

April 26 2020 -EASTER 3 SUNDAY Worship @ Home Guide

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

Easter Season Greetings!

*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!)*

*Due to our love of neighbor we gather in Spirit, trusting in our ever-present God,
who conquered death so that we would live. +Pastor Kate*



GATHERING MUSIC "O Lord, How Shall I Meet You"

WELCOME

MOMENT FOR CHILDREN

- ¹ I love the LORD, because he has heard
my voice and my supplications.
- ² **Because he inclined his ear to me,
therefore I will call on him as long as I live.**
- ³ The snares of death encompassed me;
the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me;
I suffered distress and anguish.
- ⁴ **Then I called on the name of the LORD:
“O LORD, I pray, save my life!”**
- ¹² **What shall I return to the LORD
for all his bounty to me?**
- ¹³ I will lift up the cup of salvation
and call on the name of the LORD,
- ¹⁴ **I will pay my vows to the LORD
in the presence of all his people.**
- ¹⁵ Precious in the sight of the LORD
is the death of his faithful ones.
- ¹⁶ **O LORD, I am your servant;
I am your servant, the child of your serving girl.
You have loosed my bonds.**
- ¹⁷ I will offer to you a thanksgiving sacrifice
and call on the name of the LORD.
- ¹⁸ **I will pay my vows to the LORD
in the presence of all his people,**
- ¹⁹ in the courts of the house of the LORD,
in your midst, O Jerusalem.
Praise the LORD!

HYMN #268 Crown Him With Many Crowns, vv1-2

Crown him with many crowns,
the Lamb upon his throne;
hark, how the heavenly anthem drowns
all music but its own!
Awake, my soul, and sing
of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless King
through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of love;
behold his hands and side,
rich wounds, yet visible above,
in beauty glorified:
no angel in the sky
can fully bear that sight,
but downward bends his burning eye
at mysteries so bright.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ***Thank you for a gift of growing things*** – new plants and landscaping were donated to add to the beauty of the church. Drive by to watch them grow!
- ***And when you do...*** you can drop your offering envelopes in the Mail Slot.
- ***No one should be hungry*** – Bread of Life food pantry, Emmanuel Episcopal, and our own Brown Bag Blessings are still distributing (without contact) on Tuesdays. Please let your friends and neighbors know!
- ***Masks needed & available*** – a collection box is in the church entryway – donate masks to be shared with first responders and Blue Ridge Hospice, or come get one if you need one!
- ***Worship*** – Anyone can record elements of worship! If you can help, please let Lori know and be prepared to email your recording to Pastor Kate by Thursday.
- ***Communion*** – Next Sunday is the first of the month, the day that WPC usually celebrates the Lord's Supper. We will have communion virtually – please “come” to worship with bread and juice prepared. More detailed instructions will be emailed.
- ***Property Ministry Team*** is exploring this time to make improvements to the Sanctuary, since we are all out of the way. Session will evaluate the financial feasibility.
- ***Pastor Nominating Committee*** – we are still facing forward in the process of searching for a new pastor! The Nominating Committee is seeking to round out the Pastor Search Committee. Once that is done, we will have a congregational meeting (most likely virtually), and they will be able to begin their work. Most of the beginning of the process is discernment and creating statements about what the congregation is looking for, so should not be hindered by social distancing.

PRAYER Requests

- For the people of Nova Scotia, and others who have become victims of violence especially for the family of Bev and Lynne Burton of Glenholme, Nova Scotia, whose daughter, Amy, is grieving the loss of her boyfriend's sister, and for Lynne who is probably facing the loss of two of her uncles and one of their wives in this terrible tragedy.(from Irene Mertens)
- For the earth...
- For those who govern – our president, governor, and other leaders, and the many who guide them
- For those who must be out in the world to provide us with what we need, or to receive what they need...

- For first responders, and medical staff, as they work to heal...
- For scientists, researchers, and laboratory workers, as they develop tests and treatments
- For those struggling with addiction, and those cut off from healthy ways to cope
- For those in care facilities
- For Gretchen Smith-Klainer
- For Sylvia & Gary (friends of Pastor Kate; Sylvia is hospitalized)
- We rejoice that David Grisdale has returned from his deployment to Afghanistan. He is currently in quarantine at Ft. Bliss in El Paso, Texas. His wife, Katie, and their two sons Noah (4) and Luke (2) are currently living at Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas. They will eventually be moving to Ft. Bliss to join David.

Lord's Prayer

We lift our prayers with our siblings in Christ around the globe, praying as Christ taught:

**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;
 forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors;
 and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
 For thine is the kingdom and the power,
 and the glory, forever. Amen**

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 24:13-35

¹³Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, ¹⁶but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷And he said to them, “What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?” They stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?” ¹⁹He asked them, “What things?” They replied, “The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. ²¹But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. ²²Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, ²³and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. ²⁴Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had

said; but they did not see him.” ²⁵Then he said to them, “Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! ²⁶Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?” ²⁷Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

²⁸As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. ²⁹But they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.” So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. ³¹Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. ³²They said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?” ³³That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. ³⁴They were saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!” ³⁵Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

MESSAGE

*What word, image or phrase caught your attention?
How has the assurance of God's presence comforted you in troubled times?
How are you being led by God today?
What does this word from God prompt you to change?*

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**This is the good news which we have received,
in which we stand,
and by which we are saved,
if we hold it fast:
that Christ died for our sins
according to the scriptures,
that he was buried,
that he was raised on the third day,
and that he appeared
first to the women,
then to Peter, and to the Twelve,
and then to many faithful witnesses.
We believe that Jesus is the Christ,
the Son of the living God.
Jesus Christ is the first and the last,**

**the beginning and the end;
he is our Lord and our God. Amen.**

OFFERING

*The Church and the world need generosity now more than ever.
Out of gratitude for all that we have received,
let us lend ourselves to the glory of God and the love of neighbor.
Woodstock Presbyterian Church remains dedicated
to supporting our local, national, and worldwide ministries,
as well as keeping our full staff employed.
Every prayer and penny count. Checks can be mailed to the church.*

HYMN #729 "Lord, I Want To Be A Christian"

Lord, I want to be a Christian
in my heart, in my heart;
Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.
In my heart, (In my heart,) in my heart (in my heart.)
Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.

Lord, I want to be more loving
in my heart, in my heart;
Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart.
In my heart, (In my heart,) in my heart (in my heart.)
Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart.

Lord, I want to be more holy
in my heart, in my heart;
Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart.
In my heart, (In my heart,) in my heart (in my heart.)
Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart.

Lord, I want to be like Jesus
in my heart, in my heart;
Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart.
In my heart, (In my heart,) in my heart (in my heart.)
Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart.

CHARGE & BENEDICTION

Beloved church,
behold the victory of our God:
Jesus, our Lord, has conquered the grave.
Christ is risen! Alleluia!
Sin and death shall reign no more.

Christ is risen! Alleluia!
Let this place resound with joy.
Christ is risen! Alleluia!
Thanks be to God.

~Stay in Peace~

+Sung Blessing #591 (refrain only)

Halle, Halle, Halleluia! X3

Halleluia! Halleluia!

Postlude #837 "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"

Hymns from Glory to God.

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