



Sunday Bulletin



August 21, 2022

**WE ARE SET
FREE THROUGH
JESUS!**

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Welcome! We are glad you are worshiping with us this morning.
We invite you to center yourself and prepare for worship during the prelude.
Watch our live broadcast on our website & Facebook Live, Sundays at 9:30 am

***Indicates time to rise as you are able.**

We Gather

Prelude	
Welcome	Bill Hackett
*Opening Hymn	<p>#94 Shout to the Lord</p> <p>My Jesus, my Savior, Lord there is none like you. All of my days I want to praise the wonders of your mighty love.</p> <p>My comfort, my shelter, tower of refuge and strength. Let every breath, all that I am, never cease to worship you.</p> <p>Shout to the Lord, all the earth, let us sing; power and majesty, praise to the King. Mountains bow down and the seas will roar at the sound of your name.</p> <p>I sing for joy at the work of your hands; forever I'll love you, forever I'll stand. Nothing compares to the promise I have in you.</p>
Passing the Peace	Rev. Doug
First Reading	Psalm 71:1-6 Ellen Green
Prayers of the People & Lord's Prayer	Rev. Doug
Doxology	
Second Reading	Luke 13:10-17 Ellen Green
Message	Rev. Doug
Song of Response	#638 O Christ, the Healer, We Have Come (verses 1, 2 & 4)
Invitation to Communion	<p>The peace of the Lord be with you And also with you Lift up your hearts We lift them up to the Lord Let us give thanks to the Lord our God It is right to give God our thanks and praise</p>
Announcements	Rev. Doug

<p>*Closing Song</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>We Respond</u></p> <p>#469 Lord of All Hopefulness (verses 1-3)</p> <p>Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy, whose trust, ever childlike no cares could destroy, be there at our waking, and give us, we pray, your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.</p> <p>Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith, whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe, be there at our labors, and give us, we pray, your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.</p> <p>Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace, your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace, be there at our homing, and give us, we pray, your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.</p>
<p>Benediction</p>	
<p>Postlude</p>	

Altar Flowers



Today's flowers are given:

**"In memory of all our loved ones"
 by Bill and Deb Hackett.**

Coffee Fellowship



Join us for coffee hour hosted by
Kim Paré



Ask – Seek – Knock!

DENNIS CHRISTO | GPC GOVERNING BOARD CHAIR | AUGUST 17, 2022

Dear Congregation Family and Friends,
I hope you enjoyed the Prelude, Hymn, and Postlude music provided by Ellen Green and Annie. Thanks for the special music!

As a Christian Church and congregation, we remain an open, inclusive, and welcoming church for all people regardless of where they are on their spiritual journey. Our Pastor Doug's messages have been thought-provoking explanations of God's word. I trust you have been inspired to listen and consider living our lives to bring God and Christ into our lives, our circle of friends, and our community. Spending time with people and developing relationships is important; thus, our church is important as we gather and support our community and one another in service and ministry. Our relationship with God and being in unity with other people is important. We are encouraged to develop and keep a relationship with God, one that is personal, and to rejoice and celebrate with God as he hears our prayers and knows our needs. We are on God's Team to help bring us together. Appreciate and accept each other for our individual gifts in serving God and the community. Jesus's sermons, words, actions, and encouragements are the way to know God. Our Christian faith enjoins us to know God and invites others to join us in this journey of life, sharing Christ as the center of our life. Recall the words of Jesus:

I am the way, the truth, and the life. God Loves You: "But God proves His own love for us by Christ's dying for us when we were still sinners." (Romans 5-8). The Apostle Luke tells us to **Ask – Seek – Knock**; speak to God so He can open the door of your heart. "Commit your way to the Lord, Trust in Him, and He shall bring it to pass." (Psalm 37:5).

Let us become prayer warriors and intercessors for the healing and safety of our country and the world. Prayer is a powerful weapon and miracles can occur when invoked. God heals and restores. Let us join forces to heal our land and our life with PRAYERS. Let us encourage one another to be great achievers and beacons of His Light.

THANK YOU TO ALL OUR TEAMS and CONGREGANTS for your individual and collective efforts to serve our God and our church! There are so many people in our congregation donating time and talents and resources to do the good works within our church family and provide outside support to our community. God Bless Your Service. Special Thanks to our Communications Team led by Carolina for the Virtual transmission of our church services to enable broad outreach of church services and the ability to replay the Pastor's sermons. And, **Thank You** for your faithful financial support essential to sustain our church operations, especially during this Summer period.

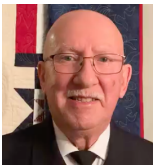
The Governing Board meets monthly to maintain our church operations. All is in order as we move forward with plans for Garden Room roof repairs, skylight replacement, for Selah compliance with new, extensive MASS DEP requirements, Athol YMCA use of Camp Selah, and normal church operations. Upcoming church repairs will require us to use some of our endowment funds to pay for these repairs. Note the recent chairlift installation from the Conference Room to the Floral Room is now in operation. We are exploring church sign replacement with a new LED one to better facilitate sharing God's word and to highlight our services to the community. The existing current sign is deteriorating, difficult, and impractical to update, and with limited space to message. We will be soliciting your donations to offset this replacement expense.

We encourage your review of all the fellowship opportunities identified in the newsletter and Bulletin so you can participate and serve, as appropriate for you.

Blessings and Shalom,

Dennis Christo

Chair, Governing Board.



Selah

DENNIS CHRISTO
GPC GOVERNING BOARD CHAIR
AUGUST 17, 2022

The Governing Board is exploring options relating to the future of our Cam Selah property.

Selah was purchased in 1965 by the Church Council with the encouragement of Reverend Bath as a place for families and children to experience God's bounty in nature. Selah is an active part of the history and ministry life of Greendale Peoples Church. Throughout this history, there have been numerous conference camps for teenagers, and many day camps for the younger kids over the past 50 or so years when we had a sizable church congregation. We held Sunday school cookouts, family camping, church services in the "Chapel under the Pines" and a few weddings. Over the last 22 years, we have rented our space to the Athol Area YMCA for their summer day camp and hundreds of underserved youth in the Athol/Orange area have been able to appreciate the beauty of nature at Selah. Very few church families or activities use the facility in the summer and the fall.

Over the last few years, it has become increasingly difficult for the Selah Team to find enough people to maintain the property. The YMCA has stepped up and helped to open and close the facility and has been good stewards of the property. Additionally, it is more and more complicated to satisfy the town, state, and federal requirements for running a facility like Camp Selah. Also, given the age of the facility and grounds, maintenance and support costs have been a challenge to our annual operating funds management.

GPC does have money in our endowment fund, but we will, at some point in time, be forced to consider selling some property(s). The Facilities Task Force developed a recommended order in which we should sell the properties, if necessary. The lower parking lot was identified as the first to go, the Fales Street property and Selah were tied for second place, and finally the Francis Street facility. We want to keep the Worcester properties as a possible package. The Lower Lot provides us with a positive cash flow.

The Governing Board now considers this is the appropriate time for selling Selah. It is not that we need the money now but because our Selah Team volunteers are no longer able maintain it, and the regulations are getting more cumbersome and expensive. The Selah Team has been actively exploring many options.

The Team feels strongly that we should make sure that the property continues to be used as a place of natural habitat. We believe that nature can soothe the soul and the original intent of the church congregation be kept and that this be a place where one can find that rest and solace should be preserved. The Selah Team has been exploring and communicating with a couple of non-profits to find a future, viable owner for Selah.

We will be conducting a congregational meeting in the future to discuss this issue and to enlighten the congregation on the relevant questions and considerations. Stay tuned for updates.

Dennis Christo
Chair, Governing Board

Connect & Serve

GPC Food Pantry

Wednesdays | 10am-12n | Parking lot entry

We are thankful the weather is turning, as I'm sure you are too! Our needs this week include regular size cereal and white tuna if possible. We are thankful to represent your generosity.



Worship News



Sunday Worship

See you this **Sunday**,
August 21, 2022 at 9:30 am
in the **SANCTUARY**

Volunteer to Welcome our congregation on Sundays!



You can volunteer on Sundays by welcoming our congregation. If you are interested please contact Carolina at

Carolina@GreendalePeoplesChurch.org

Join our walking group



Join our "Walk Group"
Sundays
Mondays
Fridays
@Quinsigamond
Community Track

7:00 pm

If the weather doesn't cooperate, we meet at church.

For more details contact omealaw@charter.net

Governing Board Meeting

Tuesday, August 23, 2022 | 6:30 pm | CR and Zoom

ZOOM Access From Web Browser/computer instructions:

1. Enter the following link into a web browser or connect by clicking on the link:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/920820560?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/920820560?pwd=TGhxbm4rVTlTS0t1bXJiYyt4amo0dz09)
[pwd=TGhxbm4rVTlTS0t1bXJiYyt4amo0dz09](#)

2. **Enter Meeting ID:** 920 820 560 and

Password: 020318

R.E.M. Scholarship Fund!

Applicants for the Reverend Ralph E. Marsden Scholarship Fund must complete the application available at www.GreendalePeoplesChurch.org

Please email the application to:

Office@GreendalePeoplesChurch.org or mail/deliver to the church office, 25 Francis Street, Worcester, MA 01606 before August 31, 2022.



Donation Statements for January through June are out!

It may be in your email or if you do not have an email with the church then it was sent through the postal service.

Please contact Karen Allen at

karenallen2006@aol.com or leave a message for her at the church (508.852.7727) if you have any questions or you need a printed copy of your statement. Thanks for your continued support.



Do you procrastinate?



We all may at one time or another for many reasons... the project seems overwhelming or we feel we have plenty of time to do it in the future. But life is not so accommodating. The summer is a great time to slow down and contemplate changes in life and to move forward on some plans for the future. But where does one start? The Stewardship Team has put together a brochure, "Planning for Life Transitions." It gives you some ideas of what you may consider and what may be needed for you and your family to feel confident that things will be the way you wish them in the future. You may pick up your copy on Sunday before or after the service or request a copy from the office by calling 508.852.7727. If you have any questions, please contact the Stewardship Team by leaving a message in the office.

Thank you letter from the Church World Service



Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it.
 Hebrews 13:2

Dear Friends:

Thank you for your generous contribution to support our life-saving work with refugees and immigrants. We appreciate it more than ever in these challenging times.

For more than seven decades, the CWS family has welcomed and served refugees. Today, we are faced with the worst global displacement crisis since World War II. Men, women and children are on the run, desperately seeking safety. They are resilient, and we are proud to connect them to the supplies and services they need to build those safe lives in the United States and in host communities worldwide. But they are also vulnerable, especially in times of uncertainty like these.

Your action in giving to CWS helps us to reaffirm our efforts. You have lent your voice to the call for welcome and acceptance. Thank you for being part of this movement.

Your generosity is a step towards building a better world for all of our neighbors. We deeply appreciate your support and look forward to our continued partnership in the days and weeks ahead.

May God bless you for your kindness,

Rick Santos
 President and CEO
 Church World Service

To stay informed on how you're helping people in need, at home and around the world, visit cwsglobal.org and follow us on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.



Gift Receipt

Date of Gift: July 18, 2022

Amount: \$1,000.00

Purpose: 2022 Ukraine Crisis Response Fund

Greendale Peoples Church
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 Worcester, MA 01606-3117

Thank you!

No goods or services were provided in exchange for this gift; therefore, your gifts to Church World Service are tax deductible as allowed by law. Please keep this receipt for your records.

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Wednesday Thoughts

Summer Break

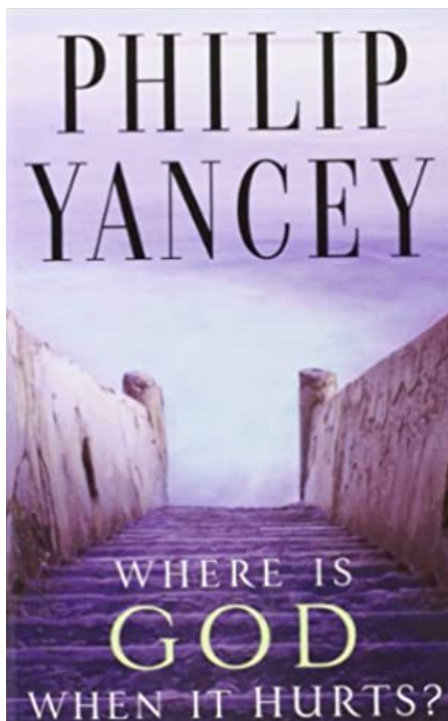


Wednesday Thoughts will be on break for the summer. Videos are available on our website, www.greendalepeopleschurch.org, and GPC's YouTube channel.

Looking for a summer read?

2nd & 4th Monday | 10:30 am | Conference Room

This book will be discussed in the Women at the Well Bible Study group starting in October but you may find it interesting and helpful in your personal relationships.



The book is *Where is God When It Hurts?* By Philip Yancy. As taken from the book's description, it is summarized as "using examples from the Bible, as well as the author's personal experiences, (where) this expanded edition to everyone for whom life sometimes doesn't make sense. Yancy helps us discover how to reach out to

someone in pain even when we don't know what to say. And he shows us how we can learn to accept - without blame, anger, or fear - that which we don't understand." Books are available now from Karen Allen so if you are interested in this book for a summer read or to join the class in the fall, please let her know by contacting her by email at karenallen2006@aol.com

Wednesday Study Group

Wednesdays | 6:30 pm | GPC Library

The Wednesday Study Group will be in Hiatus for the summer. For questions contact Dennis O'Malley at owensinned@yahoo.com

Community News

Healthy & Active: Life Line Screening

Monday, September 12

Life Line Screening will visit Greendale People's Church to run cardiovascular screenings. 5 screenings for \$150. If you are interested register for an appointment by calling 1.800.324.1851

Monday, September 12, 2022

Weekly Calendar

GPC office is open Monday-Thursday from 9 am - 3 pm

Tuesday, August 23, 2022

6:30 pmGoverning Board | CR / Zoom

Wednesday, August 24, 2022

10:00am-12:00pm.....Food Pantry | Parking Entry

Please carry this with you or place it on your table or beside your bed. As you include the following names in your prayers remember that your brothers and sisters in faith are also praying with you.

Beverly	Astrid Essex	Joshua Bell
Janice	Ethel Gustafson	Dianne White
Stephanie Kissiday	Patty Harnois	Tory Jones
Jessica Angers	Claude Lohnes	Pam Bobay
Jim & Marie Wilmot	Lorna Rollins	Clara Carreno
Brandon S.	Sheryll O'Brien	Dave Raphael
Teresa LaFleur	Cheryl Crowe	Steve Lindberg
June Ayres	Kathy Freeburn	Ernesto
Don Hebb	Charlie Whittall	Natalia
Don Wilbur	Sheri Kline	Fran Laffin
Laura Giurleo	Charlotte & Ray LeBlanc	Brenda Kennedy
Karen Legere	Pam	
Sandy Grayson	Kyle	

Connect with GPC members by sending a postcard and telling them how much you care!

Andy LaFlamme

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June Ayres

Beaumont Rehab & Skilled Nursing
Fairbanks Unit
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AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

08/03 Lyn Wasilewski	08/17 Kathy Freeburn
08/04 Selina Harnois	08/18 Cecil Everett
08/13 Celina Hennessey	08/23 Ethel Gustafson
08/13 Richard Green	08/25 Joyce Smith
08/14 John Ledoux	08/26 Rod White
08/15 Charles Cruise	08/26 Bruce Griffin
08/15 Rosalie Wood	08/26 Lynn Oliver

Ministering to the Congregation

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