



*“To him who sits
on the throne
and to the Lamb
be praise and honor
and glory and power,
for ever and ever!”*

Revelation 5:13

The Quechee Church exists to honor God
by fostering a movement of Christ's Kingdom
through the proclamation and practice of the gospel
that serves and transforms the Upper Valley
and, through the Upper Valley, the world.

SUNDAY WORSHIP 9:00 AM
THE QUECHEE CHURCH
QUECHEE, VERMONT

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TIME OF REFLECTION

“We belong to God. He may do with us as he wishes. There is something deep within us that rebels at being reminded of that elemental truth. But truth it is. Indeed, our rebellion in the face of it is a reminder of how much we still want to be at the center of the universe, with God serving us. That is the heart of all idolatry.”

~D.A. Carson, *For the Love of God, Volume 2: A Daily Companion for Discovering the Riches of God's Word*

“Not to see the wisdom of God, and the power of God, and consequently all the other holy properties of his nature, in Christ, is to be an unbeliever.”

~ John Owen, *The Glory of Christ*

“Sin turns you in on yourself, blinding you to God. Guilt also tends to turn you in on yourself. Self-laceration exalts your opinion of yourself as supremely important; shame exalts the opinion of other people. But living repentance and living faith turn outward to the one whose opinion matters most. What God chooses to ‘remember’ about you will prove decisive. Your conscience, if well-tuned, is secondary and dependent on the stance he takes.”

~David Powlison

“And my heart is black as coal
It’s been mined and there ain’t no gold
It’s so dark in there, but I don’t care
I will lay down in the this empty hole
Where my heart is black as coal

And oh, there is nowhere left to go from here
I have fallen past the last frontier
But at the bottom of this well I hear you breathing”
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~Andrew Peterson, “The Last Frontier”

“Nobody loves the light like the blind man.”

~Victor Hugo, *Les Misérables*

## WELCOME & OPENING PRAYER

## MUSIC

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## *Worship through Praise and Adoration*

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### **CALL TO WORSHIP – Psalm 34:1-7 (ESV)**

LEADER: I will bless the Lord at all times;  
his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

PEOPLE: *My soul makes its boast in the Lord;  
let the humble hear and be glad.*

LEADER: Oh, magnify the Lord with me,  
and let us exalt his name together!

PEOPLE: *I sought the Lord, and he answered me  
and delivered me from all my fears.*

LEADER: Those who look to him are radiant,  
and their faces shall never be ashamed.

PEOPLE: *This poor man cried, and the Lord heard him  
and saved him out of all his troubles.*

LEADER: The angel of the Lord encamps  
around those who fear him, and delivers them.

## **10,000 REASONS (BLESS THE LORD)**

(Jonas Myrin, Matt Redman)

### **CHORUS:**

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul,  
Worship His holy name.  
Sing like never before, O my soul.  
I'll worship Your holy name.

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning:

It's time to sing Your song again.

Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me,  
Let me be singing when the evening comes.

(CHORUS)

You're rich in love, and You're slow to anger.

Your name is great, and Your heart is kind.

For all Your goodness, I will keep on singing;  
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.

(CHORUS)

And on that day when my strength is failing,

The end draws near, and my time has come;

Still my soul will sing Your praise unending:

Ten thousand years and then forevermore!

(CHORUS)

I'll worship Your holy name.

Yes, I'll worship Your holy name.

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**RESPONSIVE READING – Psalm 30 (ESV) A Song of Victory by Jesus, Son of David**

LEADER: I will extol you, O Lord, for you have drawn me up  
and have not let my foes rejoice over me.

CONGREGATION: *O Lord my God, I cried to you for help,  
and you have healed me.  
O Lord, you have brought up my soul from Sheol;  
you restored me to life from among those who go down to the pit.*

LEADER: Sing praises to the Lord, O you his saints,  
and give thanks to his holy name.  
For his anger is but for a moment,  
and his favor is for a lifetime.

CONGREGATION: *Weeping may tarry for the night,  
but joy comes with the morning.  
As for me, I said in my prosperity,  
“I shall never be moved.”*

LEADER: By your favor, O Lord,  
you made my mountain stand strong;  
you hid your face;  
I was dismayed.

PEOPLE *To you, O Lord, I cry,  
and to the Lord I plead for mercy:*

LEADER: “What profit is there in my death,  
if I go down to the pit?  
Will the dust praise you?  
Will it tell of your faithfulness?”

CONGREGATION: *“Hear, O Lord, and be merciful to me!  
O Lord, be my helper!”*

LEADER: You have turned for me my mourning into dancing;  
you have loosed my sackcloth  
and clothed me with gladness,  
that my glory may sing your praise and not be silent.

ALL: *O Lord my God, I will give thanks to you forever!*

## FROM THE DEPTHS OF WOE

(Christopher Miner, Martin Luther, Richard Massie, 1524)

From the depths of woe I raise to Thee

The voice of lamentation;

Lord, turn a gracious ear to me

And hear my supplication;

If Thou iniquities dost mark,

Our secret sins and misdeeds dark,

O who shall stand before Thee?

(Who shall stand before Thee?)

O who shall stand before Thee?

(Who shall stand before Thee?)

To wash away the crimson stain,

Grace, grace alone availeth;

Our works, alas! Are all in vain;

In much the best life faileth;

No man can glory in Thy sight,

All must alike confess Thy might,

And live alone by mercy

(Live alone by mercy)

And live alone by mercy

(Live alone by mercy).

Therefore my trust is in the Lord,

And not in mine own merit;

On Him my soul shall rest, His word

Upholds my fainting spirit;

His promised mercy is my fort,

My comfort and my sweet support;

I wait for it with patience

(Wait for it with patience)

I wait for it with patience

(Wait for it with patience).

What though I wait the live-long night,

And 'til the dawn appeareth,

My heart still trusteth in His might;

It doubteth not nor feareth;

Do thus, O ye of Israel's seed,

Ye of the Spirit born indeed;

And wait 'til God appeareth

(Wait 'til God appeareth)

And wait 'til God appeareth

(Wait 'til God appeareth).

Though great our sins and sore our woes

His grace much more aboundeth;

His helping love no limit knows,

Our upmost need it soundeth.

Our Shepherd good and true is He,

Who will at last His Israel free

From all their sin and sorrow

(All their sin and sorrow)

From all their sin and sorrow

(All their sin and sorrow).

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## HE WILL HOLD ME FAST

(Ada Ruth Habershon, 1906, Matthew Merker)

When I fear my faith will fail,  
Christ will hold me fast;  
When the tempter would prevail,  
He will hold me fast.

I could never keep my hold  
Through life's fearful path;  
For my love is often cold;  
He must hold me fast.

### CHORUS:

He will hold me fast,  
He will hold me fast,  
For my Savior loves me so,  
He will hold me fast.

Those He saves are His delight,  
Christ will hold me fast;  
Precious in His holy sight,  
He will hold me fast.

He'll not let my soul be lost;  
His promises shall last;  
Bought by Him at such a cost,  
He will hold me fast.

(CHORUS)

For my life He bled and died,  
Christ will hold me fast;  
Justice has been satisfied;  
He will hold me fast.  
Raised with Him to endless life,  
He will hold me fast  
Till our faith is turned to sight,  
When he comes at last.

(CHORUS)

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## SHARING & PRAYER

**BRIEF BREAK** – *If you are partaking of communion today, please pick up the communion elements.*

## DOXOLOGY

Pilgrim Hymnal #514

(Thomas Ken & Genevan Psalter, 1551; attr. Louis Bourgeois)

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

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## *Worship through the Word*

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**SERMON** – “The Light and Life of Jesus” – *Pastor Ryan Bouton*

**SERMON PASSAGE** – *John 1:4, 9-14, 3:19-21, 5:25-29, 8:12, 11:25-27, 12:44-46, 20:30-31 (ESV)*

*John 1*

<sup>4</sup>In him was life, and the life was the light of men.

<sup>9</sup>The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. <sup>10</sup>He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. <sup>11</sup>He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. <sup>12</sup>But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, <sup>13</sup>who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

<sup>14</sup>And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

*John 3*

<sup>19</sup>And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil. <sup>20</sup>For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his works should be exposed. <sup>21</sup>But whoever does what is true comes to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that his works have been carried out in God.”

*John 5*

<sup>25</sup>“Truly, truly, I say to you, an hour is coming, and is now here, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live. <sup>26</sup>For as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son also to have life in himself. <sup>27</sup>And he has given him authority to execute judgment, because he is the Son of Man. <sup>28</sup>Do not marvel at

this, for an hour is coming when all who are in the tombs will hear his voice <sup>29</sup>and come out, those who have done good to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil to the resurrection of judgment.

*John 8*

<sup>12</sup>Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.”

*John 11*

<sup>25</sup>Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, <sup>26</sup>and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?” <sup>27</sup>She said to him, “Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world.”

*John 12*

<sup>44</sup>And Jesus cried out and said, “Whoever believes in me, believes not in me but in him who sent me. <sup>45</sup>And whoever sees me sees him who sent me. <sup>46</sup>I have come into the world as light, so that whoever believes in me may not remain in darkness.

*John 20*

<sup>30</sup>Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; <sup>31</sup>but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

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## *Worship through the Sacrament*

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**CONFESSTION OF FAITH:** adapted from John 1:3-5

LEADER: What do you believe about the Gospel of Jesus?

*CONGREGATION: Through Him all things were made; without Him nothing was made that has been made. In Him was life, and that life was the light of mankind. The light shines in the darkness and the darkness has neither understood it nor been able to stop it.*

### **CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

#### **MAY I RECEIVE COMMUNION TODAY?**

At The Quechee Church, we welcome all believers in Christ to receive Holy Communion with us provided that they are 1) forsaking their sin and self-righteousness, and 2) trusting in Jesus alone for salvation. If you are not able to receive Communion today, please use this time to meditate on who Jesus is and what he has done for us, even using this as an opportunity to put your trust in him. If you feel that God is calling you to faith in his Son, perhaps the prayer below will be helpful to you as you seek him:

*Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. Please guide me and open to me the reality of who you are. Give me an understanding that is coherent, convincing, and that leads to the life you promise. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you, as I consider the reasons for doing so. Amen.*

If you would like to talk to someone about becoming a Christian, please let the pastor, one of the elders, or the friend who brought you know. You may also inquire by completing the contact form on the back of the bulletin and placing it in the offering box.

## JESUS, THANK YOU

(Pat Sczebel)

The mystery of the cross I cannot comprehend,  
The agonies of Calvary.  
You, the perfect Holy One, crushed Your son,  
Who drank the bitter cup reserved for me.

### CHORUS:

Your blood has washed away my sin.  
Jesus, thank You.  
The Father's wrath completely satisfied,  
Jesus, thank You.  
Once Your enemy, now seated at Your table,  
Jesus, thank You.

By your perfect sacrifice I've been brought near.  
Your enemy You've made Your friend.  
Pouring out the riches of Your glorious grace,  
Your mercy and Your kindness know no end.

(CHORUS)

Lover of my soul,  
I want to live for You.

(CHORUS)

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## BENEDICTION

**WORSHIPPING GOD THROUGH GIVING:** *The offering box is located at the back of the sanctuary. Gifts may also be made online through the church website.*

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## Announcements & Upcoming Events

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**Childcare:** Children ages 3 and up are invited to go downstairs at the break before the sermon for a Junior Church, a program of teaching and activities in our basement area. In addition, we will continue to set aside the 1<sup>st</sup> floor nursery space for parents with infants, where the service can also be streamed.

**Sunday Service Schedule:** The service schedule coordinates all volunteer roles on Sunday mornings. If you are not on the service schedule but would like to be, please email Pastor Ryan ([ryan.bouton@quecheechurch.org](mailto:ryan.bouton@quecheechurch.org)). If you are on the schedule, please remember to submit your summer availability by today, Sunday (5/14).

**Baby Bottle Benefit:** Help the pregnancy center by picking up a baby bottle & filling it with spare change between now & Father's Day.

**Quechee Women's Spring Party:** All women are invited to a social get together on Monday 5/22 at 7pm at The Quechee Church. Contact Jenny Bouton ([jennifer.l.bouton@gmail.com](mailto:jennifer.l.bouton@gmail.com)).

**Community Groups:** Each group is designed to be a mini-Christian community, providing an opportunity for prayer, fellowship, Bible study and service. If you would like to join a CG, please contact Pastor Ryan ([ryan.bouton@quecheechurch.org](mailto:ryan.bouton@quecheechurch.org)).

**Quechee Women's Bible Study:** Mondays at 6:00 pm on Zoom. Studying Genesis. Contact Jenny ([jennifer.l.bouton@gmail.com](mailto:jennifer.l.bouton@gmail.com))

**Ocean City Youth Retreat:** Saturday, June 24<sup>th</sup> to Thursday, June 29<sup>th</sup>. Registration is now open for students 7<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade. Register by May 29<sup>th</sup> for the regular registration price of \$300. Questions? Contact Robert ([robert.moore@christredeemerchurch.org](mailto:robert.moore@christredeemerchurch.org)).

**Youth Group:** Meets most Mondays. Questions? Contact Robert ([robert.moore@christredeemerchurch.org](mailto:robert.moore@christredeemerchurch.org)). Upcoming Dates: 5/15, 5/22, 6/5, 6/12.

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## Sunday Service Schedule

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### SUNDAY May 14<sup>th</sup>

*Music and Greeters 8:30 am*

**Cleaning:** B. & J. Lockhart

**Music:** R. Bouton

**Greeter:** B. & J. Lockhart

**Jr. Church:** J. Bouton, S. Bouton

### SUNDAY May 21<sup>st</sup>

*Music and Greeters 8:30 am*

**Cleaning:** P. Adams

**Music:** R. Bouton, C. Adams

**Greeter:** K. Fannin, P. Adams

**Jr. Church:** A. & K. Fannin

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## The Quechee Church Financial Updates

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### 2022 OPERATIONAL BUDGET: YTD

Budgeted Giving: \$38,0000      Actual Giving: \$26,239      Difference: (-\$11,761)      *Updates as of 4/30/23*

## CONTACT FORM

Please use this section to inform us of your contact information or fill it out online at [quecheechurch.org/home/contact-us/](http://quecheechurch.org/home/contact-us/)

PLEASE PRINT and deposit in an offering box (check all boxes that apply)

- I would like to be added to the email list for updates and events at the Quechee Church
- I am interested in opportunities for involvement
- I am updating my information
- I would like to talk to someone about becoming a Christian

Name (PLEASE PRINT) Mr./ Mrs./ Ms./ Miss

Spouse/Children

Address: mailing or street

City/State

Country/Zip

Quechee PO Box (if applicable)

Home/Cell Phone

Work Phone

Email Address

### Community Group Sign up:

Community Groups meet throughout the Upper Valley and include worship, Bible study, fellowship, prayer and mission. Fill out the form above, and drop it in the offering box. We will contact you about group availability.

Days of the week that work best with your schedule

### Prayer Request, Comment or Question:

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## AN AFFIRMATION OF OUR FAITH

Adopted by Converge Worldwide (Baptist General Conference) in 1951

**1. The Word of God:** We believe that the Bible is the Word of God, fully inspired and without error in the original manuscripts, written under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, and that it has supreme authority in all matters of faith and conduct.

**2. The Trinity:** We believe that there is one living and true God, eternally existing in three persons, that these are equal in every divine perfection, and that they execute distinct but harmonious offices in the work of creation, providence and redemption.

**3. God the Father:** We believe in God, the Father, an infinite, personal spirit, perfect in holiness, wisdom, power and love. We believe that He concerns Himself mercifully in the affairs of each person, that He hears and answers prayer, and that He saves from sin and death all who come to Him through Jesus Christ.

**4. Jesus Christ:** We believe in Jesus Christ, God's only begotten Son, conceived by the Holy Spirit. We believe in His virgin birth, sinless life, miracles and teachings. We believe in His substitutionary atoning death, bodily resurrection, ascension into heaven, perpetual intercession for His people, and personal visible return to earth.

**5. The Holy Spirit:** We believe in the Holy Spirit who came forth from the Father and Son to convict the world of sin, righteousness, and judgment, and to regenerate, sanctify, and empower all who believe in Jesus Christ. We believe that the Holy Spirit indwells every believer in Christ, and that He is an abiding helper, teacher and guide.

**6. Regeneration:** We believe that all people are sinners by nature and by choice and are, therefore, under condemnation. We believe that those who repent of their sins and trust in Jesus Christ as Savior are regenerated by the Holy Spirit.

**7. The Church:** We believe in the universal church, a living spiritual body of which Christ is the head and all regenerated persons are members. We believe in the local church, consisting of a company of believers in Jesus Christ, baptized on a credible confession of faith, and associated for worship, work and fellowship. We believe that God has laid upon the members of the local church the primary task of giving the gospel of Jesus Christ to a lost world.

**8. Christian Conduct:** We believe that Christians should live for the glory of God and the well-being of others; that their conduct should be blameless before the world; that they should be faithful stewards of their possessions; and that they should seek to realize for themselves and others the full stature of maturity in Christ.

**9. The Ordinances:** We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ has committed two ordinances to the local church: baptism and the Lord's Supper. We believe that Christian baptism is the immersion of a believer in water into the name of the triune God. We believe that the Lord's Supper was instituted by Christ for commemoration of His death. We believe that these two ordinances should be observed and administered until the return of the Lord Jesus Christ.

**10. Religious Liberty:** We believe that every human being has direct relations with God, and is responsible to God alone in all matters of faith; that each church is independent and must be free from interference by any ecclesiastical or political authority; that therefore Church and State must be kept separate as having different functions, each fulfilling its duties free from dictation or patronage of the other.

**11. Church Cooperation:** We believe that local churches can best promote the cause of Jesus Christ by cooperating with one another in a denominational organization. Such an organization, whether a regional or district conference, exists and functions by the will of the churches. Cooperation in a conference is voluntary and may be terminated at any time. Churches may likewise cooperate with interdenominational fellowships on a voluntary basis.

**12. The Last Things:** We believe in the personal and visible return of the Lord Jesus Christ to earth and the establishment of His kingdom. We believe in the resurrection of the body, the final judgment, the eternal felicity of the righteous, and the endless suffering of the wicked.

