



# Let Us Worship God!

September 3, 2023—10:30 AM  
Fourteenth 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: 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](http://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

The message this week from Norris Clark is “**Profiles in Courage: Part 2 - Facing Fears for Love**”.

## MUSIC PREVIEW

Following the message we will sing “*All Who Love and Serve Your City*” by Erik Routley. This hymn follows in a line of important hymns about ministry in the urban context following the Industrial Revolution. Two familiar predecessors of our hymn include “O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee” and “Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life. These hymns were inspired in part by the social gospel of Walter Rauschenbusch (1861-1918). Rauschenbusch believed that the kingdom of God should be advanced not by evangelistic preaching of the revivals of this era, but by becoming more Christ-like. He believed that we could experience heaven on earth by loving our neighbors and creating healthy social conditions, meeting the needs of the poor.

Our closing hymn is “*To God Be the Glory*”, written by Fanny Crosby. Most gospel songs center on Christ, but this hymn directly addresses God, who has done great things. The primary focus of God's actions, however, is on the redemption of humanity through Jesus Christ. The second line of the first stanza, “So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,” echoes John 3:16.

**PRELUDE:** JAYNE MCDONOUGH (10:27)

**WELCOME:** NORRIS CLARK (10:30)

**CALL TO WORSHIP - RESPONSIVE-** BARBARA CAIN

We gather hoping to see God,  
**here in worship, we realize that we see God in one another.**

We can see God

**when we show one another honor,**

when we pursue hospitality to strangers,

**when we live in harmony with one another,**

when we rejoice in hope.

**Let us worship the visible God amongst us.**

### **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 Holy Creator, you spoke all of creation into being, we ask that you keep speaking to us now. Speak to us as we read Scripture, that we might hear your voice ringing clear and concise through the many voices around us. Speak to us, that we might hear and understand. **Amen.**

### **FIRST READING: PSALM 27:1-5 (RESPONSIVE)**

The Lord is my light and my salvation—  
whom shall I fear?

**The Lord is the stronghold of my life—  
of whom shall I be afraid?**

When the wicked advance against me  
to devour me,

**it is my enemies and my foes  
who will stumble and fall.**

Though an army besiege me,

my heart will not fear;  
**though war break out against me,  
even then I will be confident.**  
One thing I ask from the Lord,  
this only do I seek:  
**that I may dwell in the house of the Lord  
all the days of my life,**  
to gaze on the beauty of the Lord  
and to seek him in his temple.  
**For in the day of trouble  
he will keep me safe in his dwelling;**  
he will hide me in the shelter of his sacred tent  
and set me high upon a rock.

## **GOSPEL READING: HEBREWS 13:5-6**

Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said, “Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you.”  
So we say with confidence, “The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can mere mortals do to me?”

## **Message: “ Profiles in Courage: Part 2 - Facing Fears for Love” - Norris Clark**

### **Prayer and Silent Reflection**

## MUSIC: ALL WHO LOVE AND SERVE YOUR CITY, BLUE # 413, VERSES 1, 2, & 4

1. All who love and serve your city,  
All who bear its daily stress,  
Who cry for peace and justice,  
All who curse and all who bless:

2. In your day of wealth and plenty,  
Wasted work and wasted play,  
Call to mind the word of Jesus,  
“You must work while it is day.”

4. Risen Lord, shall yet the city  
Be the city of despair?  
Come today, our Judge our Glory.  
Be its name “The Lord is there!”

### CALL TO RECONCILIATION

God wants us to be ourselves. But every time we hurt one another, or ourselves, we get further and further away from who we are. It is in our confession, in admitting the truth of our lives, that we can be our genuine selves again. Let us join in our prayer of confession together:

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)

**God of love, you ask us to love one another from the center of who we are, you tell us to bless one another, you encourage us to do good.**

**But we have not listened to your words, instead of loving we have practiced hatred, instead of blessing, we have perfected cursing, instead of doing good, we have sought to get even. Forgive us for giving up.**

**Give us grace to try again, and encouragement to make your ways, our ways. We pray, we wait, and we hope. Amen.**

## **SILENT REFLECTION**

### **HEAR THE WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

God's love for us is genuine. When we need it the most, God's grace washes over us seeping into the cracks of our brokenness and saturating our thirsty hearts. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace. 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**

Why do we give each week?

We give because we have received so much from God.

We give to practice the gratitude for all that God has done for us. We give because we trust

that God can do more with what we have than we can do alone.

So let us practice our gratitude this morning through the giving of our gifts.

### 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 - NORRIS CLARK

**Happy birthday to** Lynda McCartney (9/4), Beverly Mate (9/4), Dennis McDonough (9/10)

**Community News:** Communion Sunday will be September 17, 2023 with Pastor Nicole Wilkinson from The First Presbyterian Church of Cape May.

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

**Pastor Kevin** is in our prayers to gain strength in rehab, for next procedure in October. He and Melissa say “Thank you for your prayers, cards and expressions of love and support! “

**Prayers for:** Chuck’s Father-in-law, Bob Larissa in the hospital, Chuck’s Uncle Bill Keene; Lenore-feeling lightheaded; Lillian Ridgeway, homebound; Denise Snyder-terminal cancer; 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 victims of hurricane Idalia and the wildfires in Hawaii

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

**Prayer** - Norris Clark

### **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-** Beverly Mate

Once we were strangers,

**Now we are neighbors.**

Once we were strangers,

**Now we are friends.**

### **MUSIC: TO GOD BE THE GLORY, BLUE #485**

1. To God be the glory,  
great things He hath done!  
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,  
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin.  
And opened the life gate that all may go in.  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,  
Let the earth hear His voice!

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,  
Let the people rejoice!  
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,  
And give Him the glory: great things He hath  
done!

2. Great things He hath taught us,  
Great things He hath done,  
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;  
But purer, and higher, and greater will be  
Our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,  
Let the earth hear His voice!  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,  
Let the people rejoice!  
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,  
And give Him the glory:  
great things He hath done!

## **BENEDICTION - NORRIS CLARK**

## **POSTLUDE - JAYNE McDONOUGH**

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2. *All Who Love and Serve Your City*: Erik Routley/The United States Sacred Harmony; CCLI Song #3387155
3. *Gloria*: Public Domain
4. *Doxology*: CCLI #4255578
5. *To God Be the Glory*: Fanny Jane Crosby/William H. Diane: CCLI Song #23426