Sermon Notes and Daily Devotional
First Congregational Church of Woodstock

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Morning Worship Service:

Philippians 4:10-12

Gospel Contentment

1. We Must Rejoice in	Christ!
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2. We Must Rejoice Together!

3. We Must Rejoice in All Situations!

CONCLUSION: The Holy Spirit through the Apostle Paul commands us to rejoice in Christ and then he models that for us. In prison he rejoices for the indication of the Philippians' growth in grace and continued care for him. This rejoicing is the calling of all Christians. We are to rejoice in Christ together in all the situations in which our Loving Savior calls us. We can trust Him no matter what we see or hear or experience, because He has demonstrated His faithfulness to us.

Second Corinthians 12:7-10

⁸ Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this [thorn in the flesh], that it should leave me. ⁹ But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. ¹⁰ For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

Mark 12:41-44

⁴¹ And he sat down opposite the treasury and watched the people putting money into the offering box. Many *rich* people put in large sums. ⁴² And a *poor* widow came and put in two small copper coins, which make a penny. ⁴³ And he called his disciples to him and said to them, "Truly, I say to you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the offering box. ⁴⁴ For they all contributed *out of their abundance*, but she *out of her poverty* has put in everything she had, all she had to live on." (See also Luke 21:1-4.)

Matthew 14:13-21

¹³ Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a desolate place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴ When he went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them and healed their sick. ¹⁵ Now when it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a desolate place, and the day is now over; send the crowds away to go into the villages and buy food for themselves." ¹⁶ But Jesus said, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." ¹⁷ They said to him, "We have only five loaves here and two fish." ¹⁸ And he said, "Bring them here to me." ¹⁹ Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass, and taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and said a blessing. Then he broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. ²⁰ And they all ate and were *satisfied*. And they took up twelve baskets full of the broken *pieces left over* (abundance). ²¹ And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children. (See also Luke 9:10-17.)

First Timothy 6:6-10

⁶ But *godliness with contentment is great gain*, ⁷ for we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world. ⁸ But if we have food and clothing, *with these we will be content*. ⁹ But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation, into a snare, into many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. ¹⁰ For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils. It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs.