

Worship @ Home Guide: Sunday August 23, 2020

Woodstock Presbyterian Church

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

However you choose to worship, we are happy to have you with us!

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
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.

+Pastor Kate

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GATHERING MUSIC



WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 124

- If it had not been the LORD who was on our side
— let Israel now say —
- ² if it had not been the LORD who was on our side,
when our enemies attacked us,
- ³ then they would have swallowed us up alive,
when their anger was kindled against us;
- ⁴ then the flood would have swept us away,
the torrent would have gone over us;
- ⁵ then over us would have gone
the raging waters.
- ⁶ Blessed be the LORD,
who has not given us
as prey to their teeth.
- ⁷ We have escaped like a bird
from the snare of the fowlers;
the snare is broken,
and we have escaped.
- ⁸ Our help is in the name of the LORD,
who made heaven and earth.

HYMN #687 O God, Our Help in Ages Past

https://youtu.be/yKP_XxCBDZY

***O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home!***

***Under the shadow of Thy throne
Thy saints have dwelt secure;
Sufficient is Thine arm alone,
And our defense is sure.***

***Before the hills in order stood,
Or earth received her frame,
From everlasting Thou art God,
To endless years the same.***

***A thousand ages in Thy sight
Are like an evening gone;***

***Short as the watch that ends the night
Before the rising sun.***

***Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
Bears all its sons away;
They fly, forgotten, as a dream
Dies at the opening day.***

***O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Be Thou our guide while life shall last,
And our eternal home.***

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth. Confident in this ever-gracious, never-failing help, we come before the Lord, confessing our sin and seeking forgiveness.

**Forgiving God,
we confess that we are conformed to this world.**

**We conform to this world's frantic pace,
too hectic to notice all the blessings you provide.**

**We conform to this world's reckless waste,
exploiting what you entrust to our care.**

**We conform to this world's shallow values,
oblivious to the giftedness of people different from us.**

**We conform to this world's impatient attitudes,
preferring the latest instead of the lasting.**

**Forgive our conformity and transform us, O God.
We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.**

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

If it had not been the Lord who was on our side,

we would now be lost in sin.

But it is the Lord who is on our side.

And so we are forgiven.

Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

OFFERING



SPECIAL MUSIC

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SCRIPTURE READING Romans 12:1-8 NRSV

¹I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. ²Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God — what is good and acceptable and perfect.

³For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. ⁴For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, ⁵so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. ⁶We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ⁷ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; ⁸the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

MESSAGE Rev. Kate Rascoe

Questions for Reflection

In Romans 12:1–8, Paul urges us not to be conformed to the world’s standards, but to be transformed and renewed by God’s will. Is there an area of your life that is in need of transformation and renewal? Reflect and pray this week, asking God to show what God wills for you in this area of your life. Paul goes on to name a variety of gifts that members of the church have been given, all of which contribute to the overall functioning of the body (the church). Is there a gift in that list which you possess? Which one? How are you making use of that gift among

God's people? Is there someone in your church or in your life who shares a particular gift of the Spirit faithfully? This week, offer a prayer of thanksgiving for that person and for any others who use their gifts to enhance your life or the life of your worshipping community.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Even from a place of exile,
from a position of despair,
we trust, O God,
in your power:
to return and restore us,
to enliven and empower us,
to soothe and to save us.
You can turn a desert into Eden,
sorrow into joy,
and silence into singing.
The heavens may vanish above
and the earth dissolve underneath,
but your salvation is forever.
We wait for you, O God,
attentive and hopeful,
for with you,
deliverance is always possible.
In Christ, we pray. Amen.

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

Though we are many,
remember that we are one body in Christ
and members of one another.
Offer your gifts according to the grace given you,
as a living sacrifice to God.

May the steadfast love and faithfulness

of God surround you;
the peace of Christ enfold you;
and the Holy Spirit encourage you,
now and forever

SENDING HYMN - #438 Rock of Ages, Cleft for me

<https://youtu.be/XnZRRt5EMr0>

***Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in Thee;
Let the water and the blood,
From Thy riven side which flowed,
Be of sin the double cure;
Save from wrath and make me pure.***

***Not the labors of my hands
Can fulfill Thy law's commands;
Could my zeal no respite know,
Could my tears forever flow,
All for sin could not atone;
Thou must save, and Thou alone.***

***Nothing in my hand I bring,
Simply to Thy cross I cling;
Naked, come to Thee for dress;
Helpless look to Thee for grace;
Foul, I to the fountain fly;
Wash me, Savior, or I die.***

***While I draw this fleeting breath,
When mine eyes shall close in death,
When I soar to worlds unknown,
See Thee on Thy judgment throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in Thee.***