



Let Us Worship God!

September 26, 2021 — 10:30 AM

Pentecost 18 — WI-55 WO-82

A Hybrid Worship Experience In-Person and Online

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

Worship Leader: Barbara Cain. Message: Rev. Dr. Kevin Yoho.

Worship Production: Norris Clark.



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WORSHIP PREVIEW

Do you know what time it is? Sure, your watch will tell you the time, but time itself? What is it?

Time is simply a measure of distance. Time is life itself that passes along. It is not a tangible thing, time measures tangible things. Time does not stand still. It is not a commodity to be held, set aside, or saved. Time cannot be stored. Nor can it be ignored. It cannot be spent, or lost. Time cannot be our enemy, or be "on our side." There are no more hours in your day than in any other's day. While we often feel pressure when "running out of time," or impatient "waiting our time," time is simply the unit we use to track and measure experience, movement, and growth, that is, life. Time is a way to measure our life. How does your life measure up?

This week, we celebrate God's creative power and involvement in our lives through Jesus Christ. We begin with a hero story about Queen Esther who saved her people from the scoundrel, Haman. "For such a time as this," Esther said, I have been put right where I am!" She decided now is the time to take a step of faith and courage.

Leaving the Queen's story, our Scripture readings teleport us 500 years when we will hear Jesus tell his followers not to interfere when other's do God's work even if they are not part of their group. In fact, we should welcome them. Everyone can live and share the Good News. With Queen Esther and the disciples of Jesus, seriously, now is the time for living! Yes, now!



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: ESTHER 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22

So the king and Haman went to dinner with Queen Esther. At this second dinner, while they were drinking wine the king again asked, "Queen Esther, what would you like? Half of my kingdom! Just ask and it's yours."

Queen Esther answered, "If I have found favor in your eyes, O King, and if it please the king, give me my life, and give my people their lives.

"We've been sold, I and my people, to be destroyed—sold to be massacred, eliminated. If we had just been sold off into slavery, I wouldn't even have brought it up; our troubles wouldn't have been worth bothering the king over."

King Xerxes exploded, "Who? Where is he? This is monstrous!" "An enemy. An adversary. This evil Haman," said Esther.

Haman was terror-stricken before the king and queen.

Harbona, one of the eunuchs attending the king, spoke up: “Look over there! There’s the gallows that Haman had built for Mordecai, who saved the king’s life. It’s right next to Haman’s house—seventy-five feet high!” The king said, “Hang him on it!”

So Haman was hanged on the very gallows that he had built for Mordecai. And the king’s hot anger cooled. Mordecai wrote all this down and sent copies to all the Jews in all King Xerxes’ provinces, regardless of distance, calling for an annual celebration on the fourteenth and fifteenth days of Adar as the occasion when Jews got relief from their enemies, the month in which their sorrow turned to joy, mourning somersaulted into a holiday for parties and fun and laughter, the sending and receiving of presents and of giving gifts to the poor.

MESSAGE FOR KIDS: WHAT TIME IS IT? PASTOR KEVIN

(10:34)

PRAYER FOR FAMILIES

MUSIC: TEACHER, WE SAW SOMEONE NEW

BARBARA CAIN

GOSPEL READING: MARK 9:38-50 (MSG)

(10:38)

John spoke up, “Teacher, we saw a man using your name to expel demons and we stopped him because he wasn’t in our group.”

Jesus wasn’t pleased. “Don’t stop him. No one can use my name to do something good and powerful, and in the next breath slam me. If he’s not an enemy, he’s an ally. Why, anyone by just giving you a cup of water in my name is on our side. Count on it that God will notice.

“On the other hand, if you give one of these simple, childlike believers a hard time, bullying or taking advantage of their simple trust, you’ll soon wish you hadn’t. You’d be better off dropped in the middle of the lake with a millstone around your neck.

“If your hand or your foot gets in God’s way, chop it off and throw it away. You’re better off maimed or lame and alive than the proud owner of two hands and two feet, godless in a furnace of eternal fire. And if your eye distracts

you from God, pull it out and throw it away. You're better off one-eyed and alive than exercising your twenty-twenty vision from inside the fire of hell.

"Everyone's going through a refining fire sooner or later, but you'll be well-preserved, protected from the eternal flames. Be preservatives yourselves. Preserve the peace."

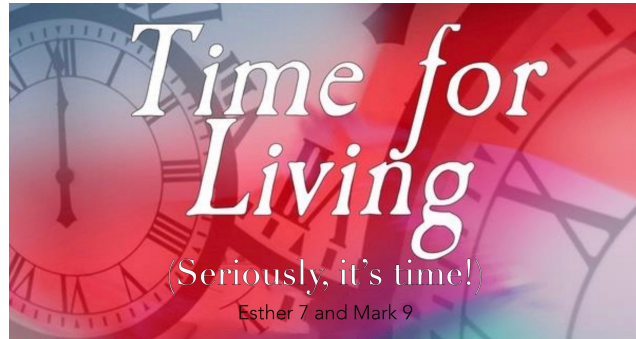
MESSAGE: TIME FOR LIVING

(SERIOUSLY, IT'S TIME!)

REV. KEVIN YOHO

PRAYER AND SILENT

REFLECTION:



MUSIC VIDEO LYRICS: PRAISE MY SOUL THE KING OF HEAVEN

Praise my soul the King of heaven
To His feet thy tribute bring
Ransomed healed restored forgiven
Who like thee His praise should sing
Praise Him Praise Him
Praise Him Praise Him
Praise the everlasting King

Praise Him for His grace and favor
To our fathers in distress
Praise Him still the same forever
Slow to chide and swift to bless
Praise Him Praise Him
Praise Him Praise Him
Glorious in His faithfulness

Father-like He tends and spares us
Well our feeble frame He knows
In His hands He gently bears us
Rescues us from all our foes
Praise Him Praise Him
Praise Him Praise Him

Widely as His mercy flows

Angels in the height adore Him
Ye behold Him face to face
Sun and moon bow down before Him
Dwellers all in time and space
Praise Him Praise Him
Praise Him Praise Him
Praise with us the God of grace

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 answer. 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 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: 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:

Let's celebrate birthdays! Joanne Miller's birthday is September 28th!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

(11:06)

God cares about what we care about and those we care for. Let's also pray that we would also care more about what God cares about. Our prayers are with our world, nation and region and all those who suffer. Those relocating in US from Afghanistan. Many suffering from COVID-19 and dealing with continuing pandemic stressors, racial unrest, violence, discrimination, unemployment, and anxiety. God, grant us peace as we embrace these challenges in hope.

9/19: George Robinson, Mike Moraldo, Carol recovering from knee replacement surgery. 9/12: Joanne and family. Pray that all missing children would be found quickly. God bless all of us.

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.

(11:08)

FRESH EXPRESSION OF COMMUNITY

(11:09)

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

MUSIC: LORD, BE GLORIFIED

In my life Lord
Be glorified be glorified
In my life Lord
Be glorified today

In my song Lord
Be glorified be glorified
In my song Lord
Be glorified today

In Your church Lord
Be glorified be glorified
In Your church Lord
Be glorified today

In our home Lord
Be glorified be glorified
In our home Lord
Be glorified today

BENEDICTION: PASTOR KEVIN

(11:13)

POSTLUDE:

(11:14)

*Go in peace, and serve in joy! Thank you for being with us!
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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