



Let Us Worship God!

August 13, 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: Beverly Mate;
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, of First Presbyterian Church of Cape May, with the message "Peter the Rock Predictably Sinks". Norris Clark is giving the message at her church this morning, so she can provide Communion to our congregation today. Thank you, Pastor Wilkinson!

MUSIC PREVIEW

Following the message we will sing Jesus, Lover of My Soul. Little is known of the writing of the hymn, although much has been written as conjecture, none of which we can be certain is true. The most often told account claims the hymn was written as Charles lay hiding in the hedges after preaching and being chased and beaten by unfriendly townspeople.

As the Communion table is prepared, we will sing *Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread*. A hymn which uses the instance where Jesus was known to the two disciples at Emmaus by the breaking of bread and applies it to the Lord's supper. The text was written by John Montgomery (1771-1854).

Our closing hymn is *Here I Am, Lord*, a Christian hymn written by the American composer of Catholic liturgical music Dan Schutte in 1979 and published in 1981. Its words are based on [Isaiah 6:8](#) and [1 Samuel 3:4](#).

PRELUDE: JAYNE McDONOUGH

(10:27)

WELCOME: REV. DR. NICOLE WILKINSON

(10:30)

CALL TO WORSHIP (RESPONSIVE): BEVERLY MATE

Now there was a great wind, so strong that it
was splitting mountains and
breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord,
but the Lord was not in the wind;
and after the wind an earthquake,
but the Lord was not in the earthquake;
and after the earthquake a fire,
but the Lord was not in the fire;
and after the fire
the voice of a fragile silence.

God Welcomes All (sing in unison):

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION:

O Lord, we pray that your light would pour over
these pages and illumine these old, old words
— that they would dance with newness in our
hearts and minds, that we would be radiant in
reflecting your Word in our living and serving
one another. Amen.

FIRST READING: 1 KINGS 19:12-18

After the earthquake came a fire, but the Lord
was not in the fire. And after the fire came a
gentle whisper. When Elijah heard it, he pulled
his cloak over his face and went out and stood

at the mouth of the cave.

Then a voice said to him, “What are you doing here, Elijah?”

He replied, “I have been very zealous for the Lord God Almighty. The Israelites have rejected your covenant, torn down your altars, and put your prophets to death with the sword. I am the only one left, and now they are trying to kill me too.”

The Lord said to him, “Go back the way you came, and go to the Desert of Damascus. When you get there, anoint Hazael king over Aram. Also, anoint Jehu son of Nimshi king over Israel, and anoint Elisha son of Shaphat from Abel Meholah to succeed you as prophet. Jehu will put to death any who escape the sword of Hazael, and Elisha will put to death any who escape the sword of Jehu. Yet I reserve seven thousand in Israel—all whose knees have not bowed down to Baal and whose mouths have not kissed him.”

GOSPEL READING: MATT 14:22-33

Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowd. After he had dismissed them, he went up on a mountainside by himself to pray. Later that

night, he was there alone, and the boat was already a considerable distance from land, buffeted by the waves because the wind was against it.

Shortly before dawn Jesus went out to them, walking on the lake. When the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified. “It’s a ghost,” they said, and cried out in fear.

But Jesus immediately said to them: “Take courage! It is I. Don’t be afraid.”

“Lord, if it’s you,” Peter replied, “tell me to come to you on the water.”

“Come,” he said.

Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus. But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, “Lord, save me!”

Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. “You of little faith,” he said, “why did you doubt?”

And when they climbed into the boat, the wind died down. Then those who were in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”

Message: Peter the Rock Predictably Sinks -
Rev. Dr. Nicole Wilkinson

PRAYER AND SILENT REFLECTION

MUSIC: JESUS, LOVER OF MY SOUL - #303

VERSES 1,3,4

1. Jesus Lover of my soul
Let me to Thy bosom fly
While the nearer waters roll
While the tempest still is high
Hide me O my Saviour hide
Till the storm of life is past
Safe into the haven guide
Oh receive my soul at last

3. Thou O Christ art all I want
More than all in Thee I find
Raise the fallen cheer the faint
Heal the sick and lead the blind
Just and holy is Thy name
I am all unrighteousness
False and full of sin I am
Thou art full of truth and grace

4. Plenteous grace with Thee is found
Grace to cover all my sin
Let the healing streams abound
Make and keep me pure within
Thou of life the Fountain art
Freely let me take of Thee

Spring Thou up within my heart
Rise to all eternity

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

Shame and fear of judgment can keep us away from God, and make a barrier between one person and another. But if we turn to God in confession, recognizing that no one of us is righteous, God forgives, bringing us closer to God and to all people.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)

**God who rules over life and death, over miracle and natural law, we confess
this day our unbelief. We trust in our own abilities,
but not in the love at the
heart of your creation. Forgive us when we set out to
do miracles without you,
hear us when we cry out to you for help, spare us the
consequences of our own
thoughtlessness and mistrust, and raise us up
before we drown.**

SILENT REFLECTION

HEAR THE WORDS OF ASSURANCE (RESPONSIVE)

This is the good news of the gospel:

Whatever you have done, whatever you have
failed to do,
whoever you are, whoever you wish you

were but are not;

You are accepted, you are welcomed,

You are forgiven, you are set free.

In the love of Jesus Christ, you are loved forever.

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 (APOSTLES' CREED) UNISON

It is not true that we are simply victims of the powers of evil that seek to rule the world;

This is true: To me is given authority in heaven and on earth, and lo, I am with you always, to the end of the world.

It is not true that we have to wait for those who are specially gifted, who are the prophets of the church, before we can do anything;

This is true: I will pour out my Spirit on all people, and your sons and daughters shall prophesy, your young people shall see visions, and your old folk dream dreams.

It is not true that our dreams of liberation of humankind, our dreams of justice, of human

dignity, of peace, are not meant for this earth and its history;

This is true: The hour comes, and it is now, that true worshippers shall worship God in Spirit and in truth.

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MAKING A DIFFERENCE!

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GIFTS OF GRATITUDE

Because we rejoice in God's generous care for us, let us give generously and with compassion,

translating our worship into the action as we put love of God and neighbor at the center of our lives.

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



The flowers that beautify the sanctuary are given to the glory of God in remembrance of Nina Hutchison on her birthday, from her dear friend Lorraine Golden.

Happy birthday to: Barbara Smith (8/13),

Happy Anniversary to Chuck and Barbara McPherson (8/13)

Community News: Hospitality table refreshments outside, after the service! And sign up sheets in the narthex for future Sundays.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

Pastor Kevin is in our prayers for healing. Thank you for your prayers, cards and expressions of love and support!

Health issues: Rev. Reader & Rev. Madden.

Those on hospice care: John Stalford, Bob Fite, Gertrude Hess.

In the Community- prayers for the lives lost in the Maui-Lahaina, Hawaii wildfires.

Those undergoing cancer treatment: Denise, Brian, Gerri Mills, Robin B, Mike, Kim, Steve, Rickey, Lorraine, Kate, Candy, Donna.

PASTORAL PRAYER

MUSIC: BE KNOWN TO US IN BREAKING BREAD - #505

1. Be known to us in breaking bread
But do not then depart
Saviour abide with us and spread
Thy table in our heart

2. There sup with us in love divine
Thy body and Thy blood

That living bread that heavenly wine
Be our immortal food

INVITATION TO ALL: COME TO THE LORD'S TABLE!

THE GREAT PRAYER OF 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.

Blessed are you, God of Hope, Breath of peace, Giver of all life...as Jesus taught us to pray, saying,

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PRAYER OF THANKS (UNISON)

Spirit of God, who fed the multitudes,

provided the manna in the wilderness, and blessed the elements, we give great thanks for the meal eaten and the company surrounding us. Inspire us as we move forward this day and encourage us to transform our dreams into reality. Amen.

Fresh Expression of Community- Beverly Mate

Once we were strangers,

Now we are neighbors.

Once we were strangers,

Now we are friends.

MUSIC: HERE I AM, LORD - #525

1. I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard My people's cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin
My hand will save.

I who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright. Who will bear
My light to them? Whom shall I send?

Ch: Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?

I have heard You calling in the night. I will go,
Lord, if You lead me.

I will hold Your people in my heart.

Benediction - Rev. Dr. Nicole Wilkinson

POSTLUDE - JAYNE McDONOUGH

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4. *Doxology*: CCLI #4255578
5. *Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread: James Montgomery; Day's Psalter 1562; CCLI Song #2698814*
6. *Here I Am, Lord* :Daniel Schuyler; CCLI Song #522161