

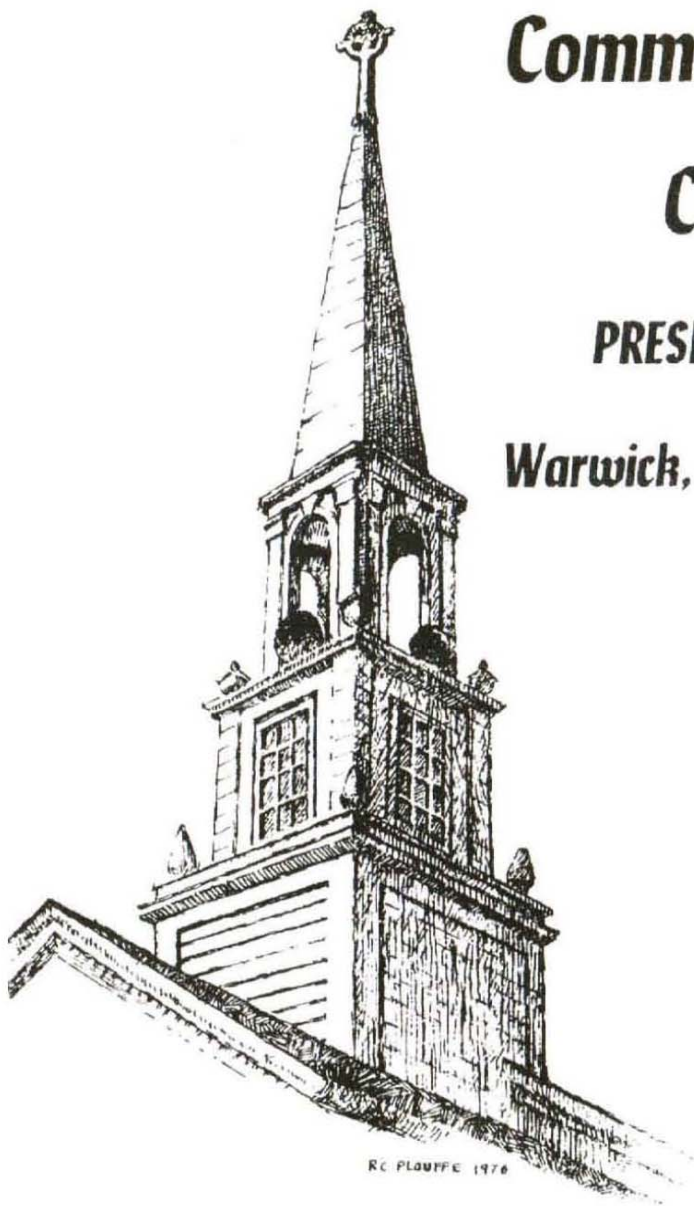
Greenwood

Community

Church

PRESBYTERIAN

Warwick, Rhode Island



THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
Morning Worship - 10:00 a.m.
September 25, 2022

*Prayer in preparation for worship from
the 1946 Book of Common Worship:*

Almighty God, as we pray for the Church Universal, we pray for Thy blessing upon the Church in this place. Here may the faithful find salvation, and the careless be awakened; may the doubting find faith and the anxious be encouraged; may the tempted find help and the sorrowful comfort; may the weary find rest and the strong be renewed; may the aged find consolation and the young be inspired; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

PRELUDE

The Holy City
Alexandra Nichols, Violin

Stephen Adams

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name
arr. Marilyn Ham

John Black, Organ; Alexandra Nichols, Piano

***CALL TO WORSHIP / PRAYER OF ADORATION**

from Psalm 33

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**

The Church's One Foundation

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

ALMIGHTY AND MERCIFUL GOD, WE HAVE ERRED AND STRAYED FROM YOUR WAYS. WE HAVE FOLLOWED TOO MUCH THE DEVICES AND DESIRES OF OUR OWN HEARTS. WE HAVE OFFENDED AGAINST YOUR HOLY LAWS. WE HAVE LEFT UNDONE THOSE THINGS WE OUGHT TO HAVE DONE, AND WE HAVE DONE THOSE THINGS WE OUGHT NOT TO HAVE DONE. O LORD, HAVE MERCY UPON US, ACCORDING TO YOUR PROMISES DECLARED TO THE WORLD IN JESUS CHRIST, OUR LORD, AND GRANT, O MERCIFUL GOD, FOR HIS SAKE, THAT WE MAY LIVE HOLY, JUST AND HUMBLE LIVES TO THE GLORY OF YOUR NAME, AMEN.

(From The Worship Sourcebook, c. 2004)

***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.*

MINUTE FOR MISSION*Antoinette Snyman, Presbyterian Women***ANTHEM***Cornerstone arr. Joshua Spacht**by Edward Mote and Hillsong Worship**My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness.
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
but wholly trust in Jesus' name.**[REFRAIN] Christ alone, Cornerstone;
Weak made strong in the Savior's love.
Through the storm, He is Lord, Lord of all.**When darkness seems to hide His face,
I rest on His unchanging grace.
In every high and stormy gale,
My anchor holds within the veil. [REFRAIN]**When He shall come with trumpet sound,
O may I then in Him be found;
Dressed in His righteousness alone,
faultless to stand before the throne. [REFRAIN]***SCRIPTURE READINGS***Jeremiah 51:47-50
Hebrews 12:22-29****HYMN***O Where are Kings and Empires Now?***SERMON**A TALE OF TWO CITIES***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***Offertory
Larson**Shall We Gather at the River? arr. Lloyd**Molli Swiatek, Soprano**by Robert Lowry**Shall we gather at the river,
Where bright angel feet have trod;
With its crystal tide forever
Flowing by the throne of God?**[REFRAIN] Yes, we'll gather at the river,
the beautiful, the beautiful river;
Gather with the saints at the river
That flows by the throne of God.**On the margin of the river,
Washing up its silver spray,
We will walk and worship ever,
All the happy golden day. [REFRAIN]**Ere we reach the shining river,
Lay we ev'ry burden down;
Grace our spirits will deliver,
And provide a robe and crown. [REFRAIN]**Soon we'll reach the shining river,
Soon our pilgrimage will cease;
Soon our happy hearts will quiver
With the melody of peace. [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***Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken****BENEDICTION****POSTLUDE***Fanfare in D Major by J.N. Lemmens*

The Church's One Foundation

No one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid; Jesus Christ. 1 Corinthians 3:11

1. The Church-'s one foun-da-tion Is Je-sus Christ, her Lord;
 2. E-lect from ev-ery na-tion, Yet one o'er all the earth,
 3. 'Mid toil and trib-u-la-tion And tu-mult of her war,
 4. Yet she on earth hath un-ion With God, the Three in One,

She is His new cre-a-tion By wa-ter and the Word:
 Her char-ter of sal-va-tion: One Lord, one faith, one birth;
 She waits the con-sum-ma-tion Of peace for-ev-er-more;
 And mys-tic, sweet com-mu-nion With those whose rest is won:

From heav'n He came and sought her To be His ho-ly bride;
 One ho-ly name she bless-es, Par-takes one ho-ly food;
 Till with the vi-sion glo-rious Her long-ing eyes are blest,
 O hap-py ones and ho-ly! Lord, give us grace that we

With His own blood He bought her, And for her life He died.
 And to one hope she press-es, With ev-ery grace en-dued.
 And the great Church vic-to-rious Shall be the Church at rest.
 Like them, the meek and low-ly, On high may dwell with Thee.

TEXT: Samuel J. Stone

MUSIC: Samuel S. Wesley; Last stanza setting and Choral ending by David T. Clydesdale

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AURELIA

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JEREMIAH 51:47-50

"For the time will surely come when I will punish the idols of Babylon; her whole land will be disgraced and her slain will all lie fallen within her. Then heaven and earth and all that is in them will shout for joy over Babylon, for out of the north destroyers will attack her," declares the LORD.

"Babylon must fall because of Israel's slain, just as the slain in all the earth have fallen because of Babylon. You who have escaped the sword, leave and do not linger!

Remember the LORD in a distant land, and think on Jerusalem."

HEBREWS 12:22-29

But you have come to Mount Zion, to the heavenly Jerusalem, the city of the living God. You have come to thousands upon thousands of angels in joyful assembly, to the church of the firstborn, whose names are written in heaven. You have come to God, the Judge of all, to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, to Jesus the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

See to it that you do not refuse Him who speaks. If they did not escape when they refused Him who warned them on earth, how much less will we, if we turn away from Him who warns us from heaven? At that time His voice shook the earth, but now He has promised, "Once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heavens." [Haggai 2:6] The words "once more" indicate the removing of what can be shaken — that is, created things — so that what cannot be shaken may remain.

Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe, for our "God is a consuming fire." [Deut. 4:24]

O Where Are Kings and Empires Now

ST. ANNE C.M.

Arthur Cleveland Coxe, 1839; alt.

Attr. to William Croft, 1708

1. O where are kings and em - pires now Of
 2. We mark her good - ly bat - tle - ments And
 3. For not like king - doms of the world Your
 4. Un - shak - en as e - ter - nal hills, Im -

old that went and came? But, Lord, your church is
 her foun - da - tions strong; We hear with - in the
 ho - ly church, O God, Though earth - quake shocks are
 mov - a - ble she stands, A moun - tain that shall

pray - ing yet, A thou - sand years the same.
 sol - emn voice Of her un - end - ing song.
 threat - ening her And tem - pests are a - broad,
 fill the earth, A house not made by hands. A - men.

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

Glorious things are said of you, O city of God. Psalm 87:3

1. Glo - rious things of thee are spo - ken, Zi - on, cit - y of our God;
 2. See, the streams of liv - ing wa - ters, Spring - ing from e - ter - nal Love,
 3. Round each hab - i - ta - tion hov - 'ring, See the cloud and fire ap - pear
 4. Sav - ior, since of Zi - on's cit - y I thro' grace a mem - ber am,

He whose word can - not be bro - ken Formed thee for His own a - bode.
 Well sup - ply thy sons and daugh - ters, And all fear of want re - move.
 For a glo - ry and a cov - 'ring, Show - ing that the Lord is near!
 Let the world de - ride or pit - y; I will glo - ry in Thy name.

On the Rock of A - ges found - ed, What can shake thy sure re - pose?
 Who can faint while such a riv - er Ev - er flows their thirst to as - suage?
 Thus they march, the pil - lar lead - ing, Light by night and shad - ow by day
 Fad - ing is the world's best plea - sure, All its boast - ed pom

With sal - va - tion's walls sur - round - ed, Thou may'st smile at all
 Grace which like the Lord, the Giv - er, Nev - er fails from ag
 Dai - ly on the man - na feed - ing Which He gives them when they pray.
 Sol - id joys and last - ing trea - sures None but Zi - on's chil - dren know.

TEXT: John Newton, altered
 MUSIC: Franz Joseph Haydn

AUSTRIAN HYMN
 8.7.8.7.D.

Greenwood Community Church, Presbyterian
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September 25, 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 Frederick and Gwendolyn Anderson in celebration of their 60th wedding anniversary.

WELCOME BACK POTLUCK LUNCHEON NOON TODAY! There will be a modified Coffee Hour immediately after worship, then lunch will be served following Sunday School. All are welcome, hope to see you there!

TODAY WE AGAIN WELCOME DR. STANLEY R. ALLABY to our pulpit while Pastor Clark is away. Born in Providence, he graduated from North Kingstown High School, Gordon College, Gordon Divinity School (*now known as Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary*), and received his Doctor of Ministry degree from Westminster Theological Seminary in Philadelphia. Ordained at Quidnessett Baptist Church in 1956, he served forty-one years as Senior Pastor of the Black Rock Church in Fairfield, CT. He has also served on the boards of SIM (*previously known as Sudan Interior Mission*), the National Association of Evangelicals, and Gordon College. He is also uncle to choir member Heather Buckley!



NEW THIS YEAR - JOYFUL SOLES! Join us for fitness and fellowship. This program is open to everyone who would like to exercise with us each Tuesday in Fellowship Hall **6:00 - 6:45 p.m.** We will begin with a stretching warm up, then do some cardio exercise routines, and end with a nice cool down. You can be back home by 7:00 pm. Hope to see you then!

THURSDAY, 5:30 - 6:45 p.m. (*or whenever you can arrive!*). All are welcome for this midweek pick-me-up; the fellowship we have is amazing. Come as you are and bring nothing except your love for God and each other! We will supply dinner, and then whisk your children off to play and/or do homework while the adults relax and hear some inspiring words, have a hymn sing and/or enjoy some other presentation.



“BLANKET SUNDAY” OFFERING: Through the Sundays of October you may find special donation envelopes in the pew racks for this annual drive of our Presbyterian Women. We hope you will continue to help Church World Service provide comfort and support to children and families all over the world.

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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