



Let Us Worship God!

November 13, 2022—10:30 AM

TWENTY-THIRD 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

Pulling up in front of a loading zone, the sign read: NO IDLING. A car running at idle doesn't accomplish anything worthwhile. Idling is a wait state between off and on. Idling a traditional gas vehicle not only needlessly consumes fuel but creates noxious fumes for those walking nearby. Electrics, hybrids, and most newer vehicles are intelligent and automatically stop the engine when idle. Even cars know it's best to get energized and move forward!

This week, our message is rooted in Queen Esther's story from Esther 4, John 9, and 2 Thessalonians 3. We will examine the status quo and consider where God's opportunities can be found! Is there anyone who hasn't gotten weary of doing good? Found yourself stuck in idle? Get your spirit in gear this week with the spiritual fuel you need. Not to "work harder," but love more, trust more, serve more, and feel more engaged in doing good. No idling. Do good!

MUSIC PREVIEW

We begin with our Fall countdown, setting the theme for our worship experience today. Accompanied by Jayne McDonough, Barbara Cain will sing *A Man Who Could Not See*, a hymn by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette based on the Gospel reading, John 9. Following the message, we will enjoy an energetic music lyric video *For Such a Time As This* based on Queen Esther's courageous affirmation of God's call to her from Esther 4. Our sending hymn is *The Church of Christ in Every Age*. The hymn writer Fred Pratt Green was ordained a British Methodist Minister in 1924 and didn't turn to hymn writing until retirement from active ministry. Green's hymns reflect his concern with social issues. Green composed *The Church of Christ in Every Age* in 1969, a time of social unrest not unlike today. Published at first under the heading of "The Caring Church," it has earned a place in many hymnals.

COUNTDOWN TO FALL WORSHIP

GREETING: PASTOR KEVIN (10:24)

PRELUDE: JAYNE McDONOUGH (10:27)

WELCOME: PASTOR KEVIN (10:30)

CALL TO WORSHIP (RESPONSIVELY) BARBARA CAIN (10:32)

This is an amazing day the Lord has made:
a day for praise and prayer;
a day for gratitude and generosity.

This is the time God has given us:
a time for singing and silence;
a time for speaking and listening.

This is the life to which God calls us:
a life of humility and service;
a life of faith and trust.

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: JOHN 9:1-4 (MSG)

Walking down the street, Jesus saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked, “Rabbi, who sinned: this man or his parents, causing him to be born blind?” Jesus said, “You’re asking the wrong question. You’re looking for someone to blame. There is no such cause-effect here. Look instead for what God can do. We need to be energetically at work for the One who sent me here, working while the sun shines. When night falls, the workday is over. For as long as I am in the world, there is plenty of light. I am the world’s Light.”

MESSAGE FOR KIDS- *LIVING INSIDE OUT*

PRAYER FOR FAMILIES

(10:38)

MUSIC - *A MAN WHO COULD NOT SEE* - BARBARA CAIN

NEW TESTAMENT : 2 THESSALONIANS 3:6-13 (MSG)

Our orders—backed up by the Master, Jesus—are to refuse to have anything to do with those among you who are lazy and refuse to work the way we taught you. Don’t permit them to freeload on the rest.

We showed you how to pull your weight when we were with you, so get on with it. We didn't sit around on our hands expecting others to take care of us. In fact, we worked our fingers to the bone, up half the night moonlighting so you wouldn't be burdened with taking care of us. And it wasn't because we didn't have a right to your support; we did. We simply wanted to provide an example of diligence, hoping it would prove contagious.

Don't you remember the rule we had when we lived with you? "If you don't work, you don't eat." And now we're getting reports that a bunch of lazy good-for-nothings are taking advantage of you. This must not be tolerated. We command them to get to work immediately—no excuses, no arguments—and earn their own keep. And as for you, sisters and brothers, never tire of doing good.

MESSAGE: *NO IDLING. DO GOOD!*

ESTHER 4, JOHN 9, 2 THESSALONIANS 3:6-13, PASTOR KEVIN



PRAYER AND SILENT REFLECTION

MUSIC VIDEO: *FOR SUCH A TIME AS THIS*

Verse 1

Now all I have is now
To be faithful to be holy
And to shine
Lighting up the darkness
Right now I really have no choice
But to voice the truth
To the nations
A generation looking for God

Chorus

For such a time as this
I was placed upon the earth
To hear the voice of God
And do His will Whatever it is
For such a time as this
For now and all the days He gives
I am here I am here
And I am His
For such a time as this

Verse 2

You do you ever wonder why
Seems like the grass
Is always greener
Under ev'rybody else's sky
But right here
Right here for this time and place
You can live a mirror of His mercy
A forgiven image of grace

Bridge

Can't change what's
Happened till now
But we can change what will be
By living in holiness
That the world will see Jesus

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

Which of us has not hurt someone this week? Which of us has not spoken (or thought) poorly of another person? Which of us has failed to do good when given the chance? Which of us? All of us and each of us! But Christ came to save and deliver people just like us, so I invite you to join me as we offer our prayers to God, saying...

PRAYER OF FORGIVENESS (UNISON)

We are sorry we have missed the mark set for us. Fill us with your grace and wisdom so that our life is more like Jesus's life. Empower us to put our faith into practice. Through 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, justice, 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

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 as you leave today, or give online anytime.

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

COMMUNITY NEWS



Come join us in Price Hall following worship for our Soup, Salad, and Pizza potluck luncheon! All are welcome!

Drop-in the Red Brick Church anytime between 9:30 AM and 1:00 PM on Monday, November 21 for Christmas decorating fun!



BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Happy birthday to Amanda Dodd (11/18).

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

Let us pray for: Ted Lewis. Eileen Stalford (A contact card for Eileen can be found in the Narthex.) Jennifer (the Keisters' granddaughter) now home after giving birth to baby Vincent! Police officer Ben needs additional hours of work. The Paulits recovering from Covid. Isabella McDonough seeking God's guidance. Aaron C. (Seaside staff) recovering from

brain surgery. The family of Dick Claar who passed on. Those rebuilding after Hurricane Ian and Hurricane Nicole, and for those suffering from severe weather events. Bob Fite recovering at home. Dolce Alvarez (missing). Eileen and David Word. Lorraine, (cancer). Ronald Walker (illness). Glenn & Marie with heart issues. Denise's mom's health is declining. George, relief from stress. Janet (Ruth Traber's daughter-in-law) beginning cancer treatments. Mike McPherson, Steve, Rickey, Dr. Regina, Lorraine, Carl, Kate, Candy (each undergoing treatment for 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: *THE CHURCH OF CHRIST IN EVERY AGE* (#421)

Verse 1

**The Church of Christ in every age
Beset by change but Spirit led
Must claim and test its heritage
And keep on rising from the dead**

Verse 3

**Then let the servant Church arise
A caring Church that longs to be
A partner in Christ's sacrifice
And clothed in Christ's humanity**

Verse 5

**We have no mission but to serve
In full obedience to our Lord
To care for all without reserve
And spread Christ's liberating Word**

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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