

**Mission of the Month:** Brian and Cathy Birdsall at the United Nations Christian Embassy: “The Christian Embassy is celebrating its 45th year of continuous presence at the UN this year. We seek to be a faithful presence of Christian witness to all 193 Member States that comprise the UN. *This week please pray for our end of the season Wives Potluck on May 28<sup>th</sup>. Thank you!*”

**From the Board of Christian Missions:** The Mission Board thanks you for your sacrificial giving to our designated global partners H and H in the Middle East and Ruth and Daniel serving in the country of Uganda. Both couples have sacrificially chosen to work in spreading the Good News by sharing their time and talents to those in need. Over \$9000 has been raised and we invite you to make your offering in the next two weeks, if you haven't been able to do so by now. Many thanks for your generosity so far. Please write “Easter Offering” in the memo line of your check, or use the website online giving button for Easter Offering. Thank you!

### **Upcoming Events:**

**Sunday, June 1**—Last day of Sunday School

**Sunday June 8**—First day of summer hours, worship begins at 9:30AM

### **Weekly Opportunities**

Tuesdays, 7:00 am—FCCW Breakfast Club (Middle School & High School Bible Study)  
Contact Michael Byrne at [michael@fccw.net](mailto:michael@fccw.net)

Tuesdays, 10:00 am—Ladies' Bible Study at FCCW and via ZOOM, contact Bonnie Atwood, (802) 457-4120, [bonhope2@gmail.com](mailto:bonhope2@gmail.com)

Tuesdays, 6:00 pm—Prayer Meeting via Zoom, contact Dick Atwood at (802) 457-4120, [rbatwood1@gmail.com](mailto:rbatwood1@gmail.com)

Wednesdays, 6:15 am — Men's Bible Study at FCCW and via ZOOM, contact Dick Atwood, (802) 457-4120, [rbatwood1@gmail.com](mailto:rbatwood1@gmail.com)

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*Welcome*  
to the  
**First Congregational Church**  
of Woodstock, Vermont

Declaring, “Jesus Christ is the same, yesterday, today, and forever.” Heb. 13:8

May 4, 2025

We are so pleased you are here with us today  
to worship Jesus Christ and celebrate communion.

If you are a visitor, please sign the guest book in the entryway or fill  
out a welcome card at your seat and drop it in the offering plate.

### **OUR MISSION**

We are a Christ-centered community, proclaiming the grace and truth of the Gospel in Woodstock, the Upper Valley and the world, sharing Christ in word and deed.

### **OUR VISION**

We endeavor through the Holy Spirit's power to faithfully serve in this calling by ...

- Proclaiming Christ's truth and grace.
- Nurturing young and old in biblical growth.
- Reaching the lost with the only hope for salvation.
- Healing the broken with Christ's love and mercy.
- Practicing repentance, forgiveness, and reconciliation as Christ has commanded.

## The Order of Worship

May 4, 2025

10:30 AM

Welcome & Announcements ..... Elder Tom Johnston

Prelude & Prepare for Worship ..... Organist, Jonathan Denham

☪ Call to Worship

☪ Hymn 1 & 55 .... *All People That on Earth Do Dwell and To God Be the Glory*

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer (debts)

Collection of Tithes & Offerings

☪ Doxology, hymnal 731 ..... *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*

☪ The Apostle's Creed ..... hymnal p. 845

☪ Hymn 585 ..... *Take My Life, and Let It Be*

Scripture Reading ..... Micah 1:1-7, pew Bible p. 776

Sermon ..... Craig Combs

*Justice Begins at Home*

Micah 1:1-16

pew Bible p. 776

Communion

☪ Hymn (see printed lyrics) ..... *Jesus Messiah*

☪ Benediction

Please be seated for a moment of reflection after the benediction  
and consider praying for someone seated near you

Postlude

☪ = please stand if able

Please remember to silence phones

Families with Young Children: We encourage parents to keep children with them in the pew during worship. There are a few toys and coloring supplies as well as children's bulletins available at the entrance to the sanctuary. If needed, however, there is a library space available for young ones and their adult helpers, (through the door up front to your left, then turn right) where you can watch the worship service livestream, and a selection of toys are available. We're glad you're here!

Please help us welcome our guest preacher, Craig Combs.

Craig is the Associate Pastor for Education at Christ Memorial Church, a Graduate of Westminster Theological Seminary in Philadelphia ; MAR 1985, MDiv 1986, DMin 2015. Ordained to Gospel Ministry in 1987, preaching since 1978. He's pastored churches in Pennsylvania, Virginia, and Vermont. Craig has been married to Betsy for 36 years and they have five children, and eight grandchildren (two more due in 2025!).

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### Jesus Messiah

#### Verse 1

He became sin who knew no sin; That we might become His righteousness  
He humbled Himself and carried the cross; Love so amazing, love so amazing

#### Chorus

Jesus Messiah, Name above all names; Blessed Redeemer, Emmanuel  
The Rescue for sinners; The Ransom from heaven  
Jesus Messiah, Lord of all

#### Verse 2

His body the bread, His blood the wine  
Broken and poured out all for love  
The whole earth trembled and the veil was torn  
Love so amazing, love so amazing

#### (To chorus)

#### Bridge

All our hope is in You; All our hope is in You  
All the glory to You, God; The Light of the world

Chris Tomlin, Daniel Carson, Ed Cash, Jesse Reeves  
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