



Let Us Worship God!

July 23, 2023—10:30 AM
Seventh 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. Nicole Wilkinson; Production:Max Moran

WELCOME!

WORSHIP YOUR WAY!

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

Be Involved

Be involved in doing good, for at the proper time good things will result if we do not give up.
Galatians 6:9



WORSHIP PREVIEW

We welcome Rev. Dr. Nicole Wilkinson, from First Presbyterian Church of Cape May, to the pulpit with the message "Invisible Church", while Pastor Kevin recuperates from his surgery.

Welcome to the Myers Family and baby Maaren Johanna Gardner Myers to be baptized during our worship. Maaren is the Great Granddaughter of Jonna and Dale Myers.

MUSIC PREVIEW

Barbara Cain will sing "A Place In His Arms" by Sally Deford. Based on Mark 10:16, "And he took them up in his arms, put his hands upon them, and blessed them."

Following the message we will sing *Christ Taught Us Of A Farmer*, with lyrics by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette and sung to the tune of The Church's One Foundation. Our closing hymn is In Christ There Is No East Or West, a hymn which implies the Christian's responsibility to evangelize that the gospel might be spread throughout the whole wide earth and all can be one in Christ

PRELUDE: JAYNE McDONOUGH (10:27)

WELCOME: REV. DR. NICOLE WILKINSON. (10:30)

CALL TO WORSHIP (RESPONSIVE): BARBARA CAIN

Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud,
Be gracious to me and answer me!

‘Come’, my heart says, ‘seek his face!’

Your face, Lord, do I seek.

Do not hide your face from me

Hear, O Lord, our cries and our songs—

Be gracious, and hear, and answer.

GOD WELCOMES ALL (SING IN UNISON):

God welcomes all, strangers and friends;

God’s love is strong and it never ends.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION:

Illumine us, O God. Bless us with ears to hear your truth, vision to discern your path, and feet ready to move into action, responding to your call. Guide us and inspire us in this moment of proclamation. Amen

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 44:6-8

The LORD, Not Idols

“This is what the LORD says— Israel’s King and Redeemer, the LORD Almighty: I am the first and I am the last; apart from me there is no God. Who then is like me? Let him proclaim it. Let him declare and lay out before me what has happened since I established my ancient people, and what is yet to come— yes, let them foretell what will come.

Do not tremble, do not be afraid. Did I not proclaim this and foretell it long ago? You are my

witnesses. Is there any God besides me? No, there is no other Rock; I know not one.”

MUSIC SOLO - A PLACE IN HIS ARMS - BARBARA GAIN

GOSPEL READING: MATTHEW 13:24-30

He put before them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, ‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?’ He answered, ‘An enemy has done this.’ The slaves said to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’ But he replied, ‘No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.’”

Message: Invisible Church -

Rev. Dr. Nicole Wilkinson

PRAYER AND SILENT REFLECTION

MUSIC HYMN: CHRIST TAUGHT US OF A FARMER

Tune - AURELIA ("The Church's One Foundation")

1. Christ taught us of a farmer
who went out sowing seeds.

A few had trouble growing
among the rocks and weeds,
Yet others grew till harvest
in soil that was so good.

O God, you sow the gospel:
The seed is your own word.

2. You sowed your word of love here
so many years ago.

Your message found a welcome;
your word began to grow.

By grace, this church was built here
by saints who followed you.

The seed took root and flourished:
we hear and follow, too.

3. We thank you for each member
who lives in loving ways:

For those who seek to serve you
without expecting praise,

For hearts and songs uplifted,
for work and sacrifice.

The seed you planted grows here:
we grow in Jesus Christ.

4. In times of joy we praise you,
in struggling times we search,
And always we are learning
to be your faithful church.
Your Spirit gives us vision —
and hearts and lives made new.
Your harvest is for sharing:
sent out, we work for you.

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

“If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves,
and the truth is not in us.”

Sin is our stumbling block before God. Repentance
clears our path to hear and receive God’s truth. Let us
confess our sins together.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)

**God who knows us, we would rather confess
other people’s sins. We see the meanness and
selfishness in our neighbors and we protest. But
we are blind to our own sins; we excuse our own
misdeeds. Help us to understand and love our
neighbors as we do ourselves. Help us to see the
harms we have done, large and small, and give us
the courage to confess and to repent. Amen.**

SILENT REFLECTION

HEAR THE WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Through Christ's death and resurrection, we are a new creation, ready to shine like the sun to the glory of God. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen.

THE GLORIA

**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.**

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (FROM THE CONFESSION OF 1967) UNISON

**We believe that God has endowed the human being with capacities to make the world serve human needs and to enjoy its good things. Life is a gift to be received with gratitude and a task to be pursued with courage. We believe that human beings are free to seek life within the purpose of God; to develop and protect the resources of nature for the common welfare, to work for justice and peace in society, and in other ways to use our creative powers for the fulfillment of human life.
Amen.**

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

PRESENTATION OF MAAREN JOHANNA GARDNER

MYERS BY PARENTS, JAMIE AND KAJA MYERS

Pastor: Putting your whole trust in the grace and love of Jesus Christ, do you desire to have your child baptized?

Parents: **I do.**

Pastor: Will you be responsible for nurturing the child you present in the faith and life of the Christian community?

Parents: **I will, with God's help.**

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ ordered us to teach those who are baptized. Do you the people of the church promise to tell this child the good news of the gospel, support his parents in their nurture of him, and to strengthen their family ties with the household of God?

Congregation: **We do**

Pastor: People of God, will you promise to uphold and support this family in their life in Christ?

Congregation: **We will, with God's help.**

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you. Amen.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Pastor: We thank you, almighty God, for the gift

of water. Over water the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation, and from Jesus flows rivers of Living Waters. We thank you, loving God, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in the resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit.

THE BAPTISM

Pastor: Maaren Johanna Gardner Myers, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. I sign you with the cross of blessing. You are marked as Christ's forever.

THE WELCOME

Pastor: With joy and thanksgiving we welcome Maaren into Christ's one holy catholic and apostolic church.

People: **We are the people of God, members of the household of faith, a royal priesthood. Proclaim with us the good news of Christ for all the world.**

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

GIFTS OF GRATITUDE

God dwells among us making all things new. Let us participate in this new creation by offering our gifts

to God.

The Doxology (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

Grateful for your radical hospitality and steadfast love we present these gifts to you, God. Use them to further your will and transform our world into your new, redeemed creation. Amen



The flowers beautifying our sanctuary this morning are given by Dale and Jonna Myers, in loving honor of their great-granddaughter Maaren Johanna Gardner Myers

Happy birthday to - Nancy Kessler (7/30)

Community News: Midsummer luncheon after the service on July 30, see Beverly Mate if you'd like to bring a side dish or dessert. Hospitality table refreshments today after the service! And sign up sheets in the narthex for future Sundays.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

Pastor Kevin and Melissa are in our prayers for healing. The prayers, cards and expressions of love and support mean so much to him and Melissa. They said, "We miss everyone and appreciate all of you".

Joy for arrival of Elaine's new best furry friend, Maggie the

cockapoo! Blessings for Larry Moyer as he empties and sells his house this week. Prayers for Eileen Word, family & friends on the passing of Dave Word. Family of Ron Esber, friend of the Myers, on his passing. The Keister's daughter Bonnie, in Virtua hospital, with hip pain. Donna & Joe Burns on the passing of her Father, John Russo. Ashley Bradshaw & Family on the passing of her Mother, Lori. Family of Joanne Smith on her passing, husband Bob Smith, Pam's Brother; Matt, 33, who passed away, son's friend. Prayers for Brian Bunacore receiving chemo . Yvonne-crushed vertebrate in pain in hospital. Linda's daughter in law, Carmela completing chemo and improving; John Stalford, doing much better, at home. Donna Long w/pancreatic cancer, Lenore. Mary Wender, liver failure. George Barsby recovering at home. Paul Hagg. Rev. Reader with health issues. Lloyd and Sharon Posnikoff, Rev. Doug Madden. Those on hospice: John Stalford, Bob Fite, Gertrude Hess. For healing: Susan Dehart in physical therapy, Eileen Stalford. In the Community-families and victims of road flooding in Bucks County. Those undergoing cancer treatment: Denise, Brian, Gerri Mills, Robin B, Carmela G, Mike, Kim, Steve, Rickey, Lorraine, Kate, Candy, Donna.

Prayer

(...we pray the prayer Jesus taught us, saying.....)

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- Barbara Cain

Once we were strangers,

Now we are neighbors.

Once we were strangers,

Now we are friends.

MUSIC: IN CHRIST THERE IS NO EAST OR WEST

1. In Christ there is no east or west

In Him no south or north

But one great fellowship of love

Throughout the whole wide earth.

2. In Christ shall true hearts everywhere

Their high communion find

His service is the golden cord

Close binding all mankind.

3. Join hands united in the faith

What e'er your race may be

All children of the living God

Are surely kin to me.

4. In Christ now meet both east and west

In Him meet south and north

All Christly souls are one in Him

Throughout the whole wide earth

Benediction - Rev. Dr. Nicole Wilkinson

POSTLUDE - JAYNE McDONOUGH

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