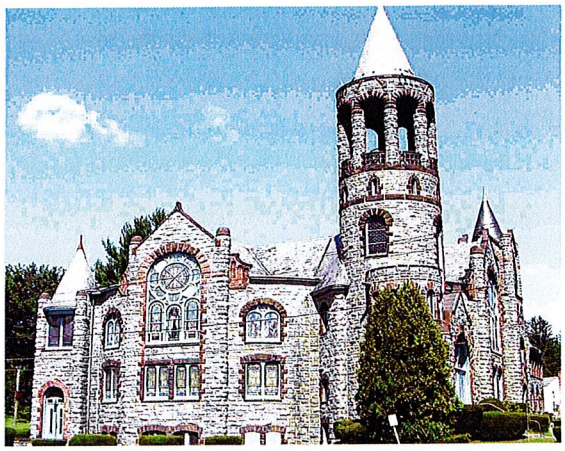
Second Congregational Church of Winsted

(Baptist & Congregational)
Biblical, Traditional, Protestant

Worship Service: 9:30 AM
August 9, 2020

"Whoever sheds man's blood. by man his blood shall be shed, for in the image of God He made man." -Genesis 9:6



Prelude and Bell

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship – James 3:5-12

Reader: *So also the tongue is a small part of the body, and yet it boasts of great things.*
People: **See how great a forest is set aflame by such a small fire!**
Reader: *And the tongue is a fire, the very world f iniquity.*
People: **The tongue is set among our members as that which defiles the entire body, and sets on fire the course of our life, and is set on fire by hell.**
Reader: *For every species of beasts and birds, of reptiles and creatures of the sea, is tamed and has been tamed by the human race.*
People: **But no one can tame the tongue; it is a restless evil and full of deadly poison.**
Reader: *With it we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse men, who have been made in the likeness of God.*
People: **From the same mouth come both blessing and cursing.**
Reader: *My brethren, these things ought not to be this way.*
People: **Does a fountain send out from the same opening both fresh and bitter water?**
Reader: *Can a fig tree, my brethren, produce olives, or a vine produce figs? Nor can salt water produce fresh.*

***Hymn #64** (included in the bulletin) "All Creatures of Our God and King"

Prayer of Invocation and Confession

Gospel Absolution Text – Mark 11:25

"Whenever you stand praying, forgive, if you have anything against anyone, so that your Father who is in heaven will also forgive you your transgressions."

Ancient Creedal Reading –Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only begotten Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Anthem

Prayers of the Church and the Lord's Prayer (sins)

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.
And forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Protestant Creedal Reading

(Belgic Confession Article 2: The Means by Which We Know God)

We know God by two means: First, by the creation, preservation, and government of the universe, since that universe is before our eyes like a beautiful book in which all creatures, great and small, are as letters to make us ponder the invisible things of God: God's eternal power and divinity, as the apostle Paul says in Romans 1:20. All these things are enough to convict humans and to leave them without excuse. Second, God make himself known to us more clearly by his holy and divine Word, as much as we need in this life, for God's glory and for our salvation.

Prayer of Illumination

Sermon Text – Genesis 1:26-27

26 Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let them rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over the cattle and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."

27 God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.

Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen, Amen.

Sermon – "The Gospel of Transhumanism"

***Hymn #365** (included in the bulletin) "Faith of Our Fathers"

***Benediction and Offering**

(When the service is over, please place your offering in the plate in the back.
Thank you for your patience and generosity.)

***Music Response**

***Postlude**

About the Service:

Preaching: Rev. Dr. Daniel Cote
Monthly Deacon: Greg Madison

Last Week: Attendance was 39.
Offering was $5255.00 including funds mailed in during the week.
($4381 is needed each week to meet our budgeted expenses.)

Church Office Hours: 8:30 AM – 4:00 PM Tues. – Thurs.
8:30 AM – 12:00 PM Fri.

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Announcements

Welcome back!

- **The Sunday worship service begins at 9:30 AM during July and August.**

- The offering plates will not be passed; instead there is a plate in the back of the sanctuary for your offering at the end of the service. For those at home you can mail your offering check to Second Congregational Church, 800 Main St. Winsted CT 06098, or if you use online banking you can have your bank send a check from your account. Finally, to reduce the number of checks Carol needs to handle you might consider combining a few weeks giving into one check. Thank you!

- The **2020-21 Confirmation Class** will begin in early September. If any youth from 10th grade or up is interested please contact Pastor Doug (on vacation till Aug. 13th.)

- We will be **live-streaming the service** throughout the summer. The worship services can be found on our YouTube channel "Second Congregational Church of Winsted, CT" at www.youtube.com/channel/UCCW4dPY3yqt-GsjPZG-cHuQ

- Pastor Doug needs questions for his YouTube channel **"Simply Reformed**." If you have any questions or suggestions please write them down and drop them in the box in the back of the sanctuary. The channel can be found at: www.youtube.com/simplyreformed

- **Sunday Sexton needed**: The position is from 8:00 AM to noon on Sundays with an occasional weekday or Saturday for a special event. Candidates must be experienced handyman and able to work independently. If interested, please see Sharon Okraska or any member of the Building & Grounds Committee.

- **Pastor Doug is on vacation and will return on Aug. 13th.**

Guidelines for Sunday Worship

Praise the Lord our God for His mercy! The Governor has lifted several of his restrictions and decreed that churches could reopen in June. Below are the guidelines for the worship:

- We have switched the attention of the worship away from a camera-focused service to a congregation-focused service.
- Social distancing must be practiced, and children should stay with their families.
- Some pews are roped off to best encourage social distancing.
- We strongly encourage everyone to wear masks throughout the service.
- For those who do not wear masks throughout the service, please sit in the quarter section of the church next to the choir loft.
- The bulletin includes all biblical texts and hymns, so pew Bibles and hymnals will not be necessary.
- There will be no Offering during the service, the plates will be on a table in the back.
- The Lord's Supper will be with individually self-sealed cups, which will be placed on the back tables, with the bulletins, by someone wearing gloves and a mask.
- The congregation will be singing hymns as part of the service. (Again, we strongly encourage everyone to wear masks.)
- There will be no children's messages, greetings, choir, coffee hour, Sunday school, Bible studies, or summer church at least through the summer.
- We ask there be no socializing in the building after church, especially in the Narthex and the walkways. Please socialize outside.
- Pastor Doug and Pastor Dan will be outside after the service, with a mask on, to chat with anyone in need.
- The balcony is closed.
- The sanctuary is cleaned after every service and studies have shown the virus cannot survive beyond 5 days, which is encouraging.
- Besides Sunday worship, only the Diaper Bank will meet at the church throughout the summer.
- If you have any concerns, especially those in a vulnerable demographic, please be safe and stay home.
- The service will be live-streamed, at least through the summer.

If you have any questions, comments, concerns, or need assistance with anything, please contact Pastor Dan (203-217-7498 or danielrcote@gmail.com) while Pastor Doug is on vacation. Your prayers and patience during these troubling times are greatly appreciated.

Statement of Faith

1. **We believe there is only one living and true God, Creator of all things, infinite in wisdom, goodness and love, eternally existing in three persons, The Father, The Son and The Holy Spirit.**

   (Ex. 20:1–6; Deut. 6:4; Ps. 96:4–5; Mt. 28:19; Jn. 1:1; 2 Cor. 13:14)

2. **We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the inspired Word of God and that they are the supreme authority in faith and life and absolutely trustworthy.**

   (Ps. 119: Mk. 13:31; Jn. 10:35, 17:17; 2 Pet. 1:21; 2 Tim. 3:16–17; 1Thess. 2:13)

3. **We believe that man and woman were created in the image of God, that they sinned and thereby incurred not only physical death but also spiritual death which is separation from God and that we are all born with a sinful nature which mars God's image in us.**

   (Gen. 1:26–27; 2:7; 3:1–24; Ezek. 13:23; Rom. 5:12; Eph. 2:1–3; Jas. 3:9)

4. **We believe that Jesus Christ is the only begotten Son of God conceived of the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, and is truly God and Man.**

   (Isa: 7:14; Mt. 1:18, 23; Lk. 1:30–35, 2:6–7 & 40; Jn. 1:14; Phil. 2:6–7; Heb. 1:2–5, 2:14)

5. **We believe that, out of love for us, the Lord Jesus Christ died to atone for our sins according to the Scriptures and that all who repent of sin and place their faith in Him alone are reconciled to God by His shed blood.**

   (Isa.53:4–6; Mk. 1:14–15; Jn. 14:6; Rom. 5:8, 6:23, 8:3; 1 Jn. 4:10; 1 Pet. 2:24–25)

6. **We believe that Christ rose from the dead and ascended into heaven to sit at the right hand of the Father to reign over all things.**

   (Lk.24:1–7; Jn. 2:19–21; Acts 1:9; Heb. 4:14, 10:11–13; Rev. 1:17–18)

7. **We believe that all who repent of sin and receive the Lord Jesus Christ, which is by grace alone through faith alone, are born of the Holy Spirit and thereby become the children of God and shall not come into condemnation and that the Lord Jesus Christ gives them everlasting life.**

   (Jn. 1:12–13, 3:16–18 & 36, 5:24–29, 10:27–29; Acts 4:12; Rom. 8:1, 9–12 & 15–17, 10:9–11; Gal. 4:24–29; Eph. 1:5; 1 Jn. 5:12–13)

8. **We believe that Christ has called all Christians into universal fellowship in His church. This church is made up of local congregations where members worship through Word and sacrament, are trained in discipleship and are called to evangelize the world in charity.**

   (Mt. 16:18-19, 18:17; Jn. 17; Acts 2:42, 6:1-6, 20:28-32; 1 Cor. 10:1-14:40; Eph. 5:21-32; 1 Thess. 5:12-13; 1 Tim. 3:1-16, 5:17-22; Heb. 10:25; 1 Pet. 5:1-4)

9. **We believe that at The Last Day our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ will return according to His promise and that He will judge the world, and the saved will receive the blessing of life in His eternal kingdom and that the lost will be eternally separated from God.**

   (Mt. 25:31–46; Rom. 8:35–39; 1Thess. 4:13–17; Rev. 20:12–15, 21 & 22–27)

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Tr. William H. Draper, 1855-1933

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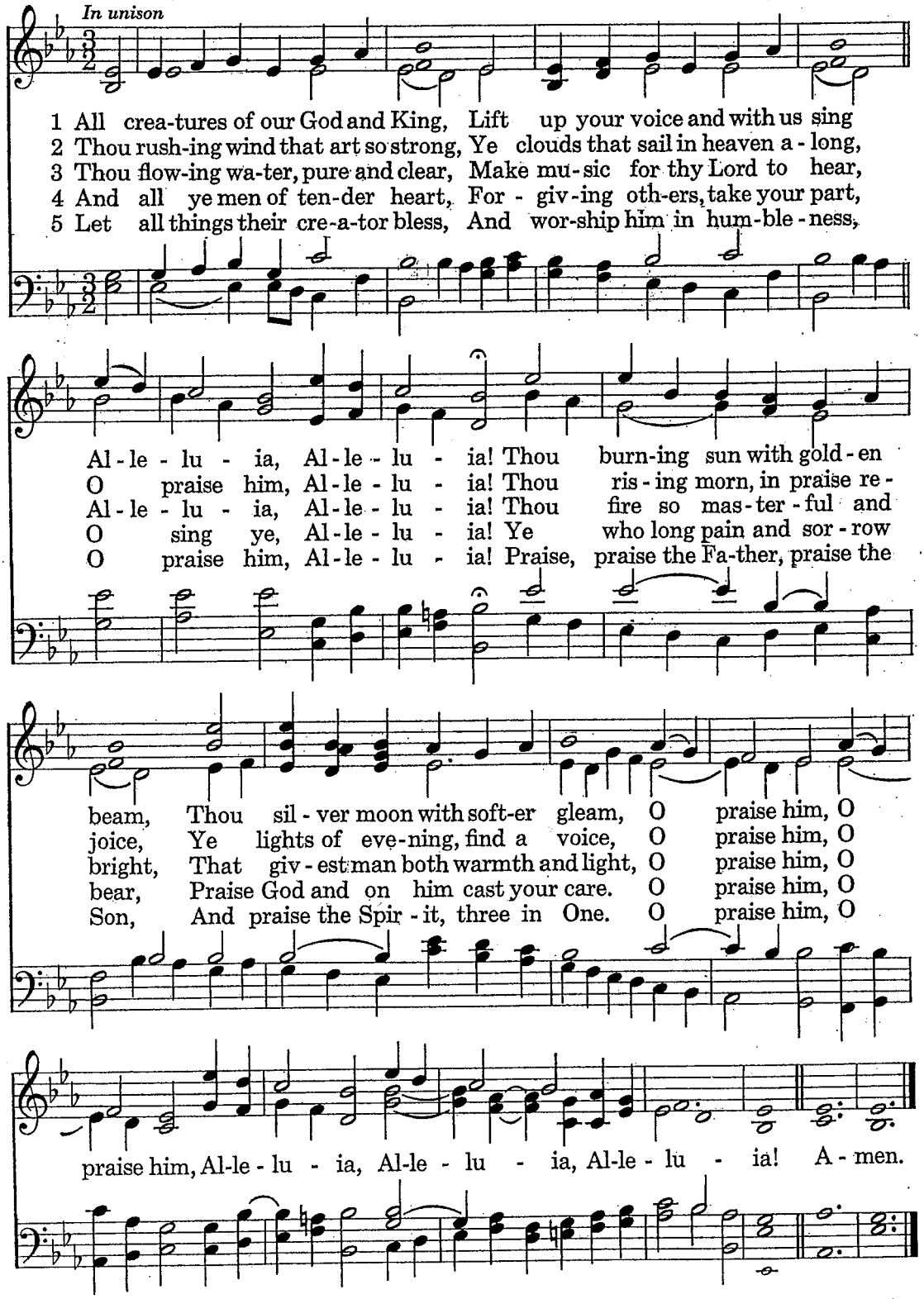

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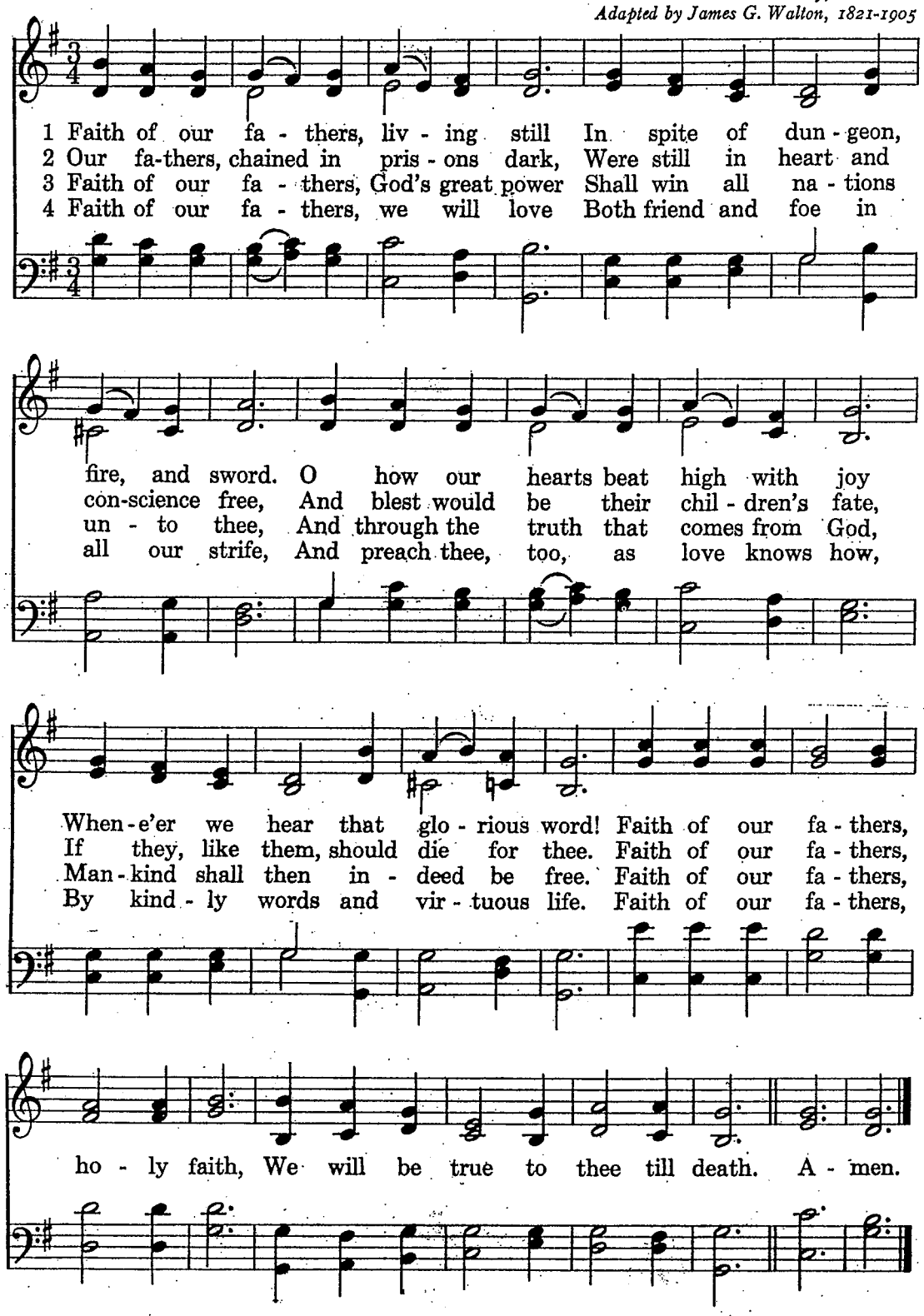
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