



Let Us Worship God!

July 10, 2022—10:30 AM

Fifth Sunday After Pentecost



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.

WELCOME!

So glad you're here today! Enjoy worship with your neighbors and be spiritually energized. Masks are optional.

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MESSAGE PREVIEW

The traveling disciples Jesus sent out returned after their community-blessing adventures with fantastic news. How about you? Now we will meet one of those religious-types who wanted to prove himself, looking for a loophole in the definition of "neighbor." He was no Mr. Rogers!

Being a "neighbor" in 2022 can be challenging and complicated. But it wasn't easy in the first century either. Jesus tells one of his most memorable stories, the "Good Samaritan." It includes a surprise ending about mercy, neighborliness, and compassion, three qualities in short supply in the Roman-occupied territory of Israel. But that lawyer and many in the audience would have considered that Samaritan bad. Why? Because the Samaritan Jew broke the religious and social rules by showing mercy to the Jerusalem Jew who nearly died in a ditch.

One admirable takeaway from Jesus' story is to be inspired to be a better neighbor. But can we also identify with who was left for dead along the road and received mercy? Mercy may be a bit expired to our modern ears. Mercy may just feel tired, not worth our effort. Jesus reminds us that mercy is needed now. Mercy is wired! Mercy is a needed spiritual behavior that can have incredible impact on those who receive it.

Do you ever feel like you've fallen into a ditch? Have you lost your way? Maybe felt like someone or something left you for dead? Perhaps you've run out of resources when you never imagined that that would happen! We have all felt like that from time to time. But the Good News twist we'll discover is that we've a lot in common with that "left-for-dead" traveler on the road.

We're ready for a road trip at Cold Spring Church! What is in your Go Bag? Become a part of Jesus' story this week at the Red Brick Church, where travelers from Mayflower descendants to presidents have found hope for the journey. You'll also want to bring a few traveling companions to our welcoming community worship on Sunday.

MUSIC PREVIEW

"O God, You Give Us Neighbors" will be sung by Barbara Cain. This Carolyn Winfrey Gillette song is based on Jesus' parable of the Good Samaritan about the love of all neighbors.

Our lyric video hymn is *God of the Poor (Beauty for Brokenness)* by Graham Kendrick. It was commissioned by Tear Fund and originally recorded in 1993 for the Spark to a Flame album and re-recorded for 2011's *Very Best of Graham Kendrick*.

To close the service we will be singing *Though I May Speak (The Gift of Love)*. Among the most prominent New Testament texts is the discourse on love found in I Corinthians 13. Hal H. Hopson has paraphrased part of this beautiful text in what has become one of the most popular late 20th-century hymns, appearing in many major hymnals published in the U.S. since 1980. The melody is an adaptation of the folk melody "O Waly, Waly." The original tune was collected by American folksong specialist Cecil Sharp and published in his *Folk Songs from Somerset* (1906). The original melody in triple meter has served as a hymn tune in many British publications.

COUNTDOWN TO OUR SUPER SUMMER WORSHIP

GREETING: PASTOR KEVIN (10:24)

PRELUDE: JAYNE McDONOUGH (10:27)

WELCOME: PASTOR KEVIN (10:30)

CALL TO WORSHIP (RESPONSIVE): BARBARA CAIN (10:32)

GOD WELCOMES ALL (UNISON): (1-10:33)

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (UNISON):

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

NEW TESTAMENT READING: COLOSSIANS 1:9-14 (MSG)

**Be assured that from the first day we heard of
you, we haven't stopped praying for you,**

asking God to give you wise minds and spirits attuned to his will, and so acquire a thorough understanding of the ways in which God works. We pray that you'll live well for the Master, making him proud of you as you work hard in his orchard. As you learn more and more how God works, you will learn how to do *your* work. We pray that you'll have the strength to stick it out over the long haul—not the grim strength of gritting your teeth but the glory-strength God gives. It is strength that endures the unendurable and spills over into joy, thanking the Father who makes us strong enough to take part in everything bright and beautiful that he has for us.

God rescued us from dead-end alleys and dark dungeons. He's set us up in the kingdom of the Son he loves so much, the Son who got us out of the pit we were in, got rid of the sins we were doomed to keep repeating.

MESSAGE FOR KIDS

PRAYER FOR FAMILIES

MUSIC - O GOD, YOU GIVE US NEIGHBORS

BARBARA CAIN

GOSPEL READING: LUKE 10:25-27 (MSG)

(10:38)

Just then a religion scholar stood up with a question to test Jesus. “Teacher, what do I

need to do to get eternal life?”

He answered, “What’s written in God’s Law? How do you interpret it?”

He said, “That you love the Lord your God with all your passion and prayer and muscle and intelligence—and that you love your neighbor as well as you do yourself.”

“Good answer!” said Jesus. “Do it and you’ll live.”

Looking for a loophole, he asked, “And just how would you define ‘neighbor’?”

Jesus answered by telling a story. “There was once a man traveling from Jerusalem to Jericho. On the way he was attacked by robbers. They took his clothes, beat him up, and went off leaving him half-dead. Luckily, a priest was on his way down the same road, but when he saw him he angled across to the other side. Then a Levite religious man showed up; he also avoided the injured man.

“A Samaritan traveling the road came on him. When he saw the man’s condition, his heart went out to him. He gave him first aid, disinfecting and bandaging his wounds. Then he lifted him onto his donkey, led him to an inn, and made him comfortable. In the morning he took out two silver coins and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, ‘Take good care of him. If it

costs any more, put it on my bill—I'll pay you on my way back.'

“What do you think? Which of the three became a neighbor to the man attacked by robbers?”

“The one who treated him kindly,” the religion scholar responded.

Jesus said, “Go and do the same.”



Got Mercy In Your Go Bag?

MESSAGE: GOT MERCY IN YOUR GO BAG?

REV. DR. KEVIN YOHO

PRAYER AND SILENT REFLECTION

MUSIC (VIDEO LYRICS): GOD OF THE POOR

1. Beauty for brokenness
Hope for despair
Lord in Your suff'ring world
This is our prayer
Bread for the children
Justice joy peace
Sunrise to sunset
Your kingdom increase

2. Shelter for fragile lives
Cures for their ills
Work for the craftsmen
Trade for their skills
Land for the dispossessed
Rights for the weak
Voices to plead the cause
Of those who can't speak

Chorus
God of the poor, Friend of the weak
Give us compassion we pray
Melt our cold hearts
Let tears fall like rain
Come change our love
From a spark to a flame

3. Refuge from cruel wars
Havens from fear
Cities for sanctu'ry
Freedoms to share
Peace to the killing fields
Scorched earth to green
Christ for the bitterness
His cross for the pain

4. Rest for the ravaged earth
Oceans and streams
Plundered and poisoned
Our future our dreams
Lord end our madness
Carelessness greed
Make us content with
The things that we need

5. Lighten our darkness
Breathe on this flame
Until Your justice
Burns brightly again
Until the nations
Learn of Your ways
Seek Your salvation
And bring You their praise

Call to Reconciliation (Responsively)

God loves you and nothing separates you from God's love in Jesus Christ. In a spirit of gratitude, let us say together:

PRAYER OF FORGIVENESS (UNISON)

Healing God, we open ourselves to your mercy and grace. As you forgive us, change us to be more like Jesus. As you transform us by your Spirit, may we bring the peace of Christ to our neighbor. Amen.

SILENT REFLECTION

HEAR THE WORDS OF ASSURANCE (RESPONSIVE)

In the name of Jesus Christ, God loves and forgives us to live a life of faith, hope, and love. Thanks be to God, we are forgiven! Amen.

THE GLORIA

(3) (10:56)

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.

MOMENT FOR GIVING

(10:57)

God calls us to lives of grateful generosity. If you believe in our mission, thank you for supporting our mission. To give during worship, you may use the Giving Box as an usher passes. You may also give on your way out today, or give online anytime.

THE DOXOLOGY

(5) (10:58)

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.

PRAYER OF GRATITUDE

CHANCEL FLOWERS

Given to God' glory by Elaine Jordan in loving memory of her parent's wedding anniversary.

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Happy birthday to Renie Grier (7/11) and Beverly Greger (7/12).

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

(10:58)

Eileen Word fell and is in the hospital with a possible broken jaw, concussion, and broken hip. Janice Olszewski. Amanda Dodd's sister-in-law Kristen is in Cooper Trauma ICU after suffering a terrible fall. Nancy Wand is now receiving cancer treatment at her new residence at Careone in Moorestown. June Panos' health is rapidly declining. Jim Cicchitti is in the final stages of Parkinson's disease. Ed Slim. Peggy. Kathy Tomlin. Steve Johnson. Rosemary. Wally. Roger H. Marie.

Pray for the families of those who have recently passed including Connie and Charles Boylin, Shirley Will, Nancy Mautz, Sharon Whilden, Jake Lincoln, Aunt Evelyn, Carrie Matthews, Don Rogers, Jacob Schaad, and Betty Miller.

We mourn the loss of life due to gun violence in schools, stores, and public places across our country. We pray for the people of

Ukraine. We pray for those suffering from Covid-19 and for God to bless those who serve in healthcare, law enforcement, fire, government, the armed forces, education, and business.

LORD'S PRAYER

(11:03)

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

(11:24)

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

MUSIC: THOUGH I MAY SPEAK (THE GIFT OF LOVE)

1.

**Though I may speak with bravest fire
And have the gift to all inspire
And have not love my words are vain
As sounding brass and hopeless gain**

2.

Though I may give all I possess
And striving so my love profess
But not be given by love within
The profit soon turns strangely thin

3.

Come Spirit come our hearts control
Our spirits long to be made whole
Let inward love guide every deed
By this we worship and are freed

BENEDICTION: PASTOR KEVIN

POSTLUDE: JAYNE McDONOUGH

(11:27)

Go in peace. See you next week!

So glad you've joined us. Please share your worship experience with others on our YouTube channel, Facebook, and Instagram. View worship at any time on our YouTube page. Invite others to join you next week.

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1. *God Welcomes All* - CCLI Song #5495557.
2. *O God, You Give Us Neighbors* - Lyric- Carolyn Winfrey Gillette; tune - Samuel Sebastian Wesley: CCLI Song #55377
3. *God of the Poor* - Graham Kendrick: CCLI Song #1236690
4. *Gloria* Public Domain
5. *Doxology* - CCLI Song #4255578
6. *Though I May Speak (Gift of Love)* - Hal H. Hopson - CCLI Song #67327