

THE TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
Morning Worship - 10:00 a.m.
August 28, 2022

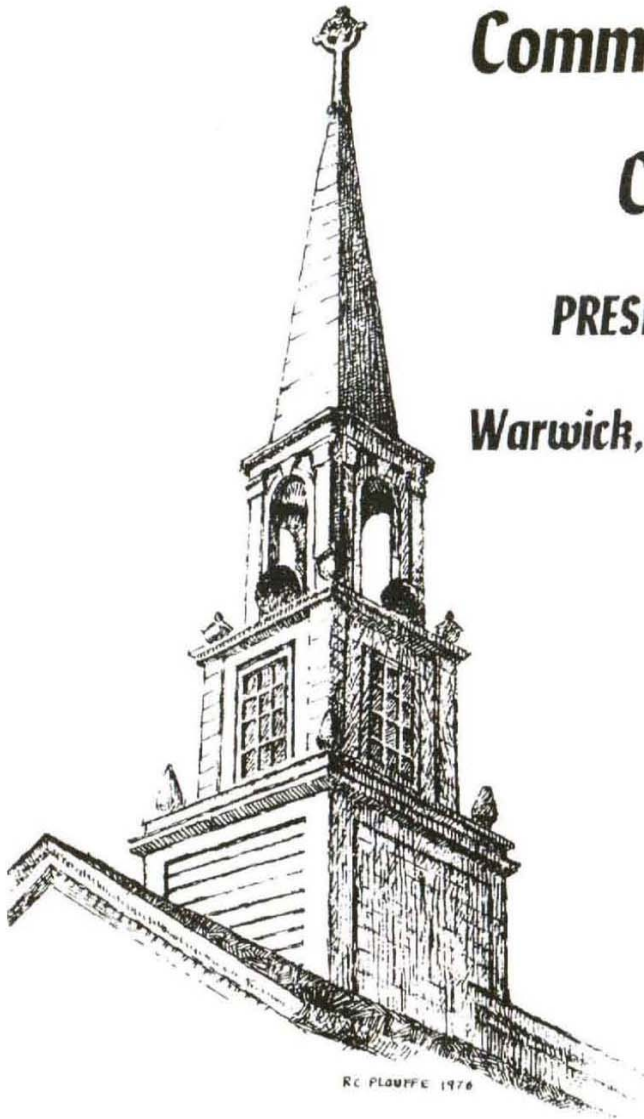
Greenwood

Community

Church

PRESBYTERIAN

Warwick, Rhode Island



Silent prayer for use in preparation for worship:

O Lord, let me not henceforth desire health nor life except to spend them for You, with You and in You. You alone know what is good for me; do therefore what seems best to You. Give to me or take from me; conform my will to Yours; and grant that with humble and perfect submission and in holy confidence I may receive the orders of Your eternal providence, and may equally adore all that come to me from You. Amen.

A Prayer of Clement of Rome, (@ 90 A.D.)

PRELUDE

Here I Am, Lord arr. Joshua Evanovich
Alexandra Nichols, Violin

Prelude Cesar Franck
John Black, Organ

***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**

My Song Forever Shall Record Stanzas 1-5

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 READING *Hebrews 11:29-12:3*

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

***HYMN** *My Song Forever Shall Record* *Stanzas 6-9*

SERMON THE CLOUD CROWD

***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 and 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

Offertory

I'm Trying To Be Like Jesus *Janice Kapp Perry*
Stephen Parkinson, Baritone

*I'm trying to be like Jesus;
I'm following in His ways.
I'm trying to love as He did,
in all that I do and say.
At times I am tempted
To make a wrong choice,
But I try to listen
as the still small voice whispers:*

*[REFRAIN] "Love one another as Jesus loves you.
Try to show kindness in all that you do.
Be gentle and loving in deed and in thought,
For these are the things Jesus taught."*

*I'm trying to love my neighbor;
I'm learning to serve my friends.
I watch for the day of gladness
When Jesus will come again.
I try to remember
The lessons He taught.
Then the Holy Spirit
Enters into my thoughts, saying: [REFRAIN]*

***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** *Awake, My Soul, Stretch Every Nerve*

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE *Trumpet Tune in D* *Henry Purcell*

**(Congregation standing, as able)*

My Song Forever Shall Record

1. My song for - ev - er shall re - cord the ten - der
 2. I sing of mer - cies that en - dure, for - ev - er
 3. Be - hold God's truth and grace dis - played, for he has
 4. "For him my mer - cy shall en - dure, my cov - 'nant
 5. Al - might - y God, your loft - y throne has jus - tice

mer - cies of the Lord; your faith - ful - ness will
 build - ed firm and sure, of faith - ful - ness that
 • faith - ful cov - 'nant made, and he has sworn that
 made with him is sure; his throne and race I
 for its cor - ner - stone, and shin - ing bright be -

I pro - claim, and ev - 'ry age shall know your name.
 nev - er dies, es - tab - lished change - less in the skies.
 • Da - vid's son shall ev - er sit up - on his throne.
 will main - tain for - ev - er, while the heav'n's re - main."
 fore your face are truth and love and bound - less grace.

6. With blessing is the nation crowned
 whose people know the joyful sound;
 they in the light, O Lord, shall live,
 the light your face and favor give.

7. Your name with gladness they confess,
 exalted in your righteousness;
 their fame and might to you belong,
 for in your favor they are strong.

8. All glory unto God we yield,
 the Lord God is our help and shield;
 all praise and honor we will bring
 to Israel's Holy One, our King.

9. Blest be the Lord forevermore,
 whose promise stands from days of yore.
 His word is faithful now as then;
 blest be his name. Amen! Amen!

HEBREWS 11:29-12:3

By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as on dry land; but when the Egyptians tried to do so, they were drowned.

By faith the walls of Jericho fell, after the army had marched around them for seven days.

By faith the prostitute Rahab, because she welcomed the spies, did not perish with those who were disobedient.

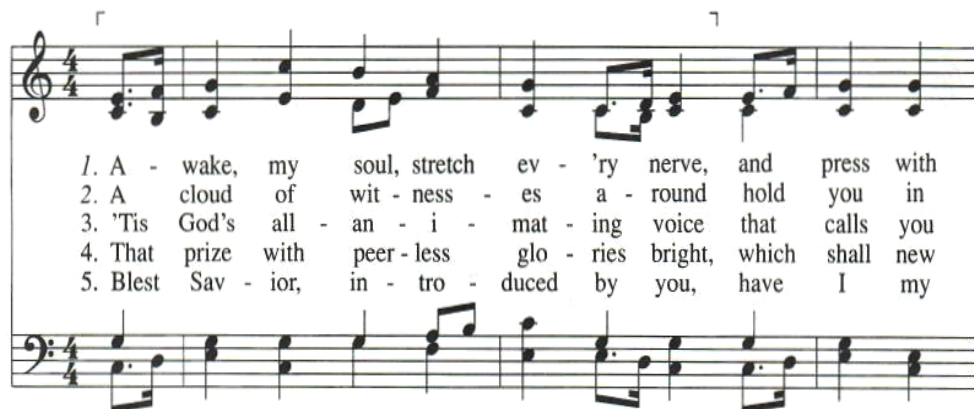
And what more shall I say? I do not have time to tell about Gideon, Barak, Samson and Jephthah, about David and Samuel and the prophets, who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, and gained what was promised; who shut the mouths of lions, quenched the fury of the flames, and escaped the edge of the sword; whose weakness was turned to strength; and who became powerful in battle and routed foreign armies. Women received back their dead, raised to life again. There were others who were tortured, refusing to be released so that they might gain an even better resurrection. Some faced cruel mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawed asunder, they were killed with the sword. They went about in sheepskins and goatskins, destitute, persecuted and mistreated — the world was not worthy of them. They wandered in deserts and mountains, living in dens and caves of the earth.

These were all commended for their faith, yet none of them received what had been promised, since God had planned something better for us so that only together with us would they be made perfect.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the Author and Perfecter of our faith, Who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider Him who endured such opposition from sinful men, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.

Awake, My Soul, Stretch Every Nerve

Since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses ... let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Heb. 12:1



1. A - wake, my soul, stretch ev - 'ry nerve, and press with
2. A cloud of wit - ness - es a - round hold you in
3. 'Tis God's all - an - i - mat - ing voice that calls you
4. That prize with peer - less glo - ries bright, which shall new
5. Blest Sav - ior, in - tro - duced by you, have I my



vig - or on; a heav'n - ly race de - mands your zeal,
full sur - vey: for - get the steps al - read - y trod,
• from on high; 'tis his own hand pre - sents the prize
lus - ter boast, when vic - tors' wreaths and mon - archs' gems
race be - gun; and, crowned with vic - t'ry, at your feet



and an im - mor - tal crown, and an im - mor - tal crown.
and on - ward urge your way, and on - ward urge your way.
• to your as - pir - ing eye, to your as - pir - ing eye:
shall blend in com - mon dust, shall blend in com - mon dust.
I'll lay my hon - ors down, I'll lay my hon - ors down.

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CHANCEL CHOIR (for Sunday worship and concerts)

Ages: Adults (High School age and older)

Rehearsals: Thursdays 7:00 p.m.; Sundays 9:00 a.m.

Repertoire: Sacred choral music in four-part harmony

Requirements: Love of singing and commitment to rehearse

Rehearsal CDs provided

CONCERT CHOIR (for concerts only)

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Rehearsals: Thursdays 7:00 p.m.

Repertoire: Sacred choral music in four-part harmony

Requirements: Love of singing and commitment to rehearse

Rehearsal CDs provided

YOUTH CHOIR

Ages: Elementary through Middle School

High School leaders welcome!

Rehearsals: Sundays 5:00 p.m.

Requirements: Love of singing and ability to participate in rehearsal

HANDBELL CHOIR

Ages: Adults and older youth able to participate in an adult-level rehearsal

Rehearsals: Specially scheduled Saturday mornings

Requirements: Some counting/music reading ability helpful

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

Ages: All children and adults

Rehearsals: Specially scheduled

Requirements: Collaboration with the music staff

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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 James and Deborah Burrows in memory of Deborah's parents, John E. Stebbens and Doris B. Stebbens, and by Sandy Olson in loving memory of her brother, Donald Allen Smith, Jr.

FROM THE MISSION COMMITTEE: The Greenwood Mission Team invites you to join the Perspectives classes starting this autumn via Zoom. This series of 15 classes will give your whole life a new perspective on what God has done throughout history, is doing today and will do. The classes will run Mondays 6:30-9:30 pm via Zoom. Orientation is Tuesday September 6 @ 7pm. The mission team will cover half of the \$250 cost. Please see Sam Koldyk (samkoldyk@cox.net) for more information or visit www.perspectives.org. Click on "Find a Class" and choose RI on the map.

FROM THE PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN: Circles are starting to look for donations for the Christmas Bazaar. 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 for Church World Service School Kits, an annual project of our Presbyterian Women, are being received. 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

WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY EVENING "SWITCH"
ANTICIPATED AT GCCP THIS FALL!

Our Director of Music will be commencing a Doctoral Studies program this fall which will necessitate his being in downtown Boston until 10:00 p.m. each Wednesday. This will also necessitate weekly choir rehearsals being changed from **Wednesday to Thursday** evenings. As several choir members are also involved on boards and committees in the church, we are planning to change the usual **Thursday** evening meetings (Session, Deacons and various committees) to **Wednesdays**. More details to come, but please mark your calendars accordingly!

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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