



Let's Worship!

February 12, 2023—10:30 AM

6th Sunday After Epiphany

A Hybrid Worship and Communion Experience, In-Person and Online

Today's worship team: Music Director- Jayne McDonough. Worship Leader- Barbara Cain. Pastor- Rev. Dr. Kevin Yoho. Worship Production- Norris Clark.

WORSHIP YOUR WAY!

Join us in-person in our beautiful, historic Red Brick Church or at www.coldspringworship.com. Inviting someone to join you is the best way to support our mission!



MESSAGE PREVIEW

Whether you enjoy or avoid Valentine's Day, we all have one inescapable need: to feel loved. God is love is a core value of Cold Spring Church. God loves us more than we can imagine. "For God loved the world that he gave his one and only Son..." (John 3:16-17). We seek to "love one another with mutual affection..." and to "outdo one another in showing honor" (Romans 12:10). We want to belong to something meaningful and feel care. Each of us can fulfill our life's mission of love that God has given us (Ephesians 2:8-10).

God wants love to increase in our lives. Love that we feel. And love that we give. For many, special days like Valentine's Day only reinforce that we either feel loved or remind us that we feel unloved. While all of us are unlovable from time to time, we can count on God "lavishing his love on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are!" (1 John 3:1).

This week we will be challenged to experience love's increase as we continue to consistently and authentically have a heart for everyone. Always listen and show respect to others. Jesus' love for the world shows us that we will have heart-to-heart contact with neighbors we might disagree with, with people we may not like, or even fear. Our neighbors, young and old, deserve to experience the love of God. However, to "have a heart" as a follower of Jesus is not easy. It is not automatic. Love will increase as we ask ourselves: "How does our worship and community service show the love of God?" "How could I better show God's love this week?"

As we embrace love's increase, we will better reflect and demonstrate God's love for each other and for greater Cape May because God is love.

MUSIC PREVIEW

We begin with a special Valentine's Day countdown video. Throughout our worship, we pause for several silent reflections to help us focus on the Spirit's work in our lives. After our Call to Worship, our gathering song is *God Welcomes All*. Before the scripture readings we will view a mini-movie titled *God So Loved the World*.

Following the message we will sing *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*. On April 29, 2011, millions of people around the world turned on their televisions to watch one of the most anticipated spectacles of the year: the wedding of Prince William and Kate Middleton. The ceremony featured a number of hymns, one of which was “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling,” a hymn that is both appropriate and seemingly paradoxical for a wedding. This ceremony was so celebrated because it represented the “dream” for romance - a prince finding his princess, true loves coming together, and a couple rising above the odds to be together. This, we argue so easily, is love. And yet this hymn reorients us to see that this beautiful wedding and marriage is only, and can only ever be, a reflection of the Love above all loves. We are only able to love one another because Christ first loved us. God is love, and we are the mirrors and bearers of that love to each other. Let us pray that we would continually be filled with Love, that we might bless each other, and become more and more like He who loves us.

Our sending hymn, *God You Give Us Recreation*, affirms the balanced life that includes times of creative activity and recreation. Written by the Rev. Carolyn Gillette to the tune of *There's A Wideness To God's Mercy*, it is used by many churches to support Souper Bowl Sunday's collection of food for the hungry.

GREETING OF IN-PERSON WORSHIPPERS REV. KEVIN YOHO

COUNTDOWN TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE: JAYNE McDONOUGH

WELCOME: REV. KEVIN YOHO

CALL TO WORSHIP BARBARA CAIN

**We enjoy God in worship... Father, Son,
and the Holy Spirit who loves us right now
and always! Amen.**

GOD WELCOMES ALL

**God welcomes all, strangers and friends;
God's love is strong and it never ends.**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Loving God, your heart is the shelter for our weary souls. You will not push us away, standing by our side all our lives. You renew

our minds and refresh our spirits. When we wonder what the day might bring, you whisper, *I love you. Follow me.* Let us pray together:

Loving God, prepare us to learn, grow, and show the Good News with simple words, clear actions, and humility of heart. Amen.

GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD (MINI-MOVIE)

NEW TESTAMENT READING: 1 JOHN 4:15-19 (MSG)

If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God lives in them and they in God. And so we know and rely on the love God has for us.

God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them. This is how love is made complete among us so that we will have confidence on the day of judgment: In this world we are like Jesus. There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love. We love because God first loved us.

MESSAGE FOR KIDS- GOD'S VALENTINE CARD- YOU!

PRAYER FOR FAMILIES

MUSIC - JESUS LOVES ME BARBARA CAIN

GOSPEL READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 3:5-9 (MSG)

Who then is Paul, and who is Apollos, but ministers through whom you believed, as the Lord gave to each one? I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the increase. So then neither he who plants is anything, nor he who waters, but God who gives the increase. Now he who plants and he who waters are one, and each one will receive his own reward according to his own labor.

For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, you are God's building.

MESSAGE— THE GOD GIVEN INCREASE

REV. KEVIN YOHO



PRAYER AND SILENT REFLECTION

MUSIC: *LOVE DIVINE, ALL LOVES EXCELLING*

Verse 1

**Love divine all loves excelling
Joy of heaven to earth come down
Fix in us Thy humble dwelling
All Thy faithful mercies crown
Jesus Thou art all compassion
Pure unbounded love Thou art
Visit us with Thy salvation
Enter every trembling heart**

Verse 2

**Breathe O breathe Thy loving Spirit
Into every troubled breast
Let us all in Thee inherit
Let us find Thy promised rest
Thee we would be always blessing
Serve Thee as Thy hosts above
Pray and praise Thee without ceasing
Glory in Thy perfect love**

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

God loves you and nothing separates you from God's love. In a spirit of gratitude and honesty, let us pray together:

PRAYER OF FORGIVENESS

(10:50)

Loving God, forgive us our sins, hurting or neglecting others, missing opportunities to serve. Help us turn around, change, and live like Jesus, through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

SILENT REFLECTION

HEAR THE WORDS OF ASSURANCE (RESPONSIVELY)

In the name of Jesus Christ, God loves and forgives us to live a better life of faith, hope, and love.

Thanks be to God, we are forgiven. Amen.

THE GLORIA

(3)

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.

GIFTS OF GRATITUDE

God calls us to grateful generosity. You may use the Giving Box as an usher passes, or give as you leave, and online anytime. If you believe in our mission, thank you for supporting our mission.

THE DOXOLOGY

(4)

**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

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Happy birthday to Charles Keister (2/16), Linda Hall (2/18), and Jayne McDonough (2/20). A special anniversary blessing to Fred & Anne Ferrari (2/18)!

TODAY!



FEBRUARY 22 IS ASH WEDNESDAY. JOIN US HERE.



PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

(10:54)

Please hold in prayer the people of Turkey and Syria as they struggle in the aftermath of a devastating earthquake. Presbyterian Disaster Relief is collecting funds to work with relief agencies in those countries. Thank you for sending donations to the office, memo: earthquake relief, or by donating via Tithe.ly and selecting Disaster Relief. The Barsby family in the passing of Pam's sister, Debbie. George Barsby. Rev. Doug Madden and Rev. Reeder (surgery). Lloyd and Sharron Posnikoff, Eileen and David Word, Lenore McGowan (health issues). Glenn McDonough. Jarrod Rotella (job search). Those on hospice: Bob Fite, Gertrude Hess. Praying for healing: Jonna Myers, Susan Dehart, Eileen Stalford, Barbara Smith. Those receiving cancer treatment: Robin B., Carmela Geraci, Grover Bradshaw, Pastor Kevin, Mike, Kim, Steve, Rickey, Lorraine, Kate, Candy, Dr. Regina.

PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

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

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

MUSIC: *GOD, YOU GIVE US RECREATION*

(Tune: *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*)

**God, you give us recreation,
rest and play when work is through,
Game and sport and celebration,
times that challenge and renew.
In the days we spend together,
In the feasts that we prepare,
In the times of joy and laughter,
may we know your loving care.**

**Yet, O Lord, we see you crying
for the ones who know no rest,
For your children, hungry, dying,
for the homeless and oppressed.
May we, as your sons and daughters,
share with open heart and hand,
Till your justice flows like waters
to the poor throughout the land.**

**For the love of God is broader
Than the measure of the mind
And the heart of the Eternal
Is most wonderfully kind
If our love were but more faithful
We should live out Jesus' word
And our life would be thanksgiving
For the goodness of the Lord**

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

(11:29)

Notes for Today's Worship:

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1. *God Welcomes All*: CCLI #7102394
2. *Jesus Loves Me*: text-Anna Warner v. 1, David McGuire v. 2; Music-William Bradbury: CCLI Song # 4862600
3. *Gloria*: Public Domain

4. *Doxology*: CCLI #425557
5. *Love Divine, All Love's Excelling*. CCLI Song # 4928685. Charles Wesley | Chris Eaton | John Hartley © Words: Public Domain
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