

It is related that the famous French artist Gustave Doré was once wandering in the mountains of Switzerland, when some officials met him and demanded his passport. "I do not have it with me," he replied, "but my name is Gustave Doré ." "Prove it, if you are," replied the officers, knowing who Doré was — but not believing that this was he. Taking a piece of paper, the artist hastily sketched a group of peasants who were standing near, and did it with such grace and skill that the officials exclaimed, "Enough, you are Doré!"

In the same way, the world cares little for a *mere profession*. We say we are Christians, and the challenge is, "**Prove it!**" If we are of Christ, then we must do the works of Christ, live the life of Christ, and show the spirit of Christ. The artist's skillful drawing proved his identity. Just so, we must prove that we are the followers of our Master by the love, the grace, the beauty, the holiness of our life.

Religion is not merely a matter of creed and profession, or of church-going and public worship; it is far more a matter of *daily life*. It is not how we behave on Sundays, nor the kind of creed we hold, nor the devoutness of our worship — it is the way we act at home, in school, in business, in society, in our associations with others. It is vitally important that all who profess Christ — shall *manifest Christ's beauty in their life and character*. It is not enough to preach the gospel in words alone; others must also read it in our daily life.

*He that saith he abideth in Him [Jesus] ought himself also so to walk, even as He walked.* 1 John 2:6

—J.R. Miller, 1840 - 1912



Jesus Blessing The Children  
Gustave Doré

Make a joyful noise  
unto the Lord,  
all the earth:

make a loud noise, and  
rejoice, and sing praise!

Psalm 98:4 WEB

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*ALMIGHTY God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto thee; and dost promise that when two or three are gathered together in thy Name thou wilt grant their requests; Fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants, as may be most expedient for them; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. Amen. —BCP*

There is joy in the Lord's presence. We welcome every worshiper present and invite everyone to discover the joy of God's unending love.

### Call To Worship

Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God, and everyone who loves Him who begot also loves him who is begotten of Him.

***By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and keep His commandments.***

For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome.

***For whatever is born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world--our faith.***

Come, let our worship make a joyful noise, rejoicing in the love that God gives.

—from I John 5:1-4

### Announcements

- **The** second offering this morning is for the Building Maintenance Fund. There is now \$3,718.87 in the fund for the parsonage roofing project.
- **May 11** - Zone Rally at East Worcester PHC.
- **May 13** - Mother's Day
- **May 14** - 7:00 p.m.-Board Meeting
- **May 17** - 7:00 p.m.-Annual Business Meeting
- **May 18-19** - Conference Night of Prayer. Our Assignment is 5-7 a.m.
- **May 20** - Pentecost
- **May 27** - Trinity Sunday

*SERVICES — SUNDAY: Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Morning Worship 11:00 a.m. Cobleskill 4:00 p.m. Evening 7:00 p.m. — WEDNESDAY: Midweek Service 7:00 p.m. — FRIDAY: Women's Fellowship 10:30 a.m.*

### Prayer Requests

- **This week** we are praying specifically for our sister church at Amsterdam, NY. The pastor is Daniel Waterman.
- **Continue** to pray for:
  - Special requests for those on our hearts, especially Byron S., Keith A., and the Moak family.
  - **Christians** in danger all over the world.
  - The village of **Middleburgh**, that we will reach people with hungry hearts and have fruitful results in our ministry.
  - **Missionaries:** Nichole Barr, the Blackcalfs, the Billses, B. Fay, the Davises, the Flings, the Himelicks, the Mayles, the Millses, R. Moulton, the D. Shermans, J. Sherman, and the T. Shermans.
  - **Our young people** – schoolwork, jobs, and life decisions
  - **Bible Colleges** - GBS, PVBI, AWC, UBC, HSBC
  - **Safety** and protection for our Armed Forces.
  - **Our President, Congress, and Supreme Court**, that they may make righteous choices.
- **Pray** for these physical need requests:
  - Baby Emma, Marie Rooney, Terri E., Steven Hulbert, Tom Bowman, Sophie Mills, Elaine Bates, Greg Davis, Paulette Fay, Duane and Dorothea Maxey.
- **From** Early Woodland:
  - Philip, Joyce, Jim, Chad, Kim, Karen
- *Please let us know of anyone who is ill, facing a time of hospitalization, or would like a home visit.*

<i>Suggested Daily Scripture Reading</i>				
	<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>
OT	Ruth 2:1-4:22	1 Samuel 1:1-2:21	1 Samuel 2:22-4:22	1 Samuel 5:1-7:17
NT	John 4:43-54	John 5:1-23	John 5:24-47	John 6:1-21
PSA	Psalms 105:16-36	Psalms 105:37-45	Psalms 106:1-12	Psalms 106:13-31
PROV	Proverbs 14:26-27	Proverbs 14:28-29	Proverbs 14:30-31	Proverbs 14:32-33
	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>	<i>Sunday</i>
	1 Samuel 8:1-9:27 John 6:22-42 Psalms 106:32-48 Proverbs 14:34-35	1 Samuel 10:1-11:15 John 6:43-71 Psalms 107:1-43 Proverbs 15:1-3	1 Samuel 12:1-13:23 John 7:1-30 Psalms 108:1-13 Proverbs 15:4	1 Samuel 14:1-52 John 7:31-53 Psalms 109:1-31 Proverbs 15:5-7