

*Offertory Leaning on the Everlasting Arms arr. A. Whitworth*

### \*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.**

**YOU ARE HOLY, O GOD OF MAJESTY, AND BLESSED IS JESUS CHRIST, YOUR ONLY SON, OUR LORD, WHOM YOU SENT TO BE OUR SAVIOR, TO FREE US FROM THE BONDAGE OF DEATH AND THE SLAVERY TO SIN. 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 EVER 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

*Trumpet Voluntary*

*John Stanley*

*\*(Congregation standing, as able)*

## The Mighty God, the Lord

*The Mighty One, God, the LORD, speaks and summons the earth. Ps. 50:1*

1. The might - y God, the Lord, hath spo - ken un - to all;  
2. Our God shall sure - ly come, and si - lence shall not keep;  
3. "To - geth - er let my saints un - to me gath - ered be,

from ris - ing to the set - ting sun, he un - to earth doth call.  
be - fore him fire shall waste, and storms tem - pes - tuous round him sweep.  
those that by sac - ri - fice have made a cov - e - nant with me."

From Zi - on, his own hill, where per - fect beau - ty dwells,  
He to the heav'ns a - bove shall then send forth his call,  
Then shall the heav'ns de - clare his righ - teous - ness a - broad;

Je - ho - vah hath his glo - ry shown, in bright - ness that ex - cels.  
and like - wise to the earth, that he may judge his peo - ple all:  
be - cause the Lord him - self is judge, yea, none is judge, but God.

## GENESIS 15:1-6

After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision: "Fear not, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great."

But Abram said, "O LORD God, what will You give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "Behold, You have given me no offspring, and a servant of my household will be my heir."

And behold, the word of the LORD came to him: "This man shall not be your heir; your very own son shall be your heir." And He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them." Then He said to him, "So shall your descendants be."

And Abram believed the LORD, and He counted it to him as righteousness.

## HEBREWS 1-3, 4-7, 8-16

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. For by it the people of old received their commendation. By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible.

*By faith Abel offered to God a more acceptable sacrifice than Cain, through which he was commended as righteous, God commending him by accepting his gifts. And through his faith, though he died, he still speaks. By faith Enoch was taken up so that he should not see death, and he was not found, because God had taken him. Now before he was taken he was commended as having pleased God. And without faith it is impossible to please Him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that He exists and that He rewards those who seek Him. By faith Noah, being warned by God concerning events as yet unseen, in reverent fear constructed an ark for the saving of his household. By this he condemned the world and became an heir of the righteousness that comes by faith.*

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he went to live in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise. For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God. By faith Sarah herself received power to conceive, even when she was past the age, since she considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead, were born descendants as many as the stars of heaven and as many as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.

These all died in faith, not having received the things promised, but having seen them and greeted them from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth. For people who speak thus make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of that land from which they had gone out, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for He has prepared for them a city.

# 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.

## 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.**

## 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

M. Barry Baxter  
Marcia Camillieri Camp  
Dennis J. Charpentier  
Beth A. Fish

Kevin L. Golde  
Emmy J. Kmet  
H. Samuel Koldyk  
Denise S. Mair

D. Elaine Magyar, Clerk  
Wayne A. Meunier  
W. Jay Swiatek  
Kristine L. Swanson

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Robert J. Whitney

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**August 7, 2022**

*WE WELCOME all who are worshiping in our sanctuary today; welcome, too, to all with us online! A special word of welcome to any visiting with us this morning; whether you are visiting us just for a day or looking for a new church home. Information packets are available in the narthex, or feel free to ask an usher 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 Beverly Carson in loving memory of Linda Fratus, maternal grandmother of Logan, Gavin and Keegan Carson.

**FROM THE DIRECTOR OF MUSIC: SUMMER CHOIR** continues through **August 21**, we meet 9:00 AM in the sanctuary to learn a simple, fun anthem to share in the 10:00 worship service. All ages welcome; bring the whole family!

**FROM THE PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN:** In order to have a successful Bazaar this year some circles are starting to look for donations. If you are able to donate any items, please leave them on the table outside the PW closet in a labeled bag/box. We will continue to update our needs as well as keep you filled in with other details. Thank you for your support! At this time **Circle Deborah** is in need of Christmassy containers for arrangements, and **Circle Talitha** is in need of medium-sized baskets in very good shape along with NEW & unused candles, winter/holiday seasonal finger and/or hand towels, as well as individually wrapped chocolates and/or biscuits.

**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 2022 – July 2023** is now in the office for you to reserve your dates. Please be sure to secure the dates your group or committee will need for the upcoming year! Feel free to call (401) 737-1230.



**FROM YOUR MEMBER CARE COMMITTEE:** We invite you to join us **August 18 at 1:00 pm** in the parlor for a movie matinee. Chips, popcorn and soft drinks will be provided. The featured movie is **Samson and Delilah**. Please bring a friend! So we may better provide, please RSVP the church office at (401) 737-1230. Thank you and hope to see you there!

**39ERS' FELLOWSHIP WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 17** Join us for lunch at Chelo's Restaurant **12:00 noon**. For more information, please contact Joan Eichenfeldt at 401-737-0128.

# Hymn Sing

AND

# Potluck



**Saturday, August 13 at 5:30 pm**