



Let Us Worship God!

July 31, 2022—10:30 AM

Eighth Sunday After Pentecost



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. Mérovée Balick, assistant.

WELCOME!

So glad you're here today! Enjoy worship with your neighbors and be spiritually energized. Mask wearing is encouraged but are optional.

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MESSAGE PREVIEW

Look around you and you'll notice that one of the fastest growing, most profitable businesses involves renting out storage units. The storage industry is bigger and more profitable than the entertainment industry in Hollywood. People spend more money on storage than on movies or entertainment. Few people stay in one place anymore. It seems like 1 out of every 4 people you meet were born outside of Cape May. On average, people in the United States move at least eleven times during their lifetime. Sometimes the spaces are bigger; sometimes the spaces are smaller. We get new jobs, we get married, we have families, we get divorced, we become "empty nests," we move across the country. All of these changes in lifestyle and location can involve a pressing need for storage. We just love or must store "stuff," or fill our lives with a huge, ego-driven "Self!" When we build "bigger barns," we are liberated and uninhibited about amassing more stuff, and more self, to fill those empty spaces. We think more "stuff" will make us feel more situated, safe, and secure. While authentic emotional attachments can be a positive influence in our lives, it's just as likely that emotional attachments to things can diminish our lives, too. What to do?

Jesus' parable in this week's lesson From Luke 12:13-21 reminds us that the best "storage" we can have is not in storage lockers but in the hearts of those we love, the minds of our communities and our neighbors, and those in need. Who did God prioritize to be recipients of our accumulated "stuff" and "treasures"? Those who are treated unjustly, the strangers, visitors, women, children, the sick and injured, the cast-out and the left-out are the real "storage units" for any leftovers and surplus in our lives.

You will want to invite someone with you to worship this week as we talk about life's storage lockers.

MUSIC PREVIEW

Today for our 5th Sunday in July, we will have a hymn sing-a-long from the blue hymnal in the pews. Choose a favorite hymn and have the number ready!

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*.

Our closing hymn, *Take My Life and Let it Be*, was written by Frances Havergal. In her own words, the hymn is a “consecration hymn” in which the singer commits all of her possessions and being to the Lord for his purposes. It expresses what each of us ought to feel and long for, even if at times we see so much disparity between the words and our actual state that we have to sing most of it in hope and faith.

COUNTDOWN TO OUR SUPER SUMMER WORSHIP

GREETING: PASTOR KEVIN (10:24)

PRELUDE: JAYNE McDONOUGH (10:27)

WELCOME: PASTOR KEVIN (10:30)

CALL TO WORSHIP (RESPONSIVELY) BEVERLY MATE (10:32)

God of the past who whispered in the prophets' ears; who rescued us from sin's slavery:

We are here to thank you.

God of the future, who is tearing down the old world, and building your kingdom in our midst:

We are here because we trust you.

God of the present who, in the giftedness of our diversity, creates us to be one people:

We are here to praise you.

God of life that surprises us when we find it within us:

We celebrate your grace.

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 3:1-11 (MSG)

So if you're serious about living this new resurrection life with Christ, act like it. Pursue the things over which Christ presides. Don't shuffle along, eyes to the ground, absorbed with the things right in front of you. Look up, and be alert to what is going on around Christ—that's where the action is. See things from his perspective. Your old life is dead. Your new life, which is your real life—even though invisible to spectators—is with Christ in God. He is your life. When Christ (your real life, remember) shows up again on this earth, you'll show up, too—the real you, the glorious you. Meanwhile, be content with obscurity, like Christ. And that means killing off everything connected with that way of death: sexual promiscuity, impurity, lust, doing whatever you feel like whenever you feel like it, and grabbing whatever attracts your fancy. That's a life shaped by things and feelings instead of by God. It's because of this kind of thing that God is about to explode in anger. It wasn't long ago that you were doing all that stuff and not knowing any better. But you know better now, so

make sure it's all gone for good: bad temper, irritability, meanness, profanity, dirty talk.

Don't lie to one another. You're done with that old life. It's like a filthy set of ill-fitting clothes you've stripped off and put in the fire. Now you're dressed in a new wardrobe. Every item of your new way of life is custom-made by the Creator, with his label on it. All the old fashions are now obsolete. Words like Jewish and non-Jewish, religious and irreligious, insider and outsider, uncivilized and uncouth, slave and free, mean nothing. From now on everyone is defined by Christ, everyone is included in Christ.

MESSAGE FOR KIDS-

PRAYER FOR FAMILIES

HYMN SING

GOSPEL READING LUKE 12:13-21 (MSG)

(10:38)

Someone out of the crowd said, "Teacher, order my brother to give me a fair share of the family inheritance." He replied, "Mister, what makes you think it's any of my business to be a judge or mediator for you?" Speaking to the people, he went on, "Take care! Protect yourself against the least bit of greed. Life is not defined by what you have, even when you have a lot."

Then Jesus told them this story: "The farm of a certain rich man produced a terrific crop. He talked to himself: 'What can I do? My barn isn't big enough for this harvest.' Then he said, 'Here's what I'll do: I'll tear down my barns and build bigger ones. Then I'll

gather in all my grain and goods, and I'll say to myself, Self, you've done well! You've got it made and can now retire. Take it easy and have the time of your life!' Just then God showed up and said, 'Fool! Tonight you die. And your barnful of goods—who gets it?'

“That’s what happens when you fill your barn with Self and not with God.”



MESSAGE: OUR OVER-STUFFED LIFE (MAKING ROOM FOR WHAT MATTERS MOST)

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

5. Lighten our darkness
Breathe on this flame
Until Your justice
Burns brightly again

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

Until the nations
Learn of Your ways
Seek Your salvation
And bring You their praise

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

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

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Happy birthday to Lisa Englebert (8/2) and Michele Hume (8/4).

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

(10:58)

Kristen, recovering from fall. George stress. Passing of Nancy Wand. Christa Vaughn Myers in passing of her father. The Bakley family is mourning the 7/17 passing of Damien. Paul Haggy. Pam Smith and Tara Garton's mission trip to Alabama. Lenore aches and pains; Michael McPherson. Eileen Word. Janice Olszewski. June Panos. Jim Cicchitti. Ed Slim. Peggy. Kathy Tomlin. Steve Johnson. Rosemary. Wally. Roger. Marie.

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: *TAKE MY LIFE AND LET IT BE (HENDON)* #391

1

Take my life and let it be
Consecrated Lord to Thee.
Take my moments and my days;
Let them flow in ceaseless praise,
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

2

Take my hands, and let them move
At the impulse of Thy love.
Take my feet, and let them be
Swift and beautiful for Thee,
Swift and beautiful for Thee.

3

Take my voice and let me sing
Always only for my King
Take my lips and let them be
Filled with messages from Thee
Filled with messages from Thee.

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. *God of the Poor* - Graham Kendrick: CCLI Song #1236690
3. *Gloria* Public Domain
4. *Doxology* - CCLI Song #4255578
5. *Take My Life and Let it Be*: Frances Ridley Havergal and Henri Abraham Cesar Malan; CCLI Song # 1390