



# Let Us Worship God!



September 17, 2023— 10:30 AM  
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

A Hybrid Worship Experience In-Person and Online

Today's worship team—Music Director: Jayne McDonough; Worship Leader: Robert Stiles;  
Message: Rev. Dr. Nicole Wilkinson; Production: Linda Kaempf

## 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

We welcome Rev. Dr. Nicole Wilkinson, Pastor of Cape May Presbyterian Church, this morning. We thank her for providing our congregation with Communion and allowing Norris Clark to fill in at her church while she is with us today. Her message is "Building the Community in Worship: Honesty".

## WE GATHER AT THE LORD'S TABLE

Celebrate at Jesus' table this week and be spiritually nourished. Our in-person worshippers will be receiving communion. Our online worshippers may request communion by contacting the office. Or, choose the bread you prefer. You may use grape juice or wine or water for the cup, remembering that Christ is the Living Water.

## MUSIC PREVIEW

Following the message we will sing "Take My Life and Let It Be", written by Frances R. Havergal. In her own words, the hymn is a "consecration hymn" in which the singer commits all of her possessions and being to the Lord for his purposes.

The Communion hymn is "Let Us Break Bread Together", an African American spiritual. American slaves could communicate the intention of escaping by singing "Let us break bread together" It is a hymn of the Underground Railroad. The hymn is common in holy communion services, reminding us of our spiritual food and drink presented through the bread and wine.

Our closing hymn is "Song of Hope". The hymn alludes to Romans 15:13, which states, "May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit." This gives us the opening phrase and sets up the idea of hope—a hope that supports and encourages Christians to strive for justice.

**PRELUDE:** JAYNE McDONOUGH

(10:27)

**WELCOME:** REV. DR. NICOLE WILKINSON

**CALL TO WORSHIP (RESPONSIVE)-** ROBERT STILES

Jesus calls to us to lay down our burdens and follow him.

**His yoke is easy and his burden is light.**

God welcomes us here, where we drop our pretense and our pride.

**Let us worship the Lord, to whom we belong.**

### **GOD WELCOMES ALL (SING IN UNISON):**

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

### **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION:**

Gracious God, give us humble, teachable, and obedient hearts, that we may receive what you have revealed, and do what you have commanded. Amen

### **FIRST READING: PROVERBS 28:13**

Whoever conceals their sins does not prosper,  
but the one who confesses and renounces them finds mercy.

### **GOSPEL READING: JAMES 5:13-16A**

Is anyone among you in trouble? Let them pray. Is anyone happy? Let them sing songs of praise. Is anyone among you sick? Let them call the elders of the church to pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise them up. If they have sinned, they will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.

**Message: “Building the Community in Worship: Honesty” - Rev. Dr. Nicole Wilkinson**

**PRAYER AND SILENT REFLECTION**

**MUSIC: TAKE MY LIFE AND LET IT BE #391**

**VERSES 1, 2, & 3 (PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE)**

### **CALL TO RECONCILIATION**

It's only when we can be honest that we realize what an effort dishonesty has been. Jesus invites us to lay down that burden, trusting in God's forgiveness.

### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)**

**God of truth, God who cannot be fooled, forgive us our deceptions. When we hide from ourselves, when we lie or mask ourselves to others, when we run from your deep understanding of us, have mercy. Unburden us of the falsehoods to which we have clung. Open our hearts to the beauty and holiness of the simple truth.**

**SILENT REFLECTION**

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

God is always ready to forgive; once we have recognized our wrongdoing, once we have confessed and known remorse, God

begins with us anew. That is the good news of the gospel, that through Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen.

### THE GLORIA (PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE)

**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.**

### APOSTLES CREED (UNISON)

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

### MOMENT FOR MISSION - BEVERLY MATE

Peace and Global Witness offering. (9/13-10/1)

### GIFTS OF GRATITUDE

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 (Please stand if you are able)

**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 - REV. DR. NICOLE WILKINSON

The flowers beautifying our sanctuary this morning are given by Bob and Linda Hall, in celebration of their 55th wedding anniversary (9/14).



### BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

We celebrate and give thanks to God for Marcus DiLossi (9/18), Lenore Bowne (9/20), Tom Imperato (9/23), Norris Clark (9/24), on

their Birthday's.

**Happy Anniversary to Dale and Jonna Myers (9/22)**

**Community News:** We would like to re-start a choir and have a sign up sheet in the narthex for anyone interested in singing. You can also speak with Jayne after the service.

#### 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:** Family & Friends of Richard Hornstine on his passing; Ed McCann, in ICU following surgery; Freddie, Jr. With prostate cancer; Pam's Brother Rob & his wife, Kelly, for their home search in Las Vegas; Dale's cousin Joan- Bob Larissa in the hospital, Bill Keene; Lenore, Lillian Ridgeway, homebound; Denise Snyder-terminal cancer; Rev. Reader & Rev. Madden. Larry Moyer, getting into new home soon!

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

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

**In the Community-** prayers for the flood victims in Libya and the earthquake in Morocco.

#### COMMUNION HYMN- PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

*Let Us Break Bread Together.* #513 Verse 1

(Please stand if you are able)

#### INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Friends, this is the joyful feast of the people of God!

**They will come from east and west,**

**and from north and south, and sit at table in the kingdom of God.**

This is the Lord's table.

**Our Savior invites those who trust him**

**to share the feast which he has prepared.**

#### GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING/LORD'S PRAYER

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.**

Holy God Creator of heaven and earth, with joy we give you thanks and praise...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.**

### **PRAYER OF THANKS (UNISON)**

**God of hope, make this bread the means of our rebuilding, this cup the source of our transformation, this table the foundation of our renewal, and this community the place of our rebirth. Amen.**

### **Fresh Expression of Community-** Robert Stiles

Once we were strangers,

**Now we are neighbors.**

Once we were strangers,

**Now we are friends.**

### **MUSIC: SONG OF HOPE #432**

**(PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE)**

### **BENEDICTION - REV. DR. NICOLE WILKINSON**

### **POSTLUDE - JAYNE McDONOUGH**

*So glad you've joined us. Please share your worship experience with others on our YouTube channel, Facebook, and Instagram. View worship at any time on our YouTube page. Invite others to join you next week.*

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1. *God Welcomes All: CCLI Song #5495557*
2. *Take My Life And Let It Be: Frances Havergal/H.A. Cesar Milan; CCLI Song #1390*
3. *Gloria: Public Domain*
4. *Doxology: CCLI #4255578*
5. *Let Us Break Bread Together: African American Spiritual arr. William Farley Smith: CCLI Song #3205952*
6. *Song of Hope: Alvin Schutmaat/Argentine folk melody; CCLI Song #5193990*