



Let Us Worship God!



September 11, 2022—10:30 AM

Fourteenth 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. Mask wearing is encouraged but optional.

WORSHIP YOUR WAY!

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

MESSAGE PREVIEW

Happy birthday, football! Football is celebrating the 100th anniversary of the National Football League (NFL) today. Football is any game where you kick a ball with your foot on a linear field of play, including soccer and rugby. The goal is to get the ball to your opponent's end zone for a touchdown. The NFL generated 15.26 billion dollars in revenue in 2019 and is the most profitable sports league in the United States. Total attendance at NFL games reached a record 18.29 million fans across the regular season in 2021. Increasingly football is beating out baseball as America's favorite sport. This week football may also become your favorite metaphor for our spiritual life in Christ!



Living rooms and stadiums will erupt with shouts and cheers for a touchdown. But like watching the football move up and down the field, the forces of good and evil can be seen to compete. Sin can seem on the offense, putting the most points on the scoreboard. Too infrequently, though, spiritual goodness appears to be winning. The Apostle Paul spoke about the personal struggle of wanting to do good (Romans 7:18-19). Paul told Timothy about his spiritual progress as he learned to grow and mature, make better choices, living his best life in Christ (1 Timothy 1:12-17).

In our Gospel reading from Luke 15, we celebrate when God's goodness wins. In the story about the lost sheep, Jesus wants us to realize that more important than a football crossing into the end zone is when even one person responds in faith to Jesus. With Jesus, a touchdown is an expression of repentance, and a pattern of repentance and faith, that elicits huge cheers in heaven! There is joy in the presence of the angels when one sinner repents, then for the ninth-nine righteous who need no repentance (Luke 15). The faith community can be a place of celebration as we discover *The Gridiron Gospel* and pick up the ball of faith this week at Cold Spring Church.

MUSIC PREVIEW

We begin with our countdown to worship video that sets the theme for our experience today. God welcomes all of us, right now, without exception! Barbara Cain will sing *I Could Never Outlove the Lord*, accompanied by Jayne McDonough. Following the message we will be moved by an energetic music lyric video, *Chief of Sinners Though I Be*, recalling our New Testament Reading where the Apostle Paul uses that phrase to describe himself and the astonishing good news that by God's grace he celebrates all that Christ is doing for him. We will put our faith into action singing our sending hymn, *O For a World*. Everything longed for in the lyrics is a reminder of how far our present world is from what God wants. Yet this is not just wishful thinking; it is a call to action, a summons to participate in the fulfillment of God's desire for all earth's people to live in radical *shalom* because Christ lives in and through us.

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) BARBARA CAIN (10:32)

God is always searching for us whenever we feel lost.

**God calls us whenever we
wander from the path.**

God lifts up the least, the lonely, and all who long for home.

**We celebrate and rejoice in God's
never failing love and care for us.**

Let us worship God together.

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- 1 TIMOTHY 1:12-17 (NIV)

I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength, that he considered me trustworthy, appointing me to his service. Even though I was once a blasphemer and a persecutor and a violent man, I was shown mercy because I acted in ignorance and unbelief. The grace of our Lord was poured out on me abundantly, along with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the worst. But for that very reason I was shown mercy so that in me, the chief of sinners, Christ Jesus might display his immense patience as an example for those who would believe in him and receive eternal life. Now to the King eternal, immortal,

invisible, the only God, be honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

**MESSAGE FOR KIDS-
PRAYER FOR FAMILIES**

MUSIC- I COULD NEVER OUTLOVE THE LORD-

BARBARA GAIN

(10:38)

GOSPEL READING: LUKE 15:1-7 (MSG)

By this time a lot of men and women of questionable reputation were hanging around Jesus, listening intently. The Pharisees and religion scholars were not pleased, not at all pleased. They growled, “He takes in sinners and eats meals with them, treating them like old friends.” Their grumbling triggered this story.

“Suppose one of you had a hundred sheep and lost one. Wouldn’t you leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the lost one until you found it? When found, you can be sure you would put it across your shoulders, rejoicing, and when you got home call in your friends and neighbors, saying, ‘Celebrate with me! I’ve

found my lost sheep!’ Count on it—there’s more joy in heaven over one sinner’s rescued life than over ninety-nine good people in no need of rescue.



MESSAGE- *THE GRIDIRON GOSPEL: FROM HUDDLE TO CELEBRATION!*
PRAYER AND SILENT REFLECTION

MUSIC VIDEO: CHIEF OF SINNERS THOUGH I BE

Chief of sinners though I be
Jesus shed His blood for me
Died that I might live on high
Lives that I might never die
As the branch is to the vine
I am His and He is mine

Oh the height of Jesus' love
Higher than the heavens above
Deeper than the depths of sea
Lasting as eternity
Love that found me wondrous
thought
Found me when I sought Him not

Only Jesus can impart
Balm to heal the wounded heart

Peace that flows from sin forgiven
Joy that lifts the soul to heaven
Faith and hope to walk with God
In the way the encoch trod

Chief of sinners though I be
Christ is all in all to me
All my wants to Him are known
All my sorrows are His own
He sustains the hidden life
Safe with Him from earthly strife

O my Savior help afford
By your Spirit and your word
When my wayward heart would stray
Keep me in the narrow way
Grace in time of need supply
While I live and when I die

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)

How foolish, Searching God, how foolish we are! Which of us has not hurt someone this week? Which of us has not spoken or thought ill of another? Which of us has failed to do good when given the chance? Which of us? All of us and each of us!

Forgive us, and restore us to your

goodness. Then, send us forth to search for all who sit in the shadowed corners of our world, yearning for someone to come and find them, even as Jesus came to find us. 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

CHANCEL FLOWERS

Given to the glory of God in celebration of the 54th wedding anniversary of Bob and Linda Hall.

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

We celebrate and give thanks to God for Barbara Cain (9/11) and Ralph DiLossi (9/11) on their birthdays. Happy anniversary to Bob and Linda Hall (9/14) and Buddy and Susan DeHart (9/15).

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

9/11 remembrance. Let's pray for United Methodist Churches that are in a discernment period about affiliation. Family of Perry Lucas, ALS. Rob Riehl, pneumonia, COVID-19. Bob Fite recovering

from a hip replacement. Marilyn Meikle recovering from a knee replacement, Eileen and David Word. Lorraine, cancer. Kim recovering from a fall, no surgery appears to be needed! Jeff recovering needing treatment in U.S. Paula recovering from a fall. Flood victims. Ronald Walker, illness. Glenn & Marie with heart issues. Denise's mom who's health is declining. Family of Stanley (Stosh) Karwoski (55) who passed. 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.

FRESH EXPRESSION OF COMMUNITY

(11:24)

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

MUSIC: O FOR A WORLD #386

O for a world where everyone respects each other's ways,
where love is lived and all is done with justice and with praise.

O for a world where goods are shared and misery relieved,
where truth is spoken, children spared, equality achieved.

The poor are rich, the weak are strong,
the foolish ones are wise.
Tell all who mourn, outcasts belong,
who perishes will rise.

O for a world preparing for
God's glorious reign of peace,
where time and tears will be no more,
and all but love will cease.

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. *I Could Never Outlove the Lord*: William J. & Gloria Gaither; CCLI song #15094
3. *Chief of Sinners Though I Be*: William McComb, arr. Koine Music; CCLI song #6283744
4. *Gloria* Public Domain
5. *Doxology* - CCLI Song #4255578
6. *O for a World*: text:Miriam Winter, tune:Lowell Mason