



Let Us Worship God!

October 2, 2022—10:30 AM

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY



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.

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.

GATHERING AT THE LORD'S TABLE

Our in-person worshippers will be provided pre-packaged communion cups, which on-line worshippers may request by contacting the office. Or, you choose the bread. For the cup, you may use grape juice or wine, or water, remembering that Christ is the Living Water for all.



MESSAGE PREVIEW

There are bike trails like the Cold Spring Bike Path just north of us in Erma, the path along the old Cape May Seashore Line's railroad bed, and the bike trail connecting Cape May City with Cape May Point and the state park. Last week hundreds of competitive bicycle athletes and enthusiasts rode through our area, some enjoying a side trip through our beautiful campus. While there are substantial health benefits to riding or exercising on a bike, we will discover even more about the bicycle.

This week's Gospel reading from Luke 17 starts with the disciples asking for more faith to meet a particularly thorny forgiveness problem. When you think about it, to forgive you really need to have faith! Surprisingly, Jesus explained to the disciples that to forgive big, all they needed to do was put what "little faith" they had into motion! Faith in motion results in forgiveness.

"Life is like riding a bicycle.

To keep your balance, you must keep moving."

-Albert Einstein

Faith is a bicycle for the spirit. And when faith is in motion, amazing things happen! There's a vast difference in outcomes between riding a stationary bike and a moving bicycle. We'll learn about a Scientific American study that evaluated which species on the planet was the most efficient in locomotion. While the mighty condor was above any other species, beating even a human in an automobile, it was a human riding a bike that blew the condor away from

its top spot! In a message titled *Faith: Bicycle For the Spirit (A Way to Forgiveness)*, we will learn how to get our faith in motion. Cold Spring Church is your neighborhood stop for a faith that moves you!

MUSIC PREVIEW

Following the message we will be inspired by Jonathan Rundman's *Forgiveness Waltz*. Jonathan is from Finland who was recently called as pastor of a Lutheran church in Minnesota. Jesus' message of grace, of how loved we all are, as we are, is like a dance of forgiveness.

Our sending hymn, *Faith Begins By Letting Go*, affirms that faith is not a state of being but a process of doing, becoming what we are called to be in relationship to God, other people, and the world. The movement from one stage of faith to another is suggested by gestures of the hand: letting go, holding on, reaching out.

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 loves the world!

We come to worship Jesus who is in our world, in this place, in our lives.

In places like Iran and the Ukraine, where lives are lost and voices are not heard,

We call to mind that faith which is passed on to us, speaking out for all people.

In communities walled in by poverty, where fears destroy families and scatter neighbors,

We call to mind that hope which is passed on to us, that peace and reconciliation will rebuild communities.

In our neighborhoods and places unknown or never mentioned, where bitter tears are shed and the lonely walk,

We call to mind that love which we can pass on to those forgotten by the world.

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

We celebrate and rejoice in God's never failing love for the world.

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.

GOSPEL READING: LUKE 17:5-6 (MSG)

The apostles came up and said to the Master, “Give us more faith.”

But the Master said, “You don’t need *more* faith. There is no ‘more’ or ‘less’ in faith. If you have a bare kernel of faith, say the size of a poppy seed, you could say to this sycamore tree, ‘Go jump in the lake,’ and it would do it.

MESSAGE FOR KIDS- YOU GOT THIS

PRAYER FOR FAMILIES

(10:38)

GOSPEL READING: LUKE 17:7-10 (MSG)

“Suppose one of you has a servant who comes in from plowing the field or tending the sheep. Would you take his coat, set the table, and say, ‘Sit down and eat’? Wouldn’t you be more likely to say,

‘Prepare dinner; change your clothes and wait table for me until I’ve finished my coffee; then go to the kitchen and have your supper’? Does the servant get special thanks for doing what’s expected of him? It’s the same with you. When you’ve done everything expected of you, be matter-of-

fact and say, ‘The work is done. What we were told to do, we did.’”

MESSAGE- FAITH: BICYCLE FOR THE SPIRIT

(->WAY OF FORGIVENESS)



Stationary Faith

Vs



Moving Faith

Faith: Bicycle for the Spirit (-> Way of Forgiveness)

Luke 17:5-10

PRAYER AND SILENT REFLECTION

MUSIC (VIDEO LYRICS): FORGIVENESS WALTZ

Chorus 1

It's like a dance it's like a wheel
Less like math less like a deal
More like a heartbreak beginning to
heal

We can start over we know
forgiveness

Verse 1

These are hard words to hear
In a world where nothing is free
And it's hard to trust in a promise
That sounds too good to believe
But know that it's true this is for you

Chorus 2

It's like a dance it's like a wheel
Less like math less like a deal
More like a heartbreak beginning to

heal

We can start over we know
forgiveness

Verse 2

It's so easy to drown in the numbers
And the judgements and earnings
Keeping score keeping track keeping
time

As the hours keep turning
But you can turn a new way - it's a
new day

Chorus 3

It's like a dance it's like a wheel
Less like math less like a deal
More like a desert becoming a field
We can start over we know
forgiveness

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 think if we turn off the media, we will not need to listen, forgive, or love others. You are God of all the world, of the entire cosmos, and yet still hear the cries of all who call out. Great is your faithfulness! When our faith seems like it is going nowhere renew our spiritual energy to show the love, gentleness, and forgiveness of 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) (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

GLOBAL PEACE AND WITNESS OFFERING

God calls us to lives of grateful generosity.

Let's put our faith in motion locally and worldwide by supporting the Global Peace and Witness offering.

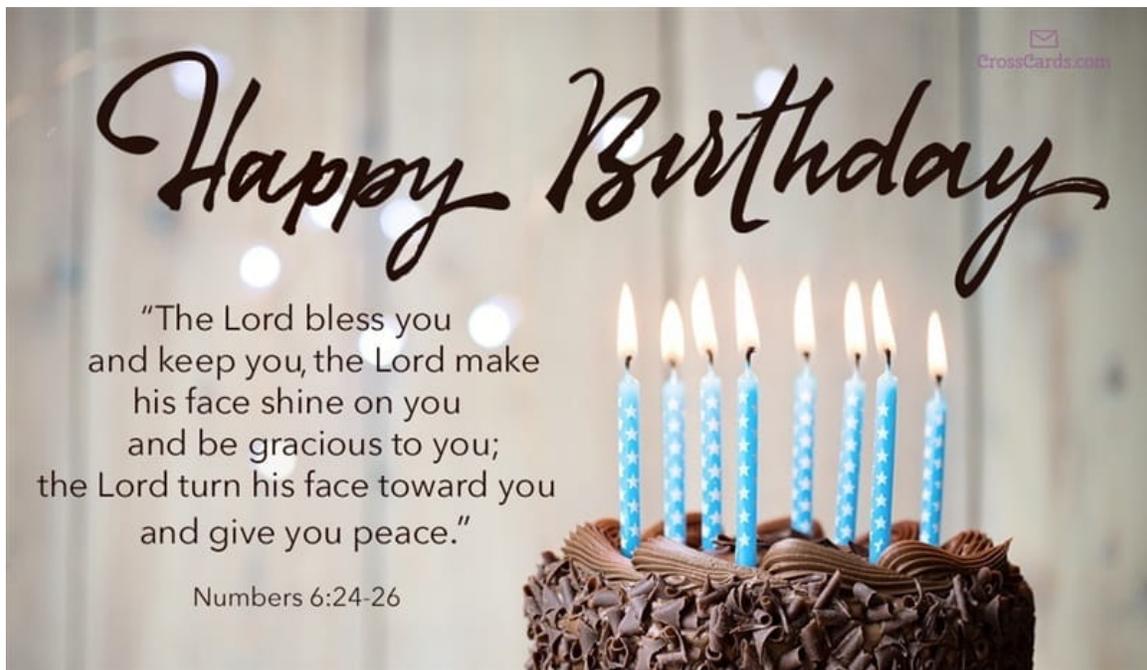
If you believe in our mission, thank you for supporting our mission. To give during worship, you may use the Giving Box as an usher passes. You may also give on your way out today, or give online anytime by visiting www.coldspringchurch.com/giving.

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 Michele Hume (10/4), Norma Sasso (10/5), and Sue Dilks (10/5) on their special days.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

Continue to pray for Bob Fite recovering from a hip replacement. 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. 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.

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**

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.

You formed the universe in your wisdom, and created all things by your power. You set us in families on the earth to live with you in faith. We praise you for good gifts of bread and wine, and for the table you spread in the world as a sign of your love for all people in Christ.

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

COMMUNION

(use pre-packaged cups) shared during music video that follows...

COMMUNION 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.

(11:08)

FRESH EXPRESSION OF COMMUNITY

(11:24)

Once we were strangers,
Now we are neighbors.

Once we were strangers,
Now we are friends.

MUSIC: FAITH BEGINS BY LETTING GO

**Faith begins by letting go,
giving up what had seemed sure,
taking risks and pressing on,
though the way feels less secure:
pilgrimage both right and odd,
trusting all our life to God.**

**Faith endures by holding on,
keeping mem'ry's roots alive
so that hope may bear its fruit;
promise-fed, our souls will thrive,
not through merit we possess
but by God's great faithfulness.**

**Faith matures by reaching out,
stretching minds, enlarging hearts,
sharing struggles, living prayer,
binding up the broken parts:
till we find the commonplace
ripe with witness to God's grace.**

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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