



Let Us Worship God!

August 22, 2021 — 10:30 AM
Pentecost 13 — WI-52 WO-77

A Hybrid Worship Experience In-Person and Online

Today's worship team—Music Director: Jayne McDonough.

Worship Leader: Beverly Mate. Message: Rev. Dr. Kevin Yoho. Worship Production: Norris Clark.



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AND ONLINE ON YOUTUBE.**

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Telephone: Call 929-205-6099. Meeting ID 882 3154 2428. Passcode 1714. **In-Person:** No masks are required if vaccinated. Speak and sing "lightly" while remaining seated. The Worship Guide is displayed on the large screen.

WORSHIP PREVIEW

Have you ever felt like giving up on God? Most of us have felt that way from time to time. But, if not giving up on God or our idea of God, maybe we've given up on religion, or have been mistreated by religious people, or the church. We may feel that too many people have lied or died or failed in the name of Christ for anyone to take Jesus' call seriously. Yes, it's tough to hear the simple invitation of Jesus, Follow me!, with all the noise.

When we consider those who found Jesus' words extremely difficult to believe, we will see that we are not alone! To them (and maybe to us, too?), Jesus' claims were just too outrageous to be taken seriously. Many people



have mistaken or miscommunicated Jesus' message entirely. Sometimes we just give up too soon. This week, we will hear a fresh expression of the Gospel from John 6:63-69 in a message titled, "*Leaving So Soon?*," that will echo Joshua's challenge to the ancient Israelites to choose wisely, even when choosing is hard. Discover, or re-discover, God's love for YOU this Sunday. Clearly hear Jesus say to you, "Yes, it's tough. I understand. I love you. I will never give up on you!" Let's not leave too soon...and instead renew our commitment to really hear Jesus' words of life and spirit!

GREETING OF IN-PERSON WORSHIPPERS: PASTOR KEVIN (10:24)

COUNTDOWN TO WORSHIP (10:24)

PRELUDE: JAYNE McDONOUGH (10:27)

WELCOME: PASTOR KEVIN (10:32)

CALL TO WORSHIP (UNISON): (10:34)

**We worship God who created us to experience real life.
God loves us, inhabits our world, and indwells our lives.
We see God at work within ourselves, beyond ourselves,
as we read Scripture and pray, worship and give, and as
we serve others together, work for peace, and
demonstrate God's love. 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: JOSHUA 24:1-2A, 14-15 (NIV) (10:38)

**Then Joshua assembled all the tribes of Israel at Shechem.
He summoned the elders, leaders, judges and officials of
Israel, and they presented themselves before God.
Joshua said to all the people, "This is what the Lord, the
God of Israel, says: 'Long ago your ancestors, including
Terah the father of Abraham and Nahor, lived beyond the
Euphrates River and worshiped other gods.**

"Now fear the Lord and serve him with all faithfulness.

Throw away the gods your ancestors worshiped beyond the Euphrates River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. But if serving the Lord seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served beyond the Euphrates, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.”

MESSAGE FOR KIDS: “WAIT FOR IT!” PASTOR KEVIN
PRAYER FOR FAMILIES

(10:34)

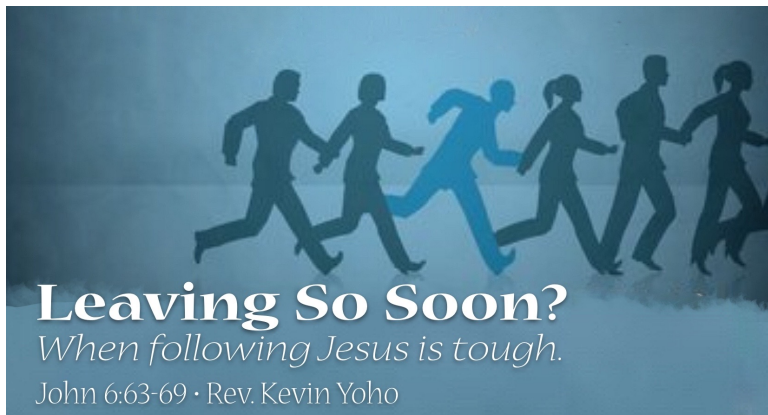
GOSPEL READING: JOHN 6:63-39 (NIV)

(10:38)

The Spirit gives life; the flesh counts for nothing. The words I have spoken to you—they are full of the Spirit and life. Yet there are some of you who do not believe.” For Jesus had known from the beginning which of them did not believe and who would betray him. He went on to say, “This is why I told you that no one can come to me unless the Father has enabled them.”

From this time many of his disciples turned back and no longer followed him. “You do not want to leave too, do you?” Jesus asked the Twelve.

Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and to know that you are the Holy One of God.”



**MESSAGE: “LEAVING
SO SOON? WHEN
FOLLOWING JESUS
IS TOUGH”**
REV. KEVIN YOH0

**PRAYER AND SILENT
REFLECTION:**

ONLINE MUSIC VIDEO: FIGHT THE GOOD FIGHT

Fight the good fight with all thy might!
Christ is thy strength, and Christ thy
right;
Lay hold on life, and it shall be
Thy joy and crown eternally.

Cast care aside, lean on thy Guide;
His boundless mercy will provide;
Trust, and thy trusting soul shall prove
Christ is its life, and Christ its love.

Run the straight race through God's
good grace,
Lift up thine eyes, and seek His face;
Life with its way before us lies,
Christ is the path, and Christ the prize.

Faint not nor fear, His arms are near,
He changeth not, and thou art dear;
Only believe, and thou shalt see
That Christ is all in all to thee.

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

(10:55)

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

PRAYER OF FORGIVENESS

(10:55)

Good morning God, our Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer. Thank you for your grace and mercy. Forgive us, we pray, when we hurt or neglect others, missing opportunities to live like Jesus. When we waver, help us feel your presence. When we doubt, comfort us by your strength. When we stop listening to your Spirit, realign us. When we forget, remind us. When we cry out, send your tenderness in another. Help us to hear the cries of others and turn us toward them. When we go out, let us shine with your glory and light. Help us to love, hope, and forgive, 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: GENERAL FUND AND DEACONS FUND

(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:

No Hospitality Table this week.

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.

8/22: John Ruge, recovering from heart surgery. Barbara Cain, recovering from surgery. 8/15: Jayne, Covid-19, pray for a speedy recovery. 8/8: Betty Brown hospital, Covid. (Beverly's mother in law), Joey Covid, friend of Evan, Marge's grandson. 08/01: The Lapsley family in the passing

of Bess on 07/31. Linda Kaemph, doing better with back pain issue. 07/25: Larry Moyer, hip injury. Dale Myers, recovery from knee issue.

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.`

ONLINE MUSIC: I HAVE DECIDED TO FOLLOW JESUS

I have decided to follow Jesus
I have decided to follow Jesus
I have decided to follow Jesus
No turning back no turning back

The world behind me
the cross before me
The world behind me
the cross before me
The world behind me
the cross before me
No turning back no turning back

Though none go with me
still I will follow
Though none go with me
still I will follow
Though none go with me
still I will follow
No turning back no turning back

I have decided, I have decided
to follow Jesus.

(11:08)

FRESH EXPRESSION OF COMMUNITY

(11:15)

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

BENEDICTION: PASTOR KEVIN

(11:13)

POSTLUDE:

(11:14)

ENJOY THE 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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