

Greenwood

Community

Church

PRESBYTERIAN

Warwick, Rhode Island



THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EPHIPHANY

Morning Worship – 10:00 a.m.

February 12, 2023

Dear Father, take this day's life into Thine own keeping. Control all my thoughts and feelings. Direct all my energies. Instruct my mind. Sustain my will. Take my hands and make them skillful to serve Thee. Take my feet and make them swift to do Thy bidding. Take my eyes and keep them fixed upon Thine everlasting beauty. Take my mouth and make it eloquent in testimony to Thy love. Make this day a day of obedience, a day of spiritual joy and peace.

Make this day's work a little part of the work of the Kingdom of my Lord Christ, in Whose name these my prayers are said. Amen.

A prayer of John Baillie, 1886-1960

PRELUDE

Rondeau arr. François Couperin
John Black, Harpsichord

O Mensch, bewein dein Sunde groß J.S. Bach
(*O Man, Bewail thy Sin So Great; BWV 622*)
Alexandra Nichols, Violin

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

Psalm 119:1-8

Blessed are they whose way is blameless, who walk according to the law of the Lord.

BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO KEEP HIS DECREES, WHO SEEK HIM WITH THEIR WHOLE HEART, WHO ALSO DO NO WRONG, BUT WALK IN HIS WAYS.

You have commanded Your precepts to be kept diligently.

OH, THAT MY WAYS MAY BE STEADFAST IN KEEPING YOUR STATUTES! THEN I SHALL NOT BE PUT TO SHAME, HAVING MY EYES FIXED ON ALL YOUR COMMANDMENTS.

I will praise You with an upright heart, as I learn Your righteous rules.

I WILL KEEP YOUR STATUTES; DO NOT UTTERLY FORSAKE ME!

***HYMN**

Blessed Assurance

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

O GOD, OUR HEAVENLY FATHER, WE ARE EXCEEDINGLY FRAIL, AND NOT DISPOSED TO VIRTUE. FORGIVE OUR SINS, STRENGTHEN OUR WEAKNESS, AND MAKE US VALIANT IN THE SPIRITUAL WAR WE FIGHT WITHIN AND WITHOUT. GUARD US AGAINST OUR OWN NEGLIGENCE AND COWARDICE, AND DEFEND US FROM THE TREACHERY OF OUR UNFAITHFUL HEARTS, FOR THE SAKE OF YOUR SON OUR SAVIOR, JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD, AMEN.

A prayer of Augustine of Hippo, 354-430

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.*

***+THE PEACE (responsively)**

. . . The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. AND ALSO WITH YOU.

ANTHEM *Make A Joyful Noise* arr. John Behnke
(based on Psalm 100)

SCRIPTURE READINGS *Exodus 19:1-6, 16-17* (p. 73, Pew Bible)
Numbers 13:1-3, 25-33 (p. 142, Pew Bible)

***HYMN** *You Who Dwell in the Shadow of the Lord*

SERMON EAGLES VS. THE GIANTS

SERVICE OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

Mr. Moderator, speaking for the members of this congregation, I hereby present _____ to be ordained to the office of Deacon.

(The Moderator asks ordination candidates the Constitutional questions)

Do you trust in Jesus Christ your Savior, acknowledge Him Lord of all and the Head of the Church, and through Him believe in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit?

Do you accept the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be, by the Holy Spirit, the unique and authoritative witness to Jesus Christ in the church universal, and God's word to you?

Do you sincerely receive and adopt the essential tenets of the Reformed faith as expressed in the confessions of our church as authentic and reliable expositions of what Scripture leads us to believe and do, and will you be instructed and led by those confessions as you lead the people of God?

Will you fulfill your ministry in obedience to Jesus Christ, under the authority of Scripture, and be continually guided by our Confessions?

Will you be governed by our church's polity, and will you abide by its discipline? Will you be a friend among your colleagues in ministry, working with them, subject to the ordering of God's word and Spirit?

Will you govern your own life to follow the Lord Jesus Christ, love your neighbors, and work for the reconciliation of the world?

Do you promise to further the peace, unity and purity of the church?

Will you pray for and seek to serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination and love? Will you be a faithful deacon, teaching charity, urging concern, and directing the people's help to the friendless and those in need? In your ministry, will you try to show the love and mercy of Jesus Christ?

Mr. Moderator, _____, having been elected again to active service by the vote of this congregation, may now be installed to office.

To the ordained Elders or Deacons elected to serve another term:

You have been called again to a position of special leadership in the church. Do you welcome the work for which you have been chosen, and will you serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination and love, relying on God's mercy and rejoicing in His promises through Jesus Christ our Lord?

The Elder addresses the congregation: Do we, the members of the Greenwood Community Church, Presbyterian, accept these men and women before us as Deacons and Elders, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation, to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ? Do we agree to encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ, Who alone is head of the church? If so, please answer, "We do."

(All Ministers, Elders and Deacons present are asked to stand.)

(The Minister offers the Prayer of Ordination for each candidate:) Almighty God, in every age You have chosen servants to speak Your word and to lead Your loyal people. We thank You for this *man/woman* whom You have called to Your service. Give *him/her* special gifts to do *his/her* special work; and fill *him/her* with the Holy Spirit, so *he/she* may have the same mind that was in Christ Jesus, and be a faithful disciple as long as *he/she* shall live, Amen.

_____, you are now a Deacon in the church and for this congregation. Whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him. Amen. Welcome to this ministry.

(All the congregation stands and prays in unison:) GOD OF GRACE, WHO CALLED US TO A COMMON MINISTRY AS AMBASSADORS OF CHRIST, TRUSTING US WITH THE MESSAGE OF RECONCILIATION AND SALVATION: GIVE US COURAGE AND DISCIPLINE TO FOLLOW WHERE YOUR SERVANTS RIGHTLY LEAD US; THAT TOGETHER WE MAY DECLARE YOUR WONDERFUL DEEDS AND SHOW YOUR LOVE TO THE WORLD; THROUGH JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD, WHO TAUGHT US TO PRAY, "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 *Praise Him, Praise Him* *Wayne Fritchie*

**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** *Jesus Bids Us Shine* *592*

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE *March in E-Flat Major* *Gustav Holst*

Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine

I will sing praises unto my God while I have any being. Psa. 146:2

ASSURANCE 9 10 9 9 Ref.

Fanny J. Crosby, 1873

Phoebe P. Knapp, 1873

1. Bless - ed as - sur - ance, Je - sus is mine! O, what a fore - taste of
 2. Per - fect sub - mis - sion, per - fect de - light, Vi - sions of rap - ture now
 3. Per - fect sub - mis - sion, all is at rest, I in my Sav - ior am

glo - ry di - vine! Heir of sal - va - tion, pur - chase of God,
 burst on my sight; An - gels de - scend - ing, bring from a - bove
 hap - py and blest; Watch - ing and wait - ing, look - ing a - bove,

Refrain

Born of His Spir - it, washed in His blood.
 Ech - oes of mer - cy, whis - pers of love. This is my sto - ry, this is my
 Filled with His good - ness, lost in His love.

song, Prais - ing my Sav - ior all the day long; This is my sto - ry,
 this is my song, Prais - ing my Sav - ior all the day long.

You Who Dwell in the Shelter of the Lord

On Eagle's Wings (Psalm 91)

1 You who dwell in the shel - ter of the Lord, who a -
 bide in his shad - ow for life, say to the Lord, "My
 ref - uge, my rock in whom I trust!"

Refrain

And he will raise you up on ea - gle's wings, bear you on the
 breath of dawn, make you to shine like the sun,
 and hold you in the palm of his hand.

2 The snare of the fowl - er will nev - er cap - ture you, and
 fam - ine will bring you no fear: un - der his wings, your

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ON EAGLE'S WINGS
 Irregular

Dm F Gm Asus A
to Refrain

ref - uge, his faith - ful - ness your shield.

G
Leader or All D/F#

3 You need not fear the ter - ror of the night, nor the

G D/F# F

ar - row that flies by day; though thou - sands fall a -

Dm F Gm Asus A
to Refrain

bout you, near you it shall not come.

G
Leader or All D/F#

4 For to his an - gels he's giv - en a com - mand to

G D/F# F

guard you in all of your ways; up - on their hands they will

Gm7 Am Gm7 Asus A
to Refrain

bear you up, lest you dash your foot a - gainst a stone.

Jesus Bids Us Shine

Let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven. Matt. 5:16

G G D7 7

1. Je - sus bids us shine with a pure, clear light,
2. Je - sus bids us shine, first of all for him;
3. Je - sus bids us shine, then, for all a - round;

D7 G

like a lit - tle can - dle burn - ing in the night.
well he sees and knows it, if our light grows dim.
man - y kinds of dark - ness in the world are found:

C G

In this world of dark - ness so let us shine—
He looks down from heav - en to see us shine—
sin and want and sor - row; so we must shine—

G G7 C G D7 G 7

you in your small cor - ner, and I in mine.
you in your small cor - ner, and I in mine.
you in your small cor - ner, and I in mine.

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FEBRUARY 12, 2023

***WE WELCOME** all who are worshipping 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 This Week

FLOWERS today are given to the glory of God by James and Carol Castergine in loving memory of Carol's mother, Eileen Longo, on the anniversary of her passing on February 12, 2010.

THE 2023 FLOWER CALENDAR currently has several dates available. Please stop in the church office or **call (737-1230) to sign up for dates** to honor a loved one, mark a special occasion, or commemorate the memory of a dearly departed relative or friend and, in doing so, help beautify our sanctuary for worship. *Dates available Feb 19. (one) April 2 (both) April 16 (one) April 23 (one) April 30 (both) May 7 (both) May 21 (both) June 18 (one) June 25 (both)* The cost is **\$25** per bouquet.



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN – During February and March we will hold our annual collection for the **“Gifts of the Heart”** kits. A donation box is on the Fellowship Hall stage. **Items needed:** 15”x28” hand towels, wash cloths, wide tooth combs, nail clippers, (wrapped) bars of soap, (boxed) toothbrushes. Ten Standard size Band-Aids. Monetary gifts accepted; simply write a check to Greenwood Community Church and note on memo line “PW Gifts of the Heart”. Thank you!

2022 ANNUAL DONATION STATEMENTS are available for pickup in Fellowship Hall. Please notify the office if you don't see yours or if there are any errors.



FELLOWSHIP/FAMILY DINNER FEBRUARY 16! 5:30-6:45 PM (or whenever you can arrive!). All are welcome. We 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.



THE KING'S KIDS Valentine's Dance: is **February 19**, Everyone is invited to join in and bring a friend! The fun begins at 5:00pm. Bring a dish to share. Contact Virginia Jacobs for more information.

~*~*~* THIS WEEK IN OUR CHURCH *~*~*~

Monday, February 13	7:00 p.m.	BSF
Tuesday, February 14	12:00 p.m.	Lily (Parlor)
	1:00 p.m.	Lydia (Fellowship Hall)
	4:00 p.m.	Deborah (Fellowship Hall)
	6:15 p.m.	Talitha (Artena's Home)
Wednesday, February 15	7:00 p.m.	Session Meeting
Thursday, February 16	5:30 p.m.	Fellowship Dinner
	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal

Exodus 19:1-6, 16-17

In the third month after the Israelites left Egypt—on the very day—they came to the Desert of Sinai. After they set out from Rephidim, they entered the Desert of Sinai, and Israel camped there in the desert in front of the mountain. Then Moses went up to God, and the Lord called to him from the mountain and said, "This is what you are to say to the house of Jacob and what you are to tell the people of Israel: 'You yourselves have seen what I did to Egypt, and how I carried you on eagles' wings and brought you to Myself. Now if you obey Me fully and keep My covenant, then out of all nations you will be My treasured possession. Although the whole earth is mine, you will be for Me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.' These are the words you are to speak to the Israelites."

On the morning of the third day there was thunder and lightning, with a thick cloud over the mountain, and a very loud trumpet blast. Everyone in the camp trembled. Then Moses led the people out of the camp to meet with God, and they stood at the foot of the mountain.

NUMBERS 13:1-3, 25-33

The Lord said to Moses, "Send some men to explore the land of Canaan, which I am giving to the Israelites. From each ancestral tribe send one of its leaders." So at the Lord's command Moses sent them out from the Desert of Paran. All of them were leaders of the Israelites.

At the end of forty days they returned from exploring the land. They came back to Moses and Aaron and the whole Israelite community at Kadesh in the Desert of Paran. There they reported to them and to the whole assembly and showed them the fruit of the land. They gave Moses this account: "We went into the land to which you sent us, and it does flow with milk and honey! Here is its fruit. But the people who live there are powerful, and the cities are fortified and very large. We even saw descendants of Anak there. The Amalekites live in the Negev; the Hittites, Jebusites and Amorites live in the hill country; and the Canaanites live near the sea and along the Jordan."

Then Caleb silenced the people before Moses and said, "We should go up and take possession of the land, for we can certainly do it." But the men who had gone up with him said, "We can't attack those people; they are stronger than we are." And they spread among the Israelites a bad report about the land they had explored. They said, "The land we explored devours those living in it. All the people we saw there are of great size. We saw the Nephilim there (the descendants of Anak come from the Nephilim). We seemed like grasshoppers in our own eyes, and we looked the same to them."