



# Let Us Worship God!

October 1, 2023—10:30 AM  
Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
World Communion Sunday



A Hybrid Worship Experience In-Person and Online

Today's worship team—Music Director: Jayne McDonough;  
Worship Leader: Robert Stiles; Message: Rev. David Wenker;  
Production: Norris Clark

*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



## 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).

## WORSHIP PREVIEW

We welcome Rev. David Wenker to the pulpit with the message "Your Labor is Not in Vain".

## MUSIC PREVIEW

All hymns today are from the **Red hymnal**. - #169, #113, & #197.

Following the message we will sing *Because He Lives*. The first verse is a presentation of the gospel of Christ, reminding us of His death, burial, and resurrection. In the second verse we see the life of a new baby and sense the assurance that Christ alone can give. The little one can have a victorious life because Christ lives. As we realize that God holds the future and makes life worth living for all who trust in Him, we can face tomorrow with all the uncertainty it brings, *Because He Lives*.

The Preparation for Communion hymn is *Break Thou the Bread of Life*, inspired by Jesus' feeding of the multitude, this hymn was composed on the shores of Lake Chautauqua in 1877 for the Normal Class, the most prominent educational experience at the Assembly at that time for training Sunday school teachers during the summer.

Our closing hymn is *Blessed Assurance*. Many people believed that Fanny Crosby found inspiration for the song "Blessed Assurance" in 1873 from the passage in Hebrews 10:22, which speaks of drawing near to God with a true heart and full assurance of faith.

**PRELUDE:** JAYNE McDONOUGH

(10:27)

**WELCOME:** REV DAVID WENKER.

(10:30)

## CALL TO WORSHIP - RESPONSIVE - ROBERT STILES

People will come from east and west,

**from north and south,**

and will eat in the kingdom of God.

**Thanks be to God for welcoming us to the table.**

## GOD WELCOMES ALL (SING IN UNISON):

**God welcomes all, strangers and friends;**

**God's love is strong and it never ends.**

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION:

Bless us, O God, with ears to hear your truth,  
vision to discern your path, and feet ready to  
move into action, responding to your call.

Inspire us as we hear your Word read and  
proclaimed. Amen.

## FIRST READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 15: 1-8, 51-58

Now, brothers and sisters, I want to remind you of  
the gospel I preached to you, which you received  
and on which you have taken your stand. By this  
gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I  
preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in  
vain.

For what I received I passed on to you as of first  
import : that Christ died for our sins according to the  
Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on

the third day according to the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, and then to the Twelve. After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers and sisters at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles, and last of all he appeared to me also, as to one abnormally born.

Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed—in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. For the perishable must clothe itself with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality. When the perishable has been clothed with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality, then the saying that is written will come true: “Death has been swallowed up in victory.”

“Where, O death, is your victory?

Where, O death, is your sting?”

The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.

## GOSPEL READING: ISAIAH 40: 27-31

Why do you complain, Jacob?

Why do you say, Israel,  
“My way is hidden from the Lord;  
my cause is disregarded by my God”?  
Do you not know?  
Have you not heard?  
The Lord is the everlasting God,  
the Creator of the ends of the earth.  
He will not grow tired or weary,  
and his understanding no one can fathom.  
He gives strength to the weary  
and increases the power of the weak.  
Even youths grow tired and weary,  
and young men stumble and fall;  
but those who hope in the Lord  
will renew their strength.  
They will soar on wings like eagles;  
they will run and not grow weary,  
they will walk and not be faint.

**Message: “Your Labor is Not in Vain” - Rev.  
David Wenker**

## **PRAYER AND SILENT REFLECTION**

### **MUSIC: BECAUSE HE LIVES - RED HYMNAL #169**

1. God sent His Son, they called Him Jesus;  
He came to love, heal, and forgive;  
He lived and died to buy my pardon,  
An empty grave is there to prove  
My Savior lives.

Because He lives I can face tomorrow;  
Because He lives all fear is gone;  
Because I know He holds the future,  
And life is worth the living  
Just because He lives.

2. How sweet to hold our newborn baby,  
And feel the pride and joy he gives;  
But greater still the calm assurance,  
This child can face uncertain days  
Because He lives.

Because He lives I can face tomorrow;  
Because He lives all fear is gone;  
Because I know He holds the future,  
And life is worth the living  
Just because He lives

3. And then one day I'll cross that river;  
I'll fight life's final war with pain;  
And then as death gives way to victory,  
I'll see the lights of glory  
And I'll know He lives.

Because He lives I can face tomorrow;  
Because He lives all fear is gone;  
Because I know He holds the future,  
And life is worth the living  
Just because He lives.

## CALL TO RECONCILIATION

Sin is our stumbling block.

Repentance clears the way to hear and receive God's truth.

Let us confess our sins together

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

**Gracious God, we are indebted to you and your generosity. But we fail to live as good stewards of all you have given us. We confiscate and consume far more than our fair share. We neglect the poor and trap people in poverty, claiming that debt forgiveness is unfair. God, liberate us from our spiritual and moral bondage. Free our world for jubilee. Reorder our priorities so all your nations and peoples may thrive. Amen.**

### **SILENT REFLECTION**

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

Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun.

Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

### **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 (NICENE CREED)**

**We believe in one God, the Father,  
the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God, begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down  
from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy  
Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly  
human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius  
Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance  
with the Scriptures; he ascended into  
heaven and is seated at the right hand of the  
Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the  
living and the dead, and his kingdom will  
have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord,**

**the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

### **GIFTS OF GRATITUDE**

We will also be collecting the Peace and Global Witness offering envelopes today.

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 - REV DAVID WENKER**

**Happy birthday to Kara Smith (9/28), Michele Hume (10/4), Norma Sasso (10/5), Sue Dilks (10/5).**



**Community News** - if you would like to donate to our local food banks, but don't want to carry groceries to church, you can write a check to the church with a note "food bank contribution" and your donation will be sent to the food bank.

- We have a new to us, semi-concert grand piano! Purchased from Quigley pianos, Shawn Quigley has family that attended our church with the very first Pastor. Shawn has graciously agreed to donate his services when the piano needs tuning! We are very grateful for this offering! Please come up and see the new piano after the service!

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

**Pastor Kevin** is in our prayers to gain strength, and have a good swallow test coming up, so he can drink and eat again! . He and Melissa miss everyone at Cold Spring and are thankful for your prayers, cards and kindness.

**Prayers for:** Elaine's cousin Jimmy with leukemia, Dee Snyder for relief from cancer pain, Celeste Bashaw, now on palliative care, Curtis's Mother. Marge Wetherill, broke her arm; Ed Binkowski, in Penn-Presbyterian Hospital with cardiac problems; Family & Friends of Richard Hornstine and Ed McCann on their passing; Freddie, Jr. With prostate cancer; Dale's cousin Joan; Bob Larissa in the hospital, Bill Keene; Lenore, Lillian Ridgeway, homebound.

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

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 OF PREPARATION - BREAK  
THOU THE BREAD OF LIFE - RED HYMNAL #113,  
VERSES 1 & 3

1. Break Thou the bread of life, dear Lord to me,  
As Thou didst break the loaves beside the sea;  
Beyond the sacred page I seek Thee, Lord,  
My spirit pants for Thee, O Living Word.

3. Thou art the bread of life, O Lord, to me,  
Thy holy Word the truth that saveth me;  
Give me to eat and live with Thee above;  
Teach me to love Thy truth for Thou art love.

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 - REV. WENKER**

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

**Ground us in your good news, O God, and hearten us with your hope filled promise of redemption through Jesus Christ. We are grateful for the ways you are active and at work in our world and we revel in your presence. Keep us steady on Christ's path, following his teachings, loving as he loved.**

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

Once we were strangers,

**Now we are neighbors.**

Once we were strangers,

**Now we are friends.**

### **MUSIC: BLESSED ASSURANCE - RED HYMNAL #197**

1. Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!  
O what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,  
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.

This is my story, this is my song,  
Praising my Savior all the day long;  
This is my story, this is my song,  
Praising my Savior all the day long.

2. Perfect submission, perfect delight,  
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;  
Angels descending, bring from above  
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love.  
This is my story, this is my song,  
Praising my Savior all the day long;  
This is my story, this is my song,  
Praising my Savior all the day long.

3. Perfect submission, all is at rest,  
I in my Savior am happy and blest;  
Watching and waiting, looking above,  
Filled with His goodness, lost in His love.  
This is my story, this is my song,  
Praising my Savior, all the day long;  
This is my story, this is my song,  
Praising my Savior all the day long.

## **BENEDICTION - REV. DAVID WENKER**

## **POSTLUDE - JAYNE McDONOUGH**

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