



Let Us Worship God!

September 4, 2022 — 10:30 AM

Thirteenth 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: Max Moran.



WELCOME! HAPPY LABOR DAY WEEKEND!

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



WORSHIP YOUR WAY!

Join us in-person or online: www.coldspringworship.com.

WE GATHER AT THE LORD'S TABLE

Celebrate at Jesus' table this week and be spiritually nourished. Our in-person worshippers will be provided pre-packaged communion cups, which online worshippers may request by contacting the office. Or, choose the bread you prefer. You may use grape juice or wine or water for the cup, remembering that Christ is the Living Water.



MESSAGE PREVIEW

Where do you see faith at work? This Labor Day weekend we will celebrate God's work in our lives that we most clearly realize when we put our faith in Jesus Christ to work.

"For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do" (Ephesians 2:10).

We work on lots of projects, big and small. Think about your last project. How did it turn out? Sometimes, the project may not have turned out the way we expected! Ordinary setbacks, unanticipated obstacles, or our inactions or distractions may leave the task incomplete. We want to stay with it. Sometimes we can't or won't. What do we do? How can we build things that matter?

In this week's message from Luke 14:25-33 titled, Before You Build, we hear Jesus set some pretty high expectations for those who follow him. There is no discount discipleship. No coupons to reduce our costs. When Jesus invited others to follow, it meant following in his footsteps. What did Jesus mean when he said to love him more than our family? (Yes, he said that. But it doesn't mean what you may at first think.) Jesus says our possessions (time, energy, attention, health, finances) must never get in our way. What prompted Jesus to use the metaphor of a builder who couldn't finish the project or a king estimating his chances of winning a battle?

What does it cost us to follow Jesus? The short answer is everything! But the good news is that Jesus has paid the cost, and we can be ready to complete God's tasks. Our goals may not be as audacious as Nehemiah's or as fantastic as the Apostle Paul's, but what we do matters because we matter. Let's get it done because when Jesus starts something, you can be sure he will finish it! That includes us, too. What God began in your spiritual core, your heart, God will keep at it until we reach our full potential in Christ. Find out how you can build your life by taking these three steps of faith at Cold Spring Church this week:

- Secure the foundation
- Build the future
- Stick to the plan

"For I am confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus" (Philippians 1:6).

MUSIC PREVIEW

This week we will enjoy a hymn solo for Labor Day by Beverly Mate with Jayne McDonough titled, O God Our Creator, You Work Every Day. Our first hymn is an upbeat piece by 7eventh Time Down titled *I Have Decided*. Our worship will reinforce our theme of making good decisions and not turning back when Jesus calls us forward. We close worship with *Lord of All Hopefulness* that celebrates God's work in our lives throughout each day.

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) (10:32)

The One who commands the clouds, calls
us to be poured out for others.

**We can, by faith, be the waters of
peace which extinguish the fires
of hatred.**

The One who creates mercy and hope,
longs for a world of fair play and grace.

**We can, by faith, let
righteousness and justice be our
constant companions.**

The One who is with us in every moment
composes a love-song for our hearts.

**We can, by faith, sing songs of
God's love to everyone we meet.**

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.

OLD TESTAMENT READING- NEHEMIAH 2:11-8 (MSG)

And so I arrived in Jerusalem. After I had been there three days, I got up in the middle of the night, I and a few men who were with me. I hadn't told anyone what my God had put in my heart to do for Jerusalem. The only animal with us was the one I was riding.

Under cover of night I went past the Valley Gate toward the Dragon's Fountain to the Dung Gate looking over the walls of Jerusalem, which had been broken through and whose gates had been burned up. I then crossed to the Fountain Gate and headed for the King's Pool but there wasn't enough room for the donkey I was riding to get through. So I went up the valley in the dark continuing my inspection of the wall. I came back in through the Valley Gate. The

local officials had no idea where I'd gone or what I was doing—I hadn't breathed a word to the Jews, priests, nobles, local officials, or anyone else who would be working on the job.

Then I gave them my report: "Face it: we're in a bad way here. Jerusalem is a wreck; its gates are burned up. Come—let's build the wall of Jerusalem and not live with this disgrace any longer." I told them how God was supporting me and how the king was backing me up.

They said, "We're with you. Let's get started." They rolled up their sleeves, ready for the good work.

MESSAGE FOR KIDS- *GOTTA PLAN?*

PRAYER FOR FAMILIES

MUSIC- *O GOD OUR CREATOR, YOU WORK*

***EVERYDAY* - BEVERLY MATE**

(10:38)

GOSPEL READING: LUKE 14:25-33 (MSG)

One day when large groups of people were walking along with him, Jesus turned and told them, “Anyone who comes to me but refuses to let go of father, mother, spouse, children, brothers, sisters—yes, even one’s own self!—can’t be my disciple. Anyone who won’t shoulder his own cross and follow behind me can’t be my disciple.

“Is there anyone here who, planning to build a new house, doesn’t first sit down and figure the cost so you’ll know if you can complete it? If you only get the foundation laid and then run out of money, you’re going to look pretty foolish.

Everyone passing by will poke fun at you: ‘He started something he couldn’t finish.’

“Or can you imagine a king going into battle against another king without first deciding whether it is possible with his ten thousand troops to face the twenty thousand troops of the other? And if he decides he can’t, won’t he send an emissary and work out a truce?

“Simply put, if you’re not willing to take what is dearest to you, whether plans or people, and kiss it good-bye, you can’t be my disciple.



MESSAGE- *BEFORE YOU BUILD*

PRAYER AND SILENT REFLECTION

MUSIC VIDEO: *I HAVE DECIDED*

In a world that stands divided
I have decided
In a world that stands divided
I have decided

With my hands and my feet
With my heart and my voice
I will follow Jesus
With my life and my song
I have made this choice
I will follow Jesus

In a world that stands divided
I have decided, yeah
In a world that stands divided
I have decided

With my hands and my feet
With my heart and my voice
I will follow Jesus
With my life and my song

I have made this choice
I will follow Jesus

No, no turning back
No turning back (repeats 4X)

In a world that stands divided
Let the church stand united
If you're with me, let me here you say
I have decided

With my hands and my feet
With my heart and my voice
I will follow Jesus
With my life and my song
I have made this my choice
I will follow Jesus

No, no turning back
No turning back (repeats 8X)

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)

Creating God, we are so attached to our possessions, we have trouble sharing them. We are so connected to our pleasures that we cannot feel the pain of those around us. We are so stuck on ourselves, we cannot sense our souls slipping away into the shadows.

**May we now feel your healing touch.
Rebuild us, redeem us, renew us, so we
may take up our crosses and follow our
Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. 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) (1\0:56)

**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 by visiting www.coldspringchurch.com/giving.

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

We celebrate and give thanks to God for Beverly Mate (9/4), Dianne Riehl (9/4), Dennis McDonough (9/10), Barbara Cain (9/11), and Ralph DiLossi (9/11) on their birthday!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

Family of Stanley (Stosh) Karwoski (55) who passed on last week. Family of Perry Lucas, ALS. Rob Riehl, pneumonia, COVID-19. Bob Fite recovering from hip replacement. Marilyn Meikle recovering from knee replacement, Eileen and David Word. Lorraine, cancer. Kim recovering from a fall. Jeff recovering needing treatment in U.S. Paula recovering from a fall. Kentucky flood victims. Ronald Walker,

illness. Glenn & Marie with heart issues.
Denise's mom who's health is declining.
Bonekemper family on the passing of Tom.
Kristen, recovering from a fall. George,
relief from stress. Carl, Kate, Candy
(cancer). Paul Haggy. Janice Olszewski.
June Panos. Jim Cicchitti. Ed Slim. Peggy.

We mourn 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.**

APOSTLES CREED (UNISON)

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,**

**And in Jesus Christ his only Son our
Lord; who was conceived by the Holy
Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered
under Pontius Pilate, was crucified,
dead, and buried; he descended into
hell; the third day he rose again from the
dead; he ascended into heaven, and
sitteth on the right hand of God the
Father Almighty; from thence he shall
come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy
catholic Church; the communion of
saints; the forgiveness of sins; the
resurrection of the body; and the life
everlasting. Amen.**

INVITATION TO ALL: COME TO THE LORD'S TABLE THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (RESPONSIVELY)

The Lord be with you!

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We join our voices with all creation and all ages to proclaim the glory of your name: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Let us prepare to celebrate the meal.

COMMUNION (USE PRE-PACKAGED CUPS)

MUSIC (VIDEO): *BLESSED JESUS, LIVING BREAD*

Blessed Jesus, living Bread,
By your self our souls are fed:
Give us all the eyes to see
All that you were sent to be.

"What is it?" old Israel cried,
Ate it, and was satisfied.
Now the same prolific hand
Feeds them in a barren land.
Not by this world's bread alone
Can our life become full-grown,
But by every word that goes
From the mouth of God one grows.

On that table made of wood
Lies our sacramental food:

"Take and eat and live" you call,
"Here is life for each and all!"
Ah, what welcome words you speak:
Comfort to revive the weak,
God's own wisdom, hope, and cheer
Starving souls are blest to hear.

Word incarnate, Word divine,
Word that comes in bread and wine:
Love that we have come to know:
Lord, to whom else shall we go?

We are in that crowd you fed
With your blest, abundant Bread.
Moved by every human care
Bless the Bread we eat and share.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

FRESH EXPRESSION OF COMMUNITY

(11:24)

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

MUSIC: *LORD OF ALL HOPEFULNESS*

Verse 1

Lord of all hopefulness Lord of all joy
Whose trust ever child-like
No cares could destroy
Be there at our waking
And give us we pray
Your bliss in our hearts Lord
At the break of the day

Verse 2

Lord of all eagerness Lord of all faith
Whose strong hands were skilled
At the plane and the lathe
Be there at our labors
And give us we pray
Your strength in our hearts Lord
At the noon of the day

Lord of all kindness Lord of all grace
Your hands swift to welcome
Your arms to embrace
Be there at our homing
And give us we pray
Your love in our hearts Lord
At the eve of the day

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 Our Creator, You Work Every Day.*
text Carolyn Winfrey Gillette; music-
Welsh folk melody: CCLI Song #124466
3. *I Have Decided: Seventh Time Down:*
CCLI song #7000701
4. *Gloria* Public Domain
5. *Doxology* - CCLI Song #4255578
6. *Blessed Jesus, Living Bread* Text:
Jaroslav Vajda, Tune: Traditional, Setting:
Koine Music 2014.
7. *Lord of All Hopefulness:* text-Jan
Struther; tune-Slane, Irish Ballad, harm.
David Evans: CCLI Song #5579875