

Worship @ Home Guide: Sunday Sept 6, 2020

Woodstock Presbyterian Church, 142 E. Court St., Woodstock, VA 22664

*You are encouraged to use this as a guide for worship at home,
or as a bulletin during our online worship.*

In this worship service, we will be celebrating communion. Please set your space with bread & cup. Any bread and juice-like substance will do, just make sure you have enough to share with those gathered with you.

+Pastor Kate

GATHERING MUSIC - #515, *I Come with Joy*

WELCOME & INVITATION to the Table

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also.” - John 14:1-3 (NRSV)

We gather at the Lord’s Table knowing that God is indeed here with us. While Jesus has prepared a heavenly place for us, this is the place he has prepared for us on earth. The Table represents our call as the people of God, our identity as the Body of Christ. The Table represents how the Holy Spirit transforms and renews our hearts and minds so that we may discern the will of God.

AN OFFERING OF PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

God of Creation, you brought order from chaos and life from the empty void.

You walked in the Garden desiring to be with us. From the beginning, your words to us were, “I am here.”

Jesus, Son of God and Son of Man, taking on the cloak of humanity, your birth proclaimed, “I am here,” meeting us where we are. In love, you search for us when we

wander away. In love, you call us saying, "Come, follow me." In love, you fill us with hope as you send us out, saying, "Go and do likewise."

Spirit of Grace, you are the quiet voice within that says, "I am here." You are the peace of Christ always present with us. You are the voice of Christ calling us to serve others. You are the strength of Christ encouraging us to speak God's Word.

Holy Spirit, surround us with your presence and fill us with your hope. Bless and make holy the cup and loaf so that they may be a communion of the body and blood of Christ. In the same way, bless and make holy all those who partake, so that we may also be in communion with Christ and with one another.

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

**Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING *1 Samuel 3:1-19*

3 Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD under Eli. The word of the LORD was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.

² At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; ³ the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was. ⁴ Then the LORD called, "Samuel! Samuel!"^[a] and he said, "Here I am!" ⁵ and ran to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. ⁶ The LORD called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." ⁷ Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. ⁸ The LORD called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and

said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the boy. ⁹ Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

¹⁰ Now the LORD came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening." ¹¹ Then the LORD said to Samuel, "See, I am about to do something in Israel that will make both ears of anyone who hears of it tingle. ¹² On that day I will fulfill against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end. ¹³ For I have told him that I am about to punish his house forever, for the iniquity that he knew, because his sons were blaspheming God,^[a] and he did not restrain them. ¹⁴ Therefore I swear to the house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be expiated by sacrifice or offering forever."

¹⁵ Samuel lay there until morning; then he opened the doors of the house of the LORD. Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli. ¹⁶ But Eli called Samuel and said, "Samuel, my son." He said, "Here I am." ¹⁷ Eli said, "What was it that he told you? Do not hide it from me. May God do so to you and more also, if you hide anything from me of all that he told you." ¹⁸ So Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from him. Then he said, "It is the LORD; let him do what seems good to him."

¹⁹ As Samuel grew up, the LORD was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground.

HYMN - Here I am Lord

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zBg-yDhM2KY>

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**I, the Lord of sea and sky
I have heard my people cry
All who dwell in dark and sin
My hand will save**

**I who made the stars of night
I will make their darkness bright
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?**

**Here I am, Lord
Is it I, Lord?
I have heard You calling in the night
I will go, Lord**

**If You lead me
I will hold Your people in my heart
I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my peoples' pain. I have wept for love of them,
They turn away.**

**I, the Lord of wind and flame
I will tend the poor and lame
I will set a feast for them
My hand will save
Finest bread I will provide
'Til their hearts be satisfied
I will give my life to them
Whom shall I send?**

**Here I am, Lord
Is it I, Lord?
I have heard You calling in the night
I will go, Lord
If You lead me
I will hold Your people in my heart
I will hold Your people in my heart**

REFLECTION

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

SONG: "Lord, Listen to your Children Praying"

"Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying" music by Ken Medema In-the-Middle Choir Aug 26 2018. To learn more about Middle Church visit: <http://www.middlechurch.org>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N8iJ9CIS03o>

EUCCHARIST

Jesus, knowing that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. As he sat at Table with them,

Jesus took the bread, gave thanks for it, broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: "Take, eat. This is my body given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

In the same way, he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in remembrance of me."

Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the saving death of the Risen Lord, until he comes.

This Table proclaims God's Word through all generations, "I am here." Come and commune with the Lord.

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION –

Servicio de adoración de la Iglesia Presbiteriana San Andrés. Visita del director de música Gospel Markanthy Henry. "Come And Go With Me To My Father's House". Solista: Caterina Finocchi Ciudad Autónoma de Buenos Aires, 28 de octubre de 2012.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VJ4Z1q5TdAA>

*Come and go with me, to my Father's house
To my Father's house, to my Father's house
Come and go with me, to my Father's house
It's peace, peace, peace*

*There ain't no troubles there, in my Father's house
In my Father's house, in my Father's house
There ain't no troubles there, in my Father's house
It's peace, peace, peace*

*There ain't no liars, there, in my Father's house
In my Father's house, in my Father's house
There ain't no liars there, in my Father's house
It's peace, peace, peace*

*All I ask is there, in my Father's house
In my Father's house, in my Father's house
All I ask is there, in my Father's house
It's peace, peace, peace*

*There ain't no dying there, in my Father's house
In my Father's house, in my Father's house
There ain't no dying there, in my Father's house
It's peace, peace, peace*

PRAYER

O God, you have so greatly loved us, long sought us, and mercifully redeemed us. Give us grace that in everything, we may yield ourselves, our wills, and our works. May we be a continual thank-offering to you. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

CHARGE & BENEDICTION

SENDING HYMN #515, I Come with Joy, vv3-5

***As Christ breaks bread and bids us share,
each proud division ends.***

***The love that made us, makes us one,
and strangers now are friends,
and strangers now are friends.***

***The Spirit of the risen Christ,
unseen, but ever near,
is in such friendship better known,
alive among us here,
alive among us here.***

***Together met, together bound
by all that God has done,
we'll go with joy, to give the world
the love that makes us one,
the love that makes us one.***

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