

Worship @ Home Guide – Feb 7, 2021

5th Sunday after Epiphany

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

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RECONNECT

Gathering Music/Announcements - *Great is Thy Faithfulness*
Welcome

Call to Worship *from Psalm 147:1-11*

¹ Praise the Lord!
How good it is to sing praises to our God;
for he is gracious, and a song of praise is fitting.

Praise the Lord!

² The Lord builds up Jerusalem;
he gathers the outcasts of Israel.
³ He heals the brokenhearted,
and binds up their wounds.
⁴ He determines the number of the stars;
he gives to all of them their names.
⁵ Great is our Lord, and abundant in power;
his understanding is beyond measure.
⁶ The Lord lifts up the downtrodden;
he casts the wicked to the ground.

How good it is to sing praises to our God;
for he is gracious, and a song of praise is fitting.

Praise the Lord!

⁷ Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving;
make melody to our God on the lyre.
⁸ He covers the heavens with clouds,
prepares rain for the earth,
makes grass grow on the hills.
⁹ He gives to the animals their food,
and to the young ravens when they cry.

¹⁰ His delight is not in the strength of the horse,
nor his pleasure in the speed of a runner;
¹¹ but the Lord takes pleasure in those who fear him,
in those who hope in his steadfast love.

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for he is gracious, and a song of praise is fitting.

Praise the Lord!

Hymn – Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

READ

Scripture Reading Isaiah 40:21-31

²¹ Have you not known? Have you not heard?
Has it not been told you from the beginning?
Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth?
²² It is he who sits above the circle of the earth,
and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers;
who stretches out the heavens like a curtain,
and spreads them like a tent to live in;
²³ who brings princes to naught,
and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing.

²⁴ Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown,
scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth,
when he blows upon them, and they wither,
and the tempest carries them off like stubble.

²⁵ To whom then will you compare me,
or who is my equal? says the Holy One.

²⁶ Lift up your eyes on high and see:
Who created these?
He who brings out their host and numbers them,
calling them all by name;
because he is great in strength,
mighty in power,
not one is missing.

27 Why do you say, O Jacob,
and speak, O Israel,
“My way is hidden from the LORD,
and my right is disregarded by my God”?
28 Have you not known? Have you not heard?
The LORD is the everlasting God,
the Creator of the ends of the earth.
He does not faint or grow weary;
his understanding is unsearchable.
29 He gives power to the faint,
and strengthens the powerless.
30 Even youths will faint and be weary,
and the young will fall exhausted;
31 but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength,
they shall mount up with wings like eagles,
they shall run and not be weary,
they shall walk and not faint.

REFLECT

Message

RESPOND

Affirmation of Faith (Belonging to God)

Who are you?

I am a child of God.

What does it mean to be a child of God?

That I belong to God, who loves me.

What makes you a child of God?

Grace -- God's free gift of love that I do not deserve and cannot earn.

Don't you have to be good for God to love you?

No. God loves me in spite of all I do wrong.

How do you thank God for this gift of love?

I promise to love and trust God with all my heart.

How do you love God?

By worshipping God, by loving others, and by respecting what God has created.

Communion

Invitation

Hymn — Bread of the World in Mercy Spoken

*Bread of the world in mercy broken
Wine of the soul in mercy shed
By whom the words of life were spoken
And in whose death our sins are dead
Look on the hearts by sorrow broken
Look on the tears by sinners shed
So may Your feast become the token
That by Your grace our souls are fed*

Great 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.

Thank you, God, for making the world—
the sun and rain, the moon and stars,
mountains and valleys, rivers and lakes,
deserts and oceans, forests and fields,
and all the plants, animals, and people.

Thank you for making us your children.
You know us and call us by name.
You help us to learn and grow.
You find us when we are lost
and you lead us safely back home.

That is why we sing this joyful song:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Thank you, God, for Jesus, your holy child.
He taught us how to love each other,
to take care of people who are sick,
to share our food with the hungry,
and to tell good news to all the world.

We remember how Jesus took bread,
and after he blessed it and broke it,
he gave it to his friends, saying:
This bread is my body, given for you;
remember me when you do this.

We remember how Jesus took a cup
and shared it with his friends, saying:
This cup is my promise to you,
that I will love you no matter what;
remember me when you do this.

You sent Jesus to show us the way
so that we could live forever with you.
When we share this meal with Jesus
we remember your great love
and we say thank you, thank you, thank you.

Great is the mystery of faith:
Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.

Pour out your Spirit on us,
so that Jesus will be with us
when we share this bread and cup.
Make us one family in the church
and use us to do your good work.

Help us to follow you each day
until Jesus makes everything new
and we can gather around one table
with all of your people everywhere.
We pray these things in your holy name.

Amen.

Sharing the Elements

The Lord's Prayer

RETURN

Charge & Benediction

based on 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

Friends, as you go from here, take with you the good news that the kingdom of God has drawn near. Believe that good news and live into it. And by the power of God's Spirit at work within us, Stand in solidarity with those who suffer, Comfort all who grieve, And let everything we do and say be in love. Amen.

Sending Hymn – God Be With You Til We Meet Again

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