



Let's Worship!

February 21st, 2021 — 10:30 AM

First Sunday in Lent - WI-24 WO-50

A Hybrid Worship Experience, In-Person and Online

Today's worship team: Music Director Jayne McDonough, Worship Leader Barbara Cain; Pastor, the Rev. Dr. Kevin Yoho; Worship Production Norris Clark.

WORSHIP YOUR WAY!

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WORSHIP PREVIEW

Our Scripture readings this First Sunday of Lent present a powerful and empowering new beginning for all of us to nurture our faith into action in every area of our life, especially in these challenging times. From Genesis to Revelation, the entire scope of God's written word is about relationships that can often feel stressed. Our usual ways to

strengthen relationships are severely constrained as together we reduce the spread of COVID-19. Necessary physical distancing, avoiding crowds, and other wellness protocols can result in feelings of isolation and anxiety from time to time. It can often feel like we're living in a virtual wilderness where resources are scarce. The Good News is that God is in the relationship business, and this week you will discover Creature Comforts as we consider Jesus' trials in the wilderness where he was tested by Satan and comforted by wild animals and angels.



Remember that our Creator made a promise with “every living creature,” and in turn, we can learn from Jesus, who, after his baptism, was sent out into the wilderness. Between Christ's contending with Satan and being comforted by angels, we read that he was “with the animals,” reinforcing how animal life intertwines with ours.

Thoughts for the Wilderness Journey:

1. How does God's sign of the rainbow and other promises equip you to make new spiritual connections through Christ?

2. Jesus' companionship with animals in the temptation story highlights his honoring and preserving their independent worth. What does this story suggest to you about animal welfare?
3. How do you respect "every living creature, " and how will you be open to new connections with individuals who may differ from you in areas such as spiritual, social, political, racial, language, educational, or financial experiences?
4. In what ways does every encounter with another creature move us out of our isolation and preoccupation with ourselves?

A Gift For You From Cold Spring Church: We are providing a special downloadable [Lent Devotional Guide](#) for you, your friends, family, and neighbors to use. Download the guide from our website, and share the love and light of Jesus, and the devotional, with others as we begin our journey!

GREETING OF IN-PERSON WORSHIPPERS: REV. KEVIN YOHO (10:24)

COUNTDOWN TO WORSHIP (10:25)

PRELUDE: JAYNE McDONOUGH (10:27:30)

WELCOME: REV. KEVIN YOHO: (10:30)

CALL TO WORSHIP (UNISON): (10:32)

God is with us, loving us, inviting us forward with each new sunrise. Jesus is the Light of our world. The Spirit of grace and hope will show us the possibilities as we gather! Let us worship God. Amen.

GOD WELCOMES ALL (UNISON): (1-10:32)

**God welcomes all, strangers and friends;
God's love is strong and it never ends.**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (UNISON):

Loving God, as we hear your word proclaimed, keep our hearts and minds open to the Good News as we learn, grow, and serve. AMEN.

OLD TESTAMENT READING:

GENESIS 9:12-17 (NIV)

And God said, "This is the sign of the covenant I am making between me and you and every living creature with you, a covenant for all generations to come: I have set my rainbow in the clouds, and it will be the sign of the covenant between me and the earth. Whenever I

bring clouds over the earth and the rainbow appears in the clouds, I will remember my covenant between me and you and all living creatures of every kind. Never again will the waters become a flood to destroy all life. Whenever the rainbow appears in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and all living creatures of every kind on the earth.” So God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant I have established between me and all life on the earth.”

MESSAGE FOR KIDS:

(10:34)

PRAYER FOR FAMILIES

GOSPEL READING: MARK 1:9-15 (MSG)

(10:36)

At this time, Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. The moment he came out of the water, he saw the sky split open and God’s Spirit, looking like a dove, come down on him. Along with the Spirit, a voice: “You are my Son, chosen and marked by my love, pride of my life.” At once, this same Spirit pushed Jesus out into the wild. For forty wilderness days and nights he was tested by Satan. Wild animals were his companions, and angels took care of him. After John was arrested, Jesus went to Galilee preaching the Message of God: “Time’s up! God’s kingdom is here. Change your life and believe the Message.”



MESSAGE: CREATURE COMFORTS

MARK 1:9-15 • REV. KEVIN YOHO

(10:37)

PRAYER AND SILENT REFLECTION:

ONLINE MUSIC (VIDEO LYRICS): O GOD, YOUR CREATURES FILL THE EARTH (2)

O God, your creatures fill the earth
with wonder and delight,
And every living thing has worth
and beauty in your sight.

So playful dolphins dance and swim;
Your sheep bow down and graze.
Your songbirds share a morning hymn
To offer you their praise.

You made the pets we welcome in —
They're wondrous blessings, too.
With paws and whiskers, wings and fins,
They offer praise to you.
O Lord, you call us to embrace
These creatures in our care.
May we show kindness, love and grace
To all pets everywhere.

You made the creatures on each farm;
You know the things they need.
May they grow healthy, safe from harm,
And safe from human greed.
Just as a shepherd loves the sheep,
You know their joy, their pain.
Lord, bless the animals we keep;
May all farms be humane.

Your creatures live in every land;
They fill the sky and sea.
O Lord, you give us your command
To love them tenderly.
We're called to have dominion here —

To care for them always.
By loving creatures you hold dear,
We offer you our praise.

CALL TO RECONCILIATION:

(10:51)

God loves you and nothing separates you from God's love. In a spirit of gratitude and honesty, let us pray together:

PRAYER OF FORGIVENESS:

(10:51)

Loving God, forgive us our sins, hurting or neglecting others, missing opportunities to serve. Help us turn around and live like Jesus, through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

SILENT REFLECTION: (07)

HEAR THE WORDS OF ASSURANCE:

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven to show real love, grace, mercy, joy, peace... the fruit of the Spirit!

Thanks be to God, we are forgiven! AMEN.

THE GLORIA (SPOKEN)

(3) (10:52)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

GIFTS OF GRATITUDE:

(10:53)

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PRAYER OF GRATITUDE

THE DOXOLOGY (SPOKEN)

(4) (10:54)

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

(10:55)

02/21: The McCue Family in the passing of Tom; Jayne, Pat, John, Ed and Brian's brother. 02/07: Rebecca, healing. Pat Garnet, praise, Carol Clark cancer-free, Sandra Taylor, Covid-19: Betty Miller, in assisted living, Pat Gaffney & Rick Ryan covid-19; Jake L. Acuity Care, then rehab. 01/31: Dakota. Glenn R. Michael M., cancer. Dave W., north cape. Mary N. brain tumor. 01/24: John A., (hospice). 01/17: Lillian R., homebound, The passing of Bob Arnott.

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES:

2/25 - Marty Bowne

PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

(11:00)

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

FRESH EXPRESSION OF COMMUNITY

(11:01)

Once we were strangers, **Now we are neighbors.**
Once we were strangers, **Now we are friends.**

BENEDICTION: REV. KEVIN YOHO

(11:02)

POSTLUDE: JAYNE McDONOUGH

(11:05)

Worshippers may now depart in peace!

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Notes for Today's Worship:

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