



Let Us Worship God!

August 20, 2023—10:30 AM
Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost



A Hybrid Worship Experience In-Person and Online

Today's worship team— Music Director: Jayne McDonough; Worship Leader: Barbara Cain;
Message: Norris Clark; Production: Norris Clark

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 Norris Clark to the pulpit with the message "Anger - The Good, the Bad and the Ugly", while Pastor Kevin recuperates.

MUSIC PREVIEW

Following the message we will sing "*Be Kind to One Another*", a hymn by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette based on Ephesians 4 and sung to a familiar tune of "*The Church's One Foundation*".

Our closing hymn is "Come, Christians, Join to Sing". Originally entitled, "Come, Children, Join to Sing," the hymn's name was changed when its author realized everyone loved to sing his hymn. The hymn was written in 1843 and first appeared in a Scottish hymnbook for children entitled *Sacred Melodies for Sabbath Schools and families*.

PRELUDE: JAYNE McDONOUGH (10:27)

WELCOME: NORRIS CLARK (10:30)

CALL TO WORSHIP - RESPONSIVE- BARBARA CAIN

Turn us, O God,
away from the world's temptations and distractions.
Return us, O God,
to the quiet calm of your presence.
Restore us, O God,
to the path you call us to follow.
Orient us, O God,
to the hope of all that is possible through you.

GOD WELCOMES ALL (SING IN UNISON):

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION: UNISON

Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on us. Open us to your life-giving Word. Quiet the voices within us that do not align with your will. Focus our minds on the message you intend for us so we may faithfully discern your way. Amen.

FIRST READING: PSALM 103: 1-12 (RESPONSIVE)

Praise the Lord, my soul;
all my inmost being, praise his holy name.

**Praise the Lord, my soul,
and forget not all his benefits—**

who forgives all your sins
and heals all your diseases,
**who redeems your life from the pit
and crowns you with love and compassion,**
who satisfies your desires with good things
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

**The Lord works righteousness
and justice for all the oppressed.**

He made known his ways to Moses,
his deeds to the people of Israel:

**The Lord is compassionate and gracious,
slow to anger, abounding in love.**

He will not always accuse,
nor will he harbor his anger forever;
**he does not treat us as our sins deserve
or repay us according to our iniquities.**

For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
so great is his love for those who fear him;
**as far as the east is from the west,
so far has he removed our
transgressions from us.**

GOSPEL READING: EPHESIANS 4:20-26

That, however, is not the way of life you learned when you heard about Christ and were taught in him in accordance with the truth that is in Jesus. You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; to be made new in the attitude of your minds; and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.

Therefore each of you must put off falsehood and speak truthfully to your neighbor, for we are all members of one body. "In your anger do not sin"
Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry,

Message: "Anger - The Good, the Bad and the Ugly" - Norris Clark

PRAYER AND SILENT REFLECTION

MUSIC: BE KIND TO ONE ANOTHER

Tune - AURELIA 7.6.7.6 D ("The Church's One Foundation")

1. Be kind to one another, be tender-hearted too —
forgiving one another, as Christ has pardoned you.
Refrain from any gossip, for gossip is a sin.
Be open to new friendships, and welcome people in.

2. Be kind in all your speaking
and hear what others say.
Be open to Christ's teaching, and in all matters, pray.
Be gentle, loving, faithful and keep a humble mind.
Remember what is truthful. In everything be kind.

3. Be kind within your circle,
but look past what you see;
Be kind to those in trouble — the poor, the refugee.
The world is filled with violence;
write letters, call out sin!
Don't ever sit in silence and let the evil win.

4. O God of love, you've taught us.
You've shown us what to do:
Be just, commit to kindness,
walk humbly here with you.
Your Spirit gives us courage to truly live this way.
May love become our message;
may kindness win the day.

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

Let us honestly acknowledge how we have gone astray and confess our sins to God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)

God our refuge, you hear our cries for mercy. You lift the lowly and offer hope to the hopeless. But we, who benefit from your grace, do not emulate you and your ways. We are quick to condemn, exaggerate critique and act mercilessly. We confess the ways we demean and dehumanize others. We pray for your forgiveness. Amen.Amen.

SILENT REFLECTION

HEAR THE WORDS OF ASSURANCE (ISAIAH 43:1)

Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;
I have called you by name, you are mine.
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.

GIFTS OF GRATITUDE

God's abundance cannot be matched. Still, we are inspired to be generous by a generous God.
We are inspired to give by the greatest of givers.
In gratitude to God, let us present our tithes and offerings.

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

Happy birthday to Melissa Arnott (8/23), Wayne Dilks (8/25), Mary Imperato (8/29).

Community News: Hospitality table refreshments - 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!

Prayers for: Connie & Jim Blocker's Daughter; 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.

Prayer

(...we pray the prayer Jesus taught us to pray, **Our Father.....**)

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy 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: COME, CHRISTIANS JOIN TO SING #150

1. Come Christians join to sing Alleluia! Amen!

Loud praise to Christ our King; Alleluia! Amen!

Let all with heart and voice, Before His throne rejoice;

Praise is His gracious choice; Alleluia! Amen!

2. Come lift your hearts on high; Alleluia! Amen!

Let praises fill the sky; Alleluia! Amen!

He is our Guide and Friend; To us He'll condescend;

His love shall never end; Alleluia! Amen!

3. Praise yet our Christ again; Alleluia! Amen!

Life shall not end the strain; Alleluia! Amen!

On heaven's blissful shore His goodness we'll adore

Singing forevermore, Alleluia! Amen!

BENEDICTION - NORRIS CLARK

POSTLUDE - JAYNE McDONOUGH

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