

Worship @ Home Guide: Sunday Aug 2, 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.*

Please scroll down to see Announcements and Prayer Requests.

*There will be two links on www.woodstockpresbyterianchurch.com to get to worship –
one is a direct link to the recording, available at any time.*

*The other is a public FaceBook Premiere, which will be active at 11:00am Sunday –
you will be able to chat with others who are worshipping at that time.*

The FaceBook page also keeps the video for you to return to at any time.

(Night owls, this is your chance to worship when you want!)

***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

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Join Fellowship (half) Hour this week!

– Sundays, 12:30p

Meeting ID: 720 6256 4142

Password: Woodstock

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/72062564142?pwd=aodyQS9oMUorUzhJNHhLUjFsOFZ1dz09>



Staycation Bible School Materials Available for Children & Families – let Lori know if you need the packet printed.

New video resources being added to the FaceBook page weekly!

GATHERING MUSIC – “I Come with Joy”

***I come with joy, a child of God,
forgiven, loved, and free,
the life of Jesus to recall,
in love laid down for me,
in love laid down for me.***

***I come with Christians far and near
to find, as all are fed,
the new community of love
in Christ's communion bread,
in Christ's communion bread.***

WELCOME & INVITATION to the Table

Christ's invitation is simple —
sit down where you are.
You don't need to run off somewhere else —
not a nearby village market or a familiar sanctuary,
communion is where you are — sit down.
The disciples complained —
it is a deserted place and the hour is late.
Jesus said, “They need not go away.”
No one needs to go away.
No one is deserted and no one is late —
not you who are alone,
because you are vulnerable to virus
or you who would feel alone
even in a not-distancing crowd

because something
has made your life a wilderness.
Jesus has compassion on every crowd,
healing them, even the hungers,
one by one by one.
Here is green grass,
someone to help you sit down,
someone to help you stand up again,
someone to bless Communion,
so it will be enough,
and break it into pieces you can handle.
Sit down where you are.

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.

SUNG PRAYER: "Canticle of the Turning", Hymn #100

My soul cries out with a joyful shout
that the God of my heart is great,
And my spirit sings of the wondrous things
that you bring to the one who waits.
You fixed your sight on the servant's plight,
and my weakness you did not spurn,
So from east to west shall my name be blest.
Could the world be about to turn?

Refrain:

**My heart shall sing of the day you bring.
Let the fires of your justice burn.
Wipe away all tears,
For the dawn draws near,
And the world is about to turn.**

Though I am small, my God, my all,
you work great things in me.
And your mercy will last from the depths of the past
to the end of the age to be.
Your very name puts the proud to shame,

and those who would for you yearn,
You will show your might, put the strong to flight,
for the world is about to turn. **(Refrain)**

From the halls of power to the fortress tower,
not a stone will be left on stone.
Let the king beware for your justice tears
every tyrant from his throne.
The hungry poor shall weep no more,
for the food they can never earn;
These are tables spread, ev'ry mouth be fed,
for the world is about to turn. **(Refrain)**

Though the nations rage from age to age,
we remember who holds us fast:
God's mercy must deliver us
from the conqueror's crushing grasp.
This saving word that our forbears heard
is the promise that holds us bound,
'Til the spear and rod be crushed by God,
who is turning the world around. **(Refrain)**

Paraphrase of Luke 1:46-58 (Magnificat)

SCRIPTURE READING *Matthew 14: 13-21*

³ Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴ When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. ¹⁵ When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." ¹⁶ Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." ¹⁷ They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." ¹⁸ And he said, "Bring them here to me." ¹⁹ Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. ²⁰ And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. ²¹ And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

For the sick:

Faithful Healer of the sick,
in your loving mercy,
embrace those who are sick in their time of need.
Guide the nurses, doctors,
and others who attend them.
Use their skills
to restore the sick to health and joy
for the service of Christ our Savior. Amen.

A Prayer for Healers:

God, we pray for those who heal, in mind and body and spirit
As they care for others, may you care for them
As they bring healing to others, may you keep them safe
Thank you for those who have a special calling to heal others
May they always be well
May they always have peace
...

A Prayer for Scientists and Other Leaders:

God, we thank you for those who are working hard
to solve the problems we face.
May you be with scientists and other leaders
as they make discoveries about COVID19 and the world we live in.
May they be brave. May they know that their work is important.
May they never give up. Amen.

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“God who holds us in our anxiety”

God of grace and mercy,
be present with us as we face an unknown future
and as we walk paths untrod.
In the ever-changing and uncertain world where we find ourselves,
help us to know and be assured that you are sovereign,
that you are all-knowing, all-powerful and ever-present.
We know you are a good God who holds us in our anxiety and distress
and who has a plan for our future.
Calm our hearts and minds and give us hope in you, our only certain hope.
We pray in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.

— The Rev. David Loleng, Director of Church Financial Literacy and Leadership,
Presbyterian Foundation

For the lonely – “We Belong to Each Other. We Belong to You.”:

The Bible says, “where two or three are gathered.”
And many, in this moment, will gather no closer than six feet.
The Bible says, “they were all gathered together in one place.”
And we do not know when we will be together next.
Triune God, you exist in eternal relationship.
You are One and yet are three.
In a time of isolation, draw us closer to this mystery.
May it remind us of your truth:
even in physical isolation, we are never truly alone.
Your love links us together, making us a people.
For the Bible also says:
We belong to each other. We belong to you.
Even now. Especially now. Amen. — *Bryce Wiebe, Director of Special Offerings*

A Prayer for Back to School:

At the start of the school year, we are beginning something new
New things can be exciting
New things can be scary
New things can be wonderful
New things can be confusing
God, you are always with us
You are with us when things are exciting, or scary, or wonderful, or confusing
You are with us every day
And all the time
God, please help us to feel your presence with us on the first day of school, and every
day, Amen

A Prayer for Teachers:

Gracious God,
We thank you for teaching us, and thank you for all those who teach and administer –
for their dedication and passion.
Give them wisdom and confidence, energy and insight; protect them and their families.
Sustain them by Your Spirit with creativity, patience, peace and joy. Guide them so that
they can have health, happiness and hope. Amen.

A Prayer for When I'm Out of My Routine:

Some days are topsy turvy
Some days are not what I was expecting
On those days I stop
I breathe in
I breathe out
I take a break and feel the Holy Spirit guide me
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A Prayer for When I'm Tired and Overwhelmed:

When I'm tired I need rest for my body
And for my mind and spirit, too
God, please show me how to rest and space
Help me to find peace for my spirit
Peace for my mind
Peace for my body
Thank you for my breath
Thank you for my family
Thank you for your Spirit
Amen

A Prayer in the Time of COVID-19:

God, we have so many things to pray for:
We pray for those who are sick
We pray for those who are worried about getting sick
We pray for doctors, and nurses, and medical professionals
We pray for those who are sad and grieving someone who has died
We pray for scientists We pray for politicians
We pray for our family
We pray for our friends
We pray for all the other things in our hearts and on our minds
We end our prayer by saying "thank you," God Thank you for the small blessings of every day
Thank you for hearing us when we pray Thank you for your love Amen.

SONG: "Lord, Listen to your Children Praying"

EUCCHARIST

According to Luke,
when our risen Lord was at table with his disciples,
he took the bread,
blessed and broke it,
and gave it to them.

Then their eyes were opened,
and they recognized him.

We sit at the Lord's Table, wherever we are,
Invited to meet him, to recognize him, and
to share the feast that he has prepared.

Prayer of Consecration

Leader: In the story about feeding a multitude, Jesus asked that people bring to him what they had. You have done that today. In your many kitchens and living rooms, rest your hands lightly upon these elements which we set aside today to be a sacrament. We ask God's blessing on them to make them enough and also to make them abundant for us and for all those who are in our prayers this morning.

Unison: God of compassion, you bless and break everything we are and everything we bring to you. Our deep scarcity becomes enough to sustain us, and then our "enough" becomes an abundance we could never imagine. We pray that your Spirit of life and love, of tenderness and power, rest upon every bread and every cup, that they may feed the inmost need of each child of God and pour forth a grace that can change the world. Risen Christ, live in us, that we may live in you. Amen.

Remembering

We remember the Creator
fed the aurora borealis and ocean depths,
pterodactyls and diatoms,
all we see now that grows and breathes,
all that swims, swarms, slithers,
all that runs, flies, leaps and loves.
We remember Jesus Christ
played vintner at a wedding feast,
rubbed elbows with Zacchaeus' friends,
taught the disciples they should not substitute
anything like stone or snake
for really important menus
like reduced lunch, 68 hours, soup kitchen
food pantry or meals on wheels,
and, in the midst of profound grief
for cousin John's death,
expanded the disciples' understanding
of the hope recipe in
bread crust and fish scraps,
and then, when they forgot ... did it again.
We always remember a Passover in Jerusalem
when Jesus borrowed an upper room,
soaked and scrubbed the tired feet of others,

and explained that there is
a God-shaped hole in everyone's belly
and Jesus would fill it with love.
Remembering is beautiful,
but there is not much taste in it.
Let us stop running to nearby villages
with our hunger and thirst,
and sit down here and now,
to eat and drink, be blessed and broken.

Sharing of the Elements

Leader: The bread on your table is blessed and broken
like the picnic of grace.

Unison: Sharing love, we will never be hungry.

Leader: The cup on your table is blessed and shared
like the overflowing of tears and joy

Unison: Drinking deeply, we will never thirst.

The gifts of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION – “Look at the World”, Rutter

PRAYER - LORD'S PRAYER

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.**

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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