

THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
Morning Worship –10:30 a.m.
February 5, 2023

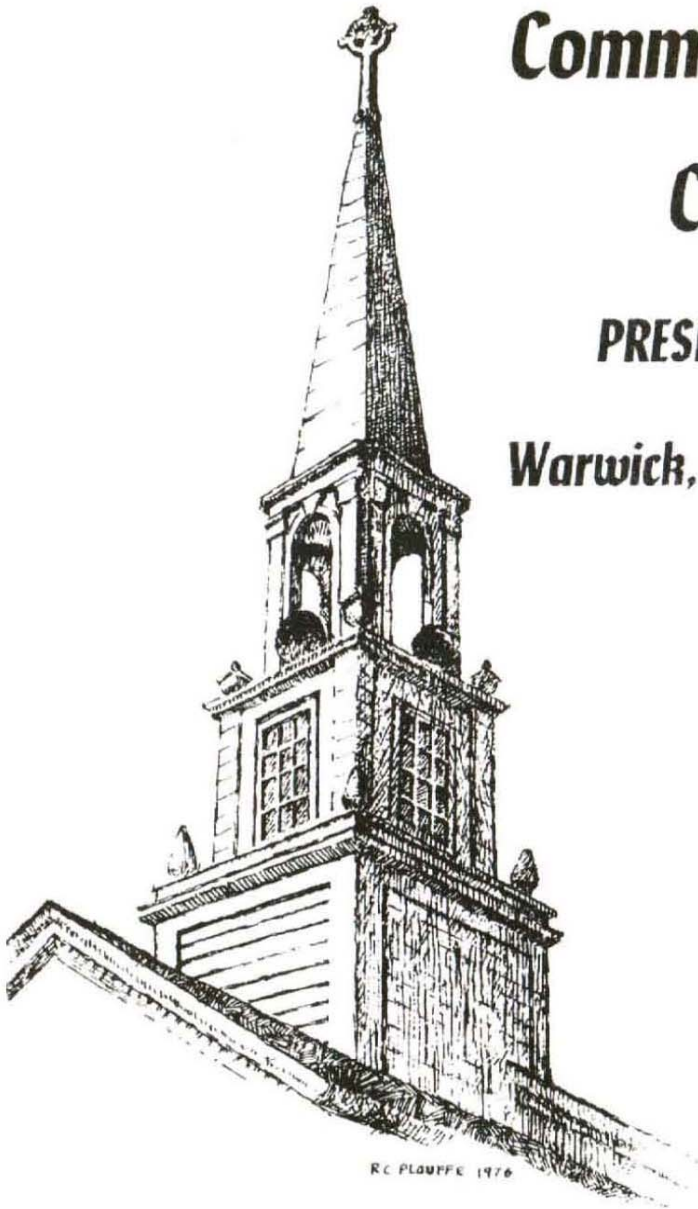
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Warwick, Rhode Island



From John Baillie's A Diary of Private Prayer, c. 1936

O Lord, all treasures of wisdom and truth and holiness are stored up in Your boundless being. Grant that through our constant fellowship with You, those graces of Christian character may more and more take shape within me: the grace of a thankful and uncomplaining heart; the grace to await Your timing patiently and to answer Your call promptly; the grace of courage whether in suffering or in danger; the grace to endure any hardship in the fight against evil; the grace of boldness to stand up for what is right; the grace of being adequately prepared for any temptation; the grace of physical discipline; the grace of truthfulness; the grace to treat others as I would like them to treat me; the grace of sensitivity, that I may refrain from hasty judgment; the grace of silence, that I may refrain from thoughtless speech; the grace of forgiveness toward all who have wronged me; the grace of tenderness toward all who are weaker than myself; the grace of faithfulness in continuing to desire that You will answer these prayers."

PRELUDE *Fugue on B-A-C-H, Op. 60, No 1* R. Schumann
John Black, Organ

***CALL TO WORSHIP / PRAYER OF ADORATION** (from Psalm 84: 1, 2, 4)

How lovely is Your dwelling place, O Lord Almighty!
MY HEART AND MY FLESH SING FOR JOY TO THE LIVING GOD.
Blessed are those who dwell in Your house; they are ever praising you.
BETTER IS ONE DAY IN YOUR COURTS, O LORD, THAN A THOUSAND ELSEWHERE.
In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
LET US WORSHIP GOD!

***HYMN** *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* 457

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

GIVE ME, O LORD, A STEADFAST HEART WHICH NO UNWORTHY AFFECTION MAY DRAG DOWNWARDS. FORGIVE MY SINS AND CLEANSE ME. SO STRENGTHENED, GIVE ME AN UNCONQUERED HEART WHICH NO TRIBULATION CAN WEAR OUT. GIVE ME AN UPRIGHT HEART WHICH NO UNWORTHY PURPOSE MAY TEMPT ASIDE. BESTOW ON ME ALSO, O LORD MY GOD, UNDERSTANDING TO KNOW THEE, DILIGENCE TO SEEK THEE, WISDOM TO FIND THEE, AND A FAITHFULNESS TO EMBRACE THEE; THROUGH JESUS CHRIST MY LORD, AMEN. *A prayer of Thomas Aquinas, 1225-1274*

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.*

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

The Nicene Creed

WE BELIEVE IN ONE GOD THE FATHER ALMIGHTY, MAKER OF HEAVEN AND EARTH, AND OF ALL THINGS VISIBLE AND INVISIBLE; AND IN ONE LORD JESUS CHRIST, THE ONLY-BEGOTTEN SON OF GOD, BEGOTTEN OF THE FATHER BEFORE ALL WORLDS, GOD OF GOD, LIGHT OF LIGHT, VERY GOD OF VERY GOD, BEGOTTEN, NOT MADE, BEING OF ONE SUBSTANCE WITH THE FATHER BY WHOM ALL THINGS WERE MADE; WHO FOR US, AND FOR OUR SALVATION, CAME DOWN FROM HEAVEN, AND WAS INCARNATE BY THE HOLY SPIRIT OF THE VIRGIN MARY, AND WAS MADE MAN, AND WAS CRUCIFIED ALSO FOR US UNDER PONTIUS PILATE. HE SUFFERED AND WAS BURIED, AND THE THIRD DAY HE ROSE AGAIN ACCORDING TO THE SCRIPTURES, AND ASCENDED INTO HEAVEN, AND SITTETH ON THE RIGHT HAND OF THE FATHER. AND HE SHALL COME AGAIN WITH GLORY TO JUDGE BOTH THE QUICK AND THE DEAD, WHOSE KINGDOM SHALL HAVE NO END.

AND WE BELIEVE IN THE HOLY SPIRIT, THE LORD AND GIVER OF LIFE, WHO PROCEEDETH FROM THE FATHER AND THE SON, WHO WITH THE FATHER AND THE SON TOGETHER IS WORSHIPPED AND GLORIFIED, WHO SPOKE BY THE PROPHETS. AND WE BELIEVE ONE HOLY CATHOLIC AND APOSTOLIC CHURCH. WE ACKNOWLEDGE ONE BAPTISM FOR THE REMISSION OF SINS. AND WE LOOK FOR THE RESURRECTION OF THE DEAD, AND THE LIFE OF THE WORLD TO COME. AMEN.

ANTHEM

Walk In Jerusalem Rollo Dilworth
(based on Revelation 21:16-18)

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Isaiah 58 (p. 735, Pew Bible)
Matthew 5:13-20 (p. 958, Pew Bible)

***HYMN**

Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim 165

SERMON

CHARGED WITH A SALT ON THE SABBATH

**(Congregation standing, as able)*

OFFERING

Offertory ‘Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus V. Whaley

**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*

THE 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. IN HUMILITY HE DESCENDED FROM YOUR HEIGHTS, TO KNEEL IN OBEDIENCE TO LOVE’S COMMANDS. THE CUP OF SUFFERING HE DRANK HAS BECOME FOR US THE CUP OF SALVATION. IN HIS DEATH, HE HAS FREED US FROM DEATH’S DOMINION; IN HIS RESURRECTION, HE OPENED THE WAY TO LIFE ABUNDANT AND ETERNAL. 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 PROCLAIM THE ONE CRUCIFIED AND RISEN, WHO TAUGHT US TO PRAY ... (THE LORD’S PRAYER),

The Words of Institution
The Communion
The Prayer of Thanksgiving

***HYMN**

Thou Art Worthy (2X) Insert

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Toccatà in e minor Johann Pachelbel

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

The blessing of the Lord brings wealth. Proverbs 10:22

1. Come, Thou Fount of ev-ery bless - ing, Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
2. Hith - er - - to Thy love has blest me; Thou hast bro't me to this place;
3. O to grace how great a debt - or Dai - ly I'm con - strained to be!

Streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, Call for songs of loud - est praise.
And I know Thy hand will bring me Safe - ly home by Thy good grace.
Let Thy good - ness, like a fet - ter, Bind my wan - d'ring heart to Thee:

Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, Sung by flam - ing tongues a - bove;
Je - sus sought me when a strang - er, Wan - d'ring from the fold of God;
Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, Prone to leave the God I love;

Praise His name - I'm fixed up - on it - Name of God's re - deem - ing love.
He, to res - cue me from dan - ger, Bo't me with His pre - cious blood.
Here's my heart, O take and seal it; Seal it for Thy courts a - bove.

TEXT: Robert Robinson; adapted by Margaret Clarkson
MUSIC: Traditional American melody; John Wyeth's *Repository of Sacred Music*, 1813
Last stanza setting and Choral ending by Carl Seal

NETTLETON
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ISAIAH 58

"Shout it aloud, do not hold back. Raise your voice like a trumpet. Declare to My people their rebellion and to the descendants of Jacob their sins. For day after day they seek Me out; they seem eager to know My ways, as if they were a nation that does what is right and has not forsaken the commands of its God. They ask me for just decisions and seem eager for God to come near them.

'Why have we fasted,' they say, 'and You have not seen it? Why have we humbled ourselves, and you have not noticed?' Yet on the day of your fasting, you do as you please and exploit all your workers. Your fasting ends in quarreling and strife, and in striking each other with wicked fists. You cannot fast as you do today and expect your voice to be heard on high. Is this the kind of fast I have chosen, only a day for people to humble themselves? Is it only for bowing one's head like a reed and for lying in sackcloth and ashes? Is that what you call a fast, a day acceptable to the LORD?

"Is not this the kind of fasting I have chosen: To loose the chains of injustice and untie the cords of the yoke, to set the oppressed free and break every yoke? Is it not to share your food with the hungry and to provide the poor wanderer with shelter — when you see the naked, to clothe them, and not to turn away from your own flesh and blood? Then your light will break forth like the dawn, and your healing will quickly appear; then your righteousness will go before you, and the glory of the LORD will be your rear guard. Then you will call, and the LORD will answer; you will cry for help, and He will say: 'Here am I.'"

"If you do away with the yoke of oppression, with the pointing finger and malicious talk, and if you spend yourselves in behalf of the hungry and satisfy the needs of the oppressed, then your light will rise in the darkness, and your night will become like the noonday. The LORD will guide you always; He will satisfy your needs in a sun-scorched land and will strengthen your frame. You will be like a well-watered garden, like a spring whose waters never fail. Your people will rebuild the ancient ruins and will raise up the age-old foundations; you will be called Repairer of Broken Walls, Restorer of Streets with Dwellings."

"If you keep your feet from breaking the Sabbath and from doing as you please on My holy day, if you call the Sabbath a delight and the LORD's holy day honorable, and if you honor it by not going your own way and not doing as you please or speaking idle words, then you will find your joy in the LORD, and I will cause you to ride in triumph on the heights of the land and to feast on the inheritance of your father Jacob." The mouth of the LORD has spoken.

MATTHEW 5:13-20

"You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled by men.

"You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven." *(continued on next page)*

(continued from previous page) "Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished.

Anyone who breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever practices and teaches these commands will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees and the teachers of the law, you will certainly not enter the kingdom of heaven."

Ye Servants of God

Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb. Revelation 7:10

1. Ye ser-vants of God, your Mas-ter pro-claim, And pub-lish a -
 2. God rul-eth on high, al-might-y to save, And still He is
 3. "Sal-va-tion to God, who sits on the throne!" Let all cry a -
 4. Then let us a-dore, and give Him His right- All glo-ry and

broad His won-der-ful name; The name, all-vic-to-ri-ous, of
 nigh, His pres-ence we have; The great con-gre-ga-tion His
 loud, and hon-or the Son; The prais-es of Je-sus the
 pow'r, all wis-dom and might, All hon-or and bless-ing, with

Je-sus ex-tol: His king-dom is glo-ri-ous, He rules o-ver all.
 tri-umph shall sing, As-crib-ing sal-va-tion to Je-sus, our King.
 an-gels pro-claim, Fall down on their fac-es and wor-ship the Lamb.
 an-gels a-bove, And thanks nev-er-ceas-ing, and in-fi-nite love.

TEXT: Charles Wesley
 MUSIC: William Croft

HANOVER
 10.10.11.11.

Thou Art Worthy

You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power. Rev. 4:11

Thou art wor-thy, thou art wor-thy, thou art wor-thy, O Lord,

to re-ceive glo-ry, glo-ry and hon-or, glo-ry and hon-or and

power; for thou hast cre-at-ed, hast all things cre-at-ed,

thou hast cre-at-ed all things; and for thy plea-sure

they are cre-at-ed, for thou art wor-thy, O Lord.

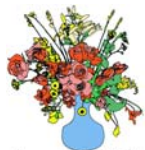
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FEBRUARY 5, 2023

***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 This Week

FLOWERS today are given to the glory of God by Evelyn C. Murray in loving memory of her father, Robert M. Howard, the first Clerk of Session of the Greenwood Community Church, Presbyterian, and her husband, Jack Murray, for the anniversaries of their deaths.

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. 12 (one) Feb 19. (one) March 5 (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'S "GIFTS OF THE HEART" – 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. Thank you for your continued support of this project! **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".

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.



WORSHIP CANCELLATION NOTIFICATION: For up to date information regarding potential cancellation of church activities during inclement weather, log on to www.wpri.com or www.turnto10.com, tune in to the corresponding TV stations, look us up on **Face Book** (Greenwood Community Church, Presbyterian) ... and/or call the church office answering machine.

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

Today, February 5	10:00 a.m.	Service of Worship
	11:00 a.m.	Coffee Hour
	11:15 a.m.	Sunday School
	5:00 p.m.	King's Kids
	6:00 p.m.	29Eleven
Monday, February 6	11:00 a.m.	PEO (Parlor)
Wednesday, February 8	10:30 a.m.	Adult Bible Study
Wednesday, February 8	3:00 p.m.	American Heritage Girls
Thursday, February 9	7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal

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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