

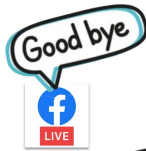


# Let Us Worship God!

July 11, 2021 — 10:30 AM  
Pentecost 7 — WI-46 WO-71

A Hybrid Worship Experience In-Person and Online

Today's worship team — Music Director: Jayne McDonough. Worship Leader: Beverly Mate. Message: the Rev. Dr. Kevin Yoho. Worship Production: Norris Clark.



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## **WORSHIP PREVIEW**

Got pressure? Sure. We all do! This week, we will meet the Fox of Jerusalem in our Scripture reading from Mark 6. The Fox of Jerusalem was Jesus' nickname for King Herod. Unfortunately, the Fox made some really bad decisions when provoked by life's pressures, especially about John the Baptist. But the story didn't need to end where it did. The Fox had numerous opportunities to choose more wisely. This Sunday, find out how life's pressures affect us, and what we all can do to write a better life story!

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| <b>GREETING OF IN-PERSON WORSHIPPERS:</b> | REV. KEVIN YOHO | (10:24) |
| <b>COUNTDOWN TO WORSHIP</b>               |                 | (10:25) |
| <b>PRELUDE:</b>                           | JAYNE McDONOUGH | (10:27) |
| <b>WELCOME:</b>                           | REV. KEVIN YOHO | (10:32) |
| <b>CALL TO WORSHIP (UNISON):</b>          | BEVERLY MATE    | (10:34) |

**We worship God who loves us, inhabits our world, and indwells our lives. We look around to see God at work; within ourselves, beyond ourselves, as we read Scripture and pray, worship and give, and as we work for peace in our world. Let us worship God!**

**GOD WELCOMES ALL (SING LIGHTLY):** (1-10:34)

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

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (UNISON):**

**Loving God, keep our hearts and minds open to the Good News as we learn, grow, and serve. Amen.**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING: EZEKIEL 2:1-5**

He said to me, "Son of man, stand up on your feet and I will speak to you." As he spoke, the Spirit came into me and raised me to my feet, and I heard him speaking to me. He said: "Son of man, I am sending you to the Israelites, to a rebellious nation that has rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have been in revolt against me to this very day. The people to whom I am sending you are obstinate and stubborn. Say to them, 'This is what the Sovereign Lord says.' And whether they listen or fail to listen—for they are a rebellious people—they will know that a prophet has been among them.

**PRAYER FOR FAMILIES**

**GOSPEL READING: MARK 6:14-29** (NIV AND MSG)

(10:38)

King Herod heard of all this, for by this time the name of Jesus was on everyone's lips. He said, "This has to be John the Baptizer come back from the dead—that's why he's able to work miracles!" Others said, "No, it's Elijah." Others said, "He's a prophet, just like one of the old-time prophets." But Herod wouldn't budge: "It's John, sure enough. I cut off his head, and now he's back, alive."

Herod was the one who had ordered the arrest of John, put him in chains, and sent him to prison at the nagging of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife. For John had provoked Herod by naming his relationship with Herodias "adultery." Herodias, smoldering with hate, wanted to kill him, but didn't dare because Herod was in awe of John. Convinced that he was a holy man, he gave him special treatment. Whenever he listened to him he was miserable with guilt—and yet he couldn't stay away. Something in John kept pulling him back.

Finally the opportune time came. On his birthday Herod gave a banquet for his high officials and military commanders and the leading men of Galilee. When the daughter of Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his dinner guests. The king said to the girl, "Ask me anything. I'll give you anything you want." Carried away, he kept on, "I swear, I'll split my kingdom with you if you say so!" She went back to her mother and said, "What should I ask for?" "Ask for the head of John the Baptizer." Excited, she ran back to the king and said, "I want the head of John the Baptizer served up on a platter. And I want it now!"

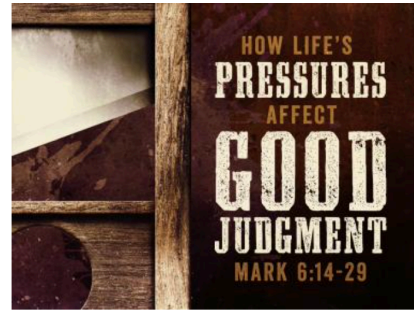
That sobered the king up fast. But unwilling to lose face with his guests, he caved in and let her have her wish. The king sent the executioner off to the prison with orders to bring back John's head. He went, cut off John's head, brought it back on a platter, and presented it to the girl, who gave it to her mother. When John's disciples heard about this, they came and got the body and gave it a decent burial.

## MESSAGE: HOW LIFE'S PRESSURES AFFECT GOOD JUDGMENT

Mark 6:14-29

Rev. Kevin Yoho

### PRAYER AND SILENT REFLECTION:



## MUSIC (VIDEO LYRICS): ALL CREATURES OF OUR GOD AND KING

### Verse 1

All creatures of our God and King  
Lift up your voice and with us sing  
Hallelujah hallelujah  
Thou burning sun with golden beam  
Thou silver moon with softer gleam  
O praise Him O praise Him  
Hallelujah hallelujah hallelujah

### Verse 2

Thou rushing wind that art so strong  
Ye clouds that sail in heaven along  
O praise Him hallelujah  
Thou rising morn in praise rejoice  
Ye lights of evening find a voice  
O praise Him O praise Him  
Hallelujah hallelujah hallelujah

### Verse 3

Let all things their Creator bless  
And worship Him in humbleness  
O praise Him hallelujah  
Praise praise the Father praise the  
Son  
And praise the Spirit three in One  
O praise Him O praise Him  
Hallelujah hallelujah hallelujah

## CALL TO RECONCILIATION

(10:55)

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

(10:55)

Good morning God, our Creator, Redeemer and  
Sustainer. Forgive us for hurting or neglecting others,  
missing opportunities to live like Jesus. When we waver,  
give us courage. When we doubt, give us strength. When  
we refuse, realign us. When we forget, remind us. When  
we ourselves cry out, send your tenderness in another.

When we hear the cries of others, turn us toward them.  
When we want to hide, draw us out. When we go out, let  
us shine with your glory and light. Help us to love,  
welcoming all, through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

### SILENT REFLECTION

### HEAR THE WORDS OF ASSURANCE

In the name of Jesus Christ, the risen and rising Lord,  
God loves and forgives us to live a life of faith and justice.  
Thanks be to God, we are forgiven! AMEN.

### THE GLORIA (SING LIGHTLY)

(3) (10:57)

Glory be to the Father, and 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 (11:04)

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#### PRAYER OF GRATITUDE

### THE DOXOLOGY (SING LIGHTLY)

(5) (11:05)

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.

## COMMUNITY NEWS:

**Flowers this Week:** The chancel flowers this Sunday are a gift from Elaine Jordan, in memory and celebration of her parent's wedding anniversary.

**Happy Birthday** to Beverly Greger (7/12) and Barbara McPherson (7/17)!

THIS WEEK, our **Hospitality Table** follows worship.

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

(11:06)

Our prayers are with you, wherever you are. We pray for all who suffer, especially from the pandemic, racial unrest, violence, discrimination, unemployment, anxiety. God grant us peace as we embrace challenges to thrive in wellness.

07/04: Ed Mahoney, had lung transplant now in hospital. Veterans. Lenore McGann, procedure on 7/7. 06/27: Bess Lapsley, on hospice. 06/20: Ruth Traber, now at home, recuperating from heart surgery. Graduation Celebrations- Marge Wetherill's grandson graduated high school. Pastor Kevin & Melissa's grandson Sy graduated high school. Prayers for travel safety for Elaine Jordan's nephew Anthony; Bonnie (Keister), prayers for pain & diagnosis; Paula C. heart issues; Prayers for McDonough family on passing of Dennis, Jr;

## PRAYER

## LORD'S PRAYER

(11:07)

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

(11:15)

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

**BENEDICTION:** REV. KEVIN YOHO

(11:13)

**POSTLUDE:** JAYNE McDONOUGH

(11:14)

**ALL ARE WELCOME TO OUR HOSPITALITY TABLE ON THE FRONT LAWN**

*Go in peace, and serve in joy!*

We hope that you felt spiritually energized by joining us today. All of our worship services are available for viewing and sharing at any time [here](#). Please invite others to join you next week. We pray that you're staying safe wherever you are and wherever you go. May God bless you and those you love now and always.

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