



Let Us Worship God!



September 25, 2022—10:30 AM

Sixteenth 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! 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

As a faith community, we transform lives as we fulfill our mission to make greater Cape May a better place in the name of Jesus Christ. We are delighted that more and more of us are returning to outdoor activities and in-person worship. (Remember that a great way to support our mission is to invite someone to worship with you!)

As we improve our spiritual energy, we demonstrate God's welcoming love to our entire community because nobody wants to be a Scrooge! We don't even want to be around those who act like the protagonist from Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol*. But we know that more than just individuals can ignore, disrespect, mistreat, and abuse others. Communities, organizations, groups, and nations can create or tolerate Scrooge-like behaviors and policies that adversely affect the least and the lost. Our mission is to work together to promote positive, trusting interpersonal relationships that improve hopefulness and reduce feelings of isolation. Healthy communities of every kind boost health, happiness, and longevity.



God sent Jesus to close gaps between our Creator and us, between individuals, to heal the divides of religion, gender, politics, and wealth. We can and must tangibly reveal our unity in Christ, here and now. The apostle Paul wrote, "When we have the opportunity to help anyone, we should do it" (Galatians 6:10a). In this week's message from Luke 16, *The Case of the Invisible Neighbors*, we will hear Jesus' story about a rich man who neglected his neighbor. More than a morality tale, we will consider how the radical nature of Jesus' mission inspired Charles Dickens's *A Christmas Carol*. Who will you be inspired to notice? Even Scrooge was inspired to change and treat others differently! All this and more this week at Cold Spring Church.

MUSIC PREVIEW

Our music video is Chris Tomlinson's *Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)*. After a chance encounter on a plane, a producer asked Chris to write music for

his upcoming *Amazing Grace* movie. The movie is about William Wilberforce's work to abolish slavery in Europe. He wrote a chorus, *My Chains Are Gone*, to the well-loved traditional hymn. Chris says he never thought his version would be so popular in churches worldwide. (You can stream *Amazing Grace* (2006) starring Albert Finney, Benedict Cumberbatch, and Toby Jones on Apple TV and Prime Video.)

We close today with a Carolyn Gillette hymn, *Outside My Gate, Outside My Door*, inspired by Jesus' story of Lazarus on was dropped outside the rich man's gate (Luke 16:19-31).

COUNTDOWN TO FALL 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 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 6:6-19 (MSG)

A devout life does bring wealth, but it's the rich simplicity of being yourself before God.

Since we entered the world penniless and will leave it penniless, if we have bread on the table and shoes on our feet, that's enough.

But if it's only money these leaders are after, they'll self-destruct in no time. Lust for money brings trouble and nothing but trouble. Going down that path, some lose their footing in the faith completely and live to regret it bitterly ever after.

But you, Timothy, man of God: Run for your life from all this. Pursue a righteous life—a life of wonder, faith, love, steadiness, courtesy. Run hard and fast in the faith. Seize the eternal life, the life you were called to, the life you so fervently embraced in the presence of so many

witnesses.

I'm charging you before the life-giving God and before Christ, who took his stand before Pontius Pilate and didn't give an inch: Keep this command to the letter, and don't slack off. Our Master, Jesus Christ, is on his way. He'll show up right on time, his arrival guaranteed by the Blessed and Undisputed Ruler, High King, High God. He's the only one death can't touch, his light so bright no one can get close. He's never been seen by human eyes—human eyes can't take him in! Honor to him, and eternal rule! Oh, yes.

Tell those rich in this world's wealth to quit being so full of themselves and so obsessed with money, which is here today and gone tomorrow. Tell them to go after God, who piles on all the riches we could ever manage—to do good, to be rich in helping others, to be extravagantly generous. If they do that, they'll build a treasury that will last, gaining life that is truly life.

MESSAGE FOR KIDS- *YOUR KINDNESS + FUTURE BANK*

PRAYER FOR FAMILIES

(10:38)

GOSPEL READING: LUKE 16:19-30 (MSG)

“There once was a rich man, expensively dressed in the latest purple fashions, wasting his days in conspicuous consumption. A poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, had been dumped on his doorstep by the gate. All he lived for was to get a meal from scraps off the rich man’s table. His best friends were the dogs who came and licked his sores.

“Then this poor man died, and was taken up by the angels to the lap of Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In hell and in torment, he looked up and saw Abraham in the distance and Lazarus in his lap. He called out, ‘Father Abraham, mercy! Have mercy! Send Lazarus to dip his finger in water to cool my tongue. I’m in agony in this fire.’

“But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that in your lifetime you got the good things and Lazarus the bad things. It’s not like that here. Here he’s consoled and you’re

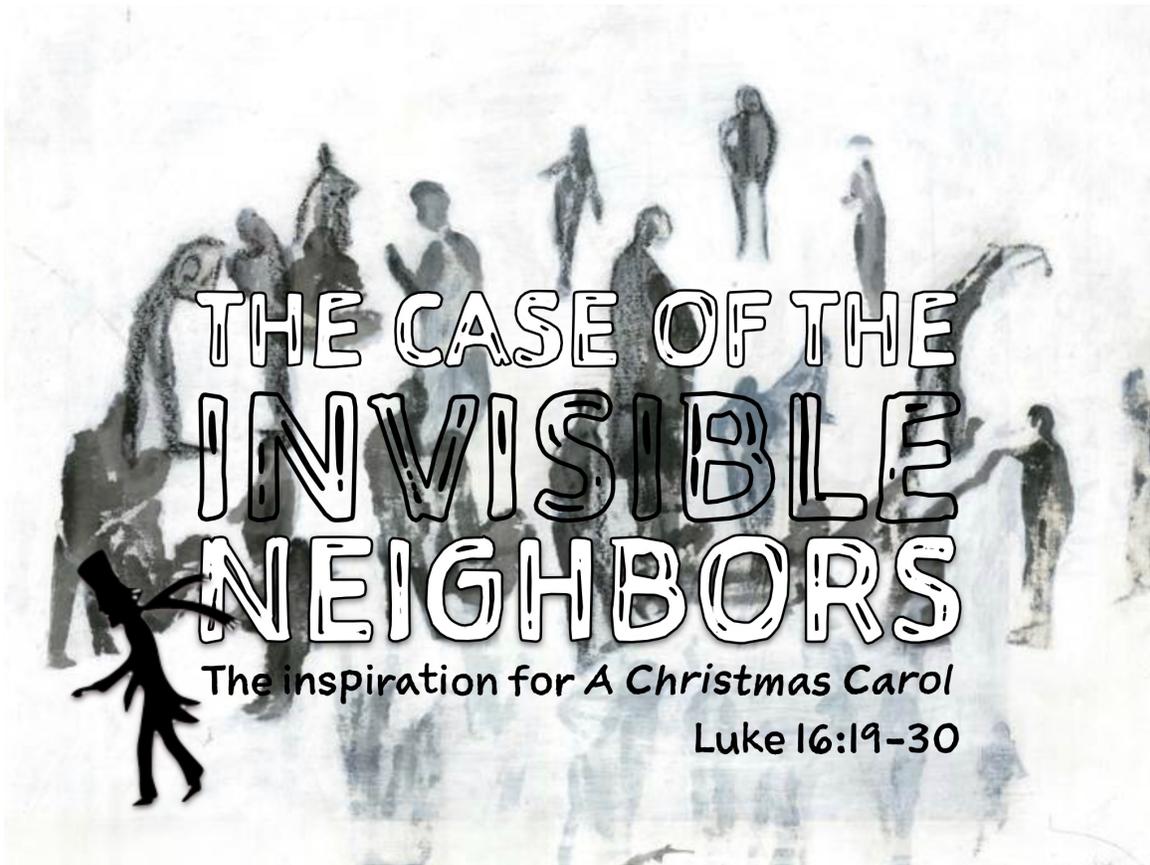
tormented. Besides, in all these matters there is a huge chasm set between us so that no one can go from us to you even if he wanted to, nor can anyone cross over from you to us.’

“The rich man said, ‘Then let me ask you, Father: Send him to the house of my father where I have five brothers, so he can tell them the score and warn them so they won’t end up here in this place of torment.’

“Abraham answered, ‘They have Moses and the Prophets to tell them the score. Let them listen to them.’

“‘I know, Father Abraham,’ he said, ‘but they’re not listening. If someone came back to them from the dead, they would change their ways.’

“Abraham replied, ‘If they won’t listen to Moses and the Prophets, they’re not going to be convinced by someone who rises from the dead.’”



MESSAGE-*THE CASE OF THE INVISIBLE NEIGHBORS*⁶

PRAYER AND SILENT REFLECTION

MUSIC (VIDEO LYRICS): AMAZING GRACE, (MY CHAINS ARE GONE)

Amazing grace how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost but now I'm found
Was blind but now I see

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed

My chains are gone I've been set free
My God my Savior has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy rains
Unending love amazing grace

The Lord has promised good to me
His word my hope secures
He will my shield and portion be

As long as life endures

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow
The sun forbear to shine
But God who called me here below
Will be forever mine
Will be forever mine
You are forever mine

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My chains are gone I've been set free
My God my Savior has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy rains
Unending love amazing grace (3X)

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)

We need to confess, God of Abraham and Lazarus, how often we are not content with the simple gifts and life you offer. We can become insensitive to those who appear invisible to us and go unnoticed. Encouraged by the world to accumulate more, we may miss the chance to share your goodness and godliness. Renew our spiritual energy to take notice and pursue the faith, the love, the gentleness through 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

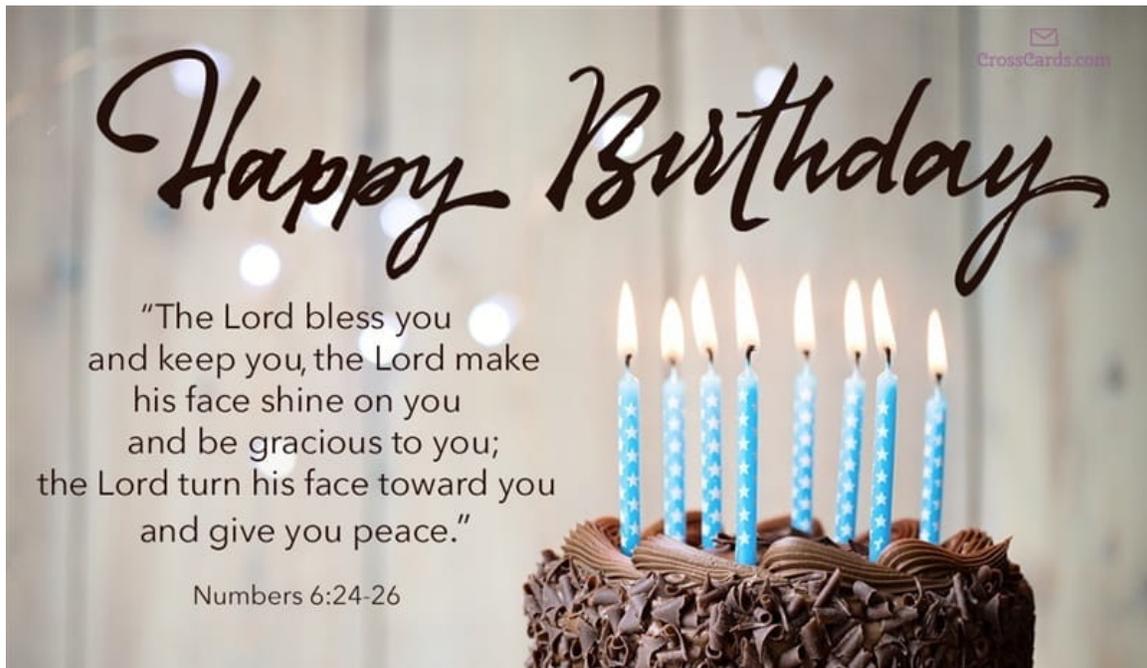
(5) (10:58)

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

CHANCEL FLOWERS

Our beautiful flowers are given to the glory of God from Elaine Jordan in memory of her mom, Margaret Jordan, on her birthday.



BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

A very special 95th birthday blessing to Jack MacVeigh today!

We also celebrate and give thanks to God for **Norris Clark** (9/24), and to **Joanne Miller** on 9/28.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

Congratulations to Pastor Kevin who celebrated 40 years of service as a Minister of Word and Sacrament on September 21.

Congratulations to James and Amanda Dodd and James, Jr. in the birth of Everly Ann Dodd on September 15!

Dale and Jonna Myers celebrate the birth of their great-grandchild child Maarian Perry Lucas last week!

Let's pray for continued improvement for Beverly Mate and Dennis and Jayne McDonough recovering from COVID. Dr. Regina Olasin has multiple myeloma. Pray for the safety and return of little Dolce Alvarez of Bridgeton who went missing on September 16, 2019. Pray for God's peace and comfort for the family of Elaine's neighbor June who passed last week. Continue to pray for Bob Fite recovering from a hip replacement. Eileen and David Word. Lorraine, cancer. Kim recovering from a fall. Victims of severe weather. 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.

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: OUTSIDE MY GATE, OUTSIDE MY DOOR

Outside my gate, outside my door,
is someone there who's lost or poor?
Is someone there I do not see —
that I walk by — who has a need?

Is there a child who longs for care?
An older friend who needs a prayer?
Someone who seeks a helping hand?
A refugee new to this land?

Outside our church, is someone near
who cries in pain, who lives in fear?
Is someone close who has no way
to buy the food she needs this day?

Some gates are made of wood or stone,
And some are made of sin alone.
Some doors are made of greed and pride;
they also keep the poor outside.

As we look out, Christ, may we see
our common, shared humanity.
May we kneel down and serve you more
outside our gate, outside our door.

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. *Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone):*
Chris Tomlin, John Newton, Louie Giglio;
CCLI#476815
3. *Gloria* Public Domain
4. *Doxology* - CCLI Song #4255578
5. *Outside My Gate, Outside My Door:*
lyrics-Carolyn Wynfrey Gillette; tune:
traditional English tune.
6. The artwork for this week's message is
based on the *Invisible Neighbours*
Painting by Loreto Valenzuela of the
United Kingdom in 2011.