



Let Us Worship God!



September 18, 2022—10:30 AM

Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost

A Hybrid Worship Experience In-Person and Online

Today's worship team—Music Director: Jayne McDonough; Worship Leader: Rev. Larry Moyer
Message: Rev. Dr. Kevin Yoho; Worship Production: Norris Clark.

WELCOME! WORSHIP YOUR WAY!

So glad you're here today! Enjoy worship with your neighbors and be spiritually energized. Mask wearing is optional. Join us in-person in our beautiful, historic Red Brick Church or online: www.coldspringworship.com.

MESSAGE PREVIEW

Taking care of ourselves is good advice. Cold Spring Presbyterian Church provides resources for you to experience abundant life through Christ. All of us invest a great deal of our time, energy, and attention in accomplishing our whole-life wellness, which we can call our standard of living. The Bible speaks a lot about our standard of living, the standards that show our love for God and others, and how we measure the standard of living we achieve. We also pay attention to all aspects of our life, mind, body, and spirit. Our time, energy, and talents are exchangeable for the resources we need to maintain or improve our standard of living.

This week, an overlooked and misunderstood parable of Jesus about a business manager will show us how his standard of living flows out of his standard of giving. (Fun Fact: Did you know that 38 parables deal directly with money? Yes! And in the Bible, more than 2,000 verses are about money and possessions!)

In our Gospel reading from Luke 16, we may discover a redeeming quality in a dishonest manager as we spend, save, and give, each according to our unique life experiences.

MUSIC PREVIEW

Rev. Larry Moyer will sing, *Just a Little Talk with Jesus*, written by Rev. Cleavant Derricks, pastor of a small African-American church in Alabama. He wrote the song during the Great Depression. Money was already tight during these difficult times, but his church was in terrible need of new hymnals. Rev. Derricks found a publisher, Stamps-Baxter, and contacted them. He stated he needed hymnals and did not have the money to purchase them while offering a bargain. Would the publisher accept his songs to provide hymnals for his church? The publisher bought just two of his songs. Rev. Derricks is said to have received fifty hymnals in exchange for the rights to his music. This song became one of the best-loved southern gospel songs within a few years.

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*. It's theme reflects our reading from Amos about our responsibility to not only care for our neighbors, but to work for justice.

We will conclude worship singing *God Whose Giving Knows No Ending*. The musical setting grounds these inspiring words, an early American shape-note tune named for a Baptist church in Harris County, Georgia. The Hymn Society of America received more than 450 submissions searching for a new hymn about whole-life stewardship, and *God Whose Giving Knows No Ending* was their favorite.

COUNTDOWN TO FALL WORSHIP

GREETING: PASTOR KEVIN (10:24)

PRELUDE: JAYNE MCDONOUGH (10:27)

WELCOME: PASTOR KEVIN (10:30)

CALL TO WORSHIP (RESPONSIVELY) REV LARRY MOYER (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.

OLD TESTAMENT READING- AMOS 8:4-8 (MSG)

Listen to this, you who walk all over the weak, you who treat poor people as less than nothing, who say, “When’s my next paycheck coming so I can go out and live it up? How long till the weekend when I can go out and have a good time?” Who give little and take much, and never do an honest day’s work.

You exploit the poor, using them—and then, when they’re used up, you discard them. God swears against the arrogance of Jacob: “I’m keeping track of their every last sin.” God’s oath will shake earth’s foundations, dissolve the whole world into tears. God’s oath will sweep in like a river that rises, flooding houses and lands, and then recedes, leaving behind a sea of mud.

MESSAGE FOR KIDS-

PRAYER FOR FAMILIES

MUSIC- *JUST A LITTLE TALK WITH JESUS*

REV. LARRY MOYER

(10:38)

GOSPEL READING: LUKE 16:1-13 (MSG)

Jesus said to his disciples, “There was once a rich man who had a manager. He got reports that the manager had been taking advantage of his position by running up huge personal expenses. So he called him in and said, ‘What’s this I hear about you? You’re fired. And I want a complete audit of your books.’

“The manager said to himself, ‘What am I going to do? I’ve lost my job as manager. I’m not strong enough for a laboring job, and I’m too proud to beg. . . . Ah, I’ve got a plan. Here’s what I’ll do . . . then when I’m turned out into the street, people will take me into their houses.’

“Then he went at it. One after another, he called in the people who were in debt to his master. He said to the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’

“He replied, ‘A hundred jugs of olive oil.’
“The manager said, ‘Here, take your bill, sit down here—quick now—write fifty.’
“To the next he said, ‘And you, what do you owe?’
“He answered, ‘A hundred sacks of wheat.’
“He said, ‘Take your bill, write in eighty.’
“Now here’s a surprise: The master praised the crooked manager! And why? Because he knew how to look after himself.

Streetwise people are smarter in this regard than law-abiding citizens. They are on constant alert, looking for angles, surviving by their wits. I want you to be smart in the same way—but for what is right—using every adversity to stimulate you to creative survival, to concentrate your attention on the bare essentials, so you’ll live, really live, and not complacently just get by on good behavior.”

Jesus went on to make these comments:
If you’re honest in small things,

you'll be honest in big things;
If you're a crook in small things,
you'll be a crook in big things.
If you're not honest in small jobs,
who will put you in charge of the store?
No worker can serve two bosses:
He'll either hate the first and love the
second or adore the first and despise the
second.
You can't serve both God and the Bank.

standard of
giving
standard of living

Luke 16:1-13

MESSAGE- *STANDARD OF GIVING. STANDARD OF LIVING.*

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
Chorus

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
Chorus

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
Chorus

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
Chorus X2

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

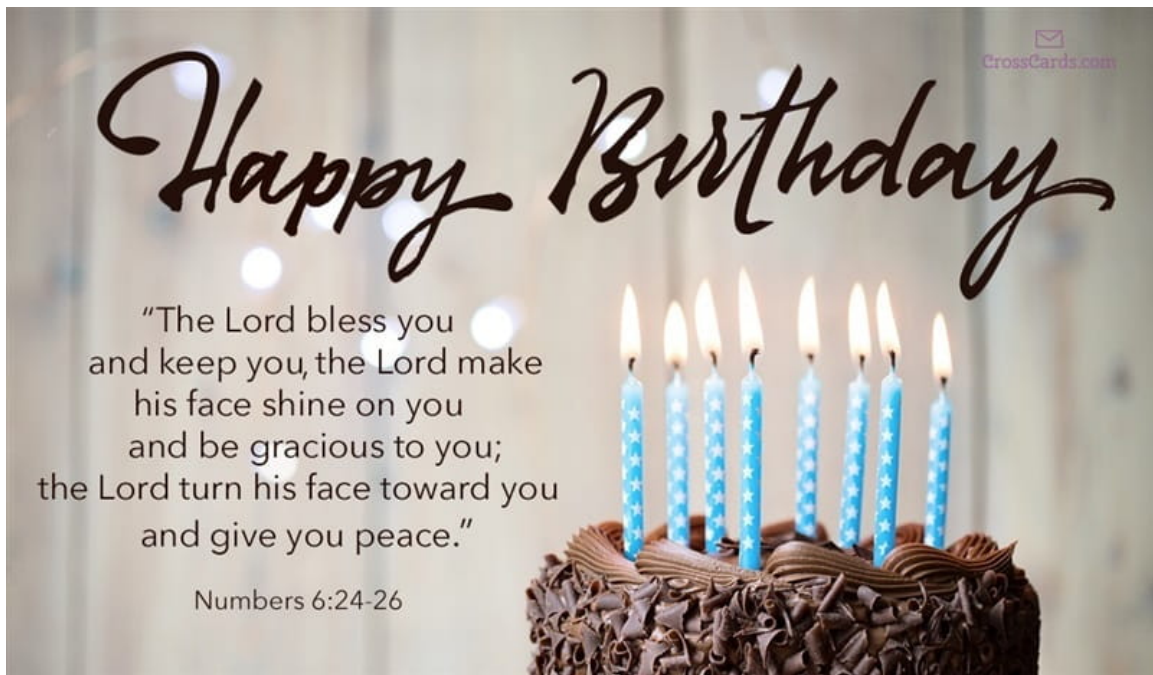
(5) (10:58)

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 65th wedding anniversary of Dale and Jonna Myers.



BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

We celebrate and give thanks to God for Marcus DiLossi (9/18), Lenore Bowne (9/20), and Tom Imperato (9/23) on their birthdays. Happy anniversary to Dale and Jonna Myers (9/22)!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

Perry Lucas, ALS. 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! Victims of severe weather. The Cicchitti family in the passing of Jim.

Ronald Walker, illness. Glenn & Marie with heart issues. Denise's mom who's health is declining. Kristen, recovering from a fall. George, relief from stress. Carl, Kate, Candy (cancer). Paul Haggy. Janice Olszewski. June Panos. 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: GOD WHOSE GIVING KNOWS NO ENDING

Verse 1

God whose giving knows no ending
From Your rich and endless store
Nature's wonder Jesus' wisdom
Costly cross grave's shattered door
Gifted by You we turn to You
Offering up ourselves in praise
Thankful song shall rise forever
Gracious donor of our days

Verse 2

Skills and time are ours for pressing
Toward the goals of Christ Your Son
All at peace in health and freedom
Races joined the church made one
Now direct our daily labor
Lest we strive for self alone
Born with talents make us servants
Fit to answer at Your throne

Verse 3

Treasure too You have entrusted
Gain through powers Your grace conferred
Ours to use for home and kindred
And to spread the gospel word
Open wide our hands in sharing
As we heed Christ's ageless call
Healing teaching and reclaiming
Serving You by loving all

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. *Just a Little Talk With Jesus: Cleavant Derricks*; CCLI song #13986
3. *God of the Poor - Graham Kendrick: CCLI Song #1236690*
4. *Gloria* Public Domain
5. *Doxology* - CCLI Song #4255578
6. *God Who's Giving Knows No Ending:*
Text: Robert Lansing Edward's,
Music: The Sacred Harp: CCLI song #. 5356074