Let Us Worship God!



July 14, 2024-10:30 AM Eighth Sunday After Pentecost



A Hybrid Worship Experience In-Person and Online Today's worship team—Music Director: Jayne McDonough; Worship Leader: Marjorie Wetherill; Message: Pastor David Wenker: Production: Norris Clark



WELCOME!

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

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WORSHIP PREVIEW

Pastor Dave's Message today is titled: "Jeremiah Bought a Field" When we ask God what he wants us to do we can get some crazy answers. The ideas may seem impractical, costly, risky, sacrificial. But sometimes those ideas are the invitation of the Spirit of God to discover something that can only be learned and experienced in that risky place. Sometimes they are just crazy grandiose ideas.

Discerning the difference takes time and requires vulnerability with people you respect at the risk of looking foolish. God is delighted when we are willing to take risks and ask discerning guestions as an act of obedience and faith. What might be asking of you today?

MUSIC PREVIEW:

Please welcome **Lauren Wilczek**, our guest soloist today! Lauren is a home health aid during the day, in her free time she composes her own music, and sings at many open mike nights with her piano or a guitarist. She has performed in Atlantic City casino cafes and sings lead with the Cape Shore Chorus, Sweet Adelines, Int'l. You may have heard her singing at Cold Spring Brewery. Lauren attends the Lighthouse Church and lives in Wildwood with her two college age children. Thank you, Lauren for sharing your gift of music with us today!

The opening hymn, *When Morning Gilds the Skies*, was first written especially for singing of God's mercy in the morning. The text is from an anonymous German hymn, "Beim fruhen Morgenlicht". The date is usually given as 1828, but some sources say 1818, and possibly as early as 1744. The hymn was first published in the 1868 Appendix to *Hymns Ancient and Modern*.

Our hymn of meditation is *Be Thou My Vision* which has its roots in ancient Ireland and has a rich history that has been passed down through the centuries. The origins can be traced back to the 8th century when the text was written in Old Irish as a poem. The poem was later translated into English and set to music, which transformed it into the hymn that is widely known today. The hymn speaks of God as the source of guidance, comfort, and protection, and it expresses the belief that God should be the focus of one's life.

The closing hymn is *O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee.* This hymn teaches that our service to God must be based on intimate fellowship with Him. A hymn which asks the Lord to give us peace that we might be a servant to Him.

PRELUDE: JAYNE McDonough

WELCOME: PASTOR DAVID WENKER

God Welcomes All (sing in unison):

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

CALL TO WORSHIP-(RESPONSIVE) MARGE WETHERILL

One: I was glad when they said unto me,

Many: Let us go unto the house of the Lord.

OPENING PRAYER (UNISON)

God of all glory, on the first day you began creation, bringing light out of darkness. On the first day of the week you began your new

creation, raising Jesus from the darkness of death. On this first day grant that we, the people you create, may be joined with all your works in praising you for your great glory. We are glad to be here today. In Jesus name we pray, AMEN

*GATHERING HYMN: "WHEN MORNING GILDS THE SKIES", BLUE HYMNAL #487

- 1. When morning gilds the skies, My heart awaking cries; May Jesus Christ be praised! Alike at work and prayer To Jesus I repair; May Jesus Christ be praised!
- 2. Does sadness fill my mind?
 A solace here I find:
 May Jesus Christ be praised!
 Or fades my earthly bliss?
 My comfort still is this:
 May Jesus Christ be praised!
- 3. Let earth's wide circle round In joyful notes resound:
 May Jesus Christ be praised!
 Let air and sea and sky

From depth to height reply: May Jesus Christ be praised!

4. Be this, while life is mine, My canticle divine: May Jesus Christ be praised! Be this the eternal song Through all the ages long: May Jesus Christ be praised!

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

The truth is liberating. Let us honestly examine our hearts and confess our sins before God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)

We admit we are powerless to change our basic heart and character. We would like to believe we only need some minor adjustment and we will be acceptable. But you show us we need a radical rebirth and reshaping in your hands. We open ourselves to your refining work today. We surrender to your redeeming hand on our lives. Forgive us, heal us, renew us we pray, in Jesus name.

AMEN

SILENT REFLECTION

HEAR THE WORDS OF ASSURANCE - (RESPONSIVE)

One: Friends hear the good news of the gospel. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone and a new life has begun.

Many: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

*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.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Prepare our hearts and minds for the hearing of your Word, Holy God. Open us to your truth. Humble us to your way. Amen

FIRST READING: MARK 10: 17-31

The Rich and the Kingdom of God

As Jesus started on his way, a man ran up to him and fell on his knees before him. "Good teacher," he asked, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?"

"Why do you call me good?" Jesus answered. "No one is good—except God alone. You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder, you shall not commit adultery, you shall not steal,

you shall not give false testimony, you shall not defraud, honor your father and mother."

"Teacher," he declared, "all these I have kept since I was a boy."

Jesus looked at him and loved him. "One thing you lack," he said. "Go, sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me."

At this the man's face fell. He went away sad, because he had great wealth.

Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it is for the rich to enter the kingdom of God!"

The disciples were amazed at his words. But Jesus said again, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God."

The disciples were even more amazed, and said to each other, "Who then can be saved?" Jesus looked at them and said, "With man this is impossible, but not with God; all things are possible with God." Then Peter spoke up, "We have left everything to follow you!"

"Truly I tell you," Jesus replied, "no one who has left home or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields for me and the gospel will fail to receive a hundred times as much in this present age: homes, brothers, sisters, mothers, children and fields—along with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last first."

This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: JEREMIAH 32: 8-19, 24-25, 42-44

"Then, just as the Lord had said, my cousin Hanamel came to me in the courtyard of the guard and said, 'Buy my field at Anathoth in the territory of Benjamin. Since it is your right to redeem it and possess it, buy it for yourself.' "I knew that this was the word of the Lord; so I bought the field at Anathoth from my cousin Hanamel and weighed out for him seventeen shekels of silver. I signed and sealed the deed, had it witnessed, and weighed out the silver on the scales. I took the deed of purchase—the sealed copy containing the terms and conditions, as well as the unsealed copy - and I gave this deed to Baruch son of Neriah, the son of Mahseiah, in the presence of my cousin Hanamel and of the witnesses who had signed the deed and of all the Jews sitting in the courtyard of the guard. "In their presence I gave Baruch these instructions: 'This is what the Lord Almighty, the God of Israel, says: Take these documents, both the sealed and unsealed copies of the deed of purchase, and put them in a clay jar so they will last a long time. For this is what the Lord Almighty, the God of Israel, says: Houses, fields and vineyards will again be bought in this land.' "After I had given the deed of purchase to Baruchson of Neriah, I prayed to the Lord: "Ah, Sovereign Lord, you have made the heavens and the earth by your great power and outstretched arm. Nothing is too hard for you. You show love to thousands but bring the punishment for the parents' sins into the laps of their children after them. Great and mighty God, whose name is the Lord Almighty, great are your purposes and mighty are your deeds. Your eyes are open to the ways of all mankind; you reward each person according to their conduct and as their deeds deserve.

"See how the siege ramps are built up to take the city. Because of the sword, famine and plague, the city will be given into the hands of the Babylonians who are attacking it. What you said has happened, as you now see. And though the city will be given into the hands of the Babylonians, you, Sovereign Lord, say to me, 'Buy the field with silver and have the transaction witnessed.'" "This is what the Lord says: As I have brought all this great calamity on this people, so I will give them all the prosperity I have promised them. Once more fields will be bought in this land of which you say, 'It is a desolate waste, without people or animals, for it has been given into the hands of the Babylonians.' Fields will be bought for silver, and deeds will be signed, sealed and witnessed in the territory of Benjamin, in the villages around Jerusalem, in the towns of Judah and in the towns of the hill country, of the western foothills and of the Negev, because I will restore their fortunes, declares the Lord."

Message: "Jeremiah Bought a Field"
Pastor David Wenker
Prayer and Silent Reflection

HYMN OF MEDITATION: BE THOU MY VISION, BLUE HYMNAL #339

1. Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art-Thou my best thought, by day or by night, Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

- 2. Riches I need not, nor man's empty praise, Thou mine inheritance, now and always: Thou and Thou only, first in my heart, Great God of heaven, my treasure Thou art.
- 3. Be Thou my wisdom and Thou my true Word;

I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord; Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

GIFTS OF GRATITUDE

In gratitude to God for all our blessings, let us bless others with a portion of all we have been given. Let us present our offerings to God.

OFFERTORY - "AMAZING GRACE, MY CHAINS ARE GONE" - SOLOIST - LAUREN WILCZEK

*The Doxology

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

COMMUNITY NEWS:



Flowers: Sign-up in the Narthex, or online, if you'd like to donate flowers in memory, or in honor, of a loved one. For more information, contact Beverly Mate, 609-847-1530. (\$20/vase).

Hospitality table after the service, outside under the



trees! Please join us for light refreshments! There is a sign up sheet in the narthex if you'd like to help one Sunday.

COLD SPRING CHURCH & CEMETARY TOUR DATES FOR 2024 - MEETS AT 10:00 AM IN FRONT OF THE RED BRICK CHURCH, APPROX 60 MINUTES.

July - 27, August - 10 & 24

September - 7, 21 & 28



The approximately 60-minute tour starts in front of the Red Brick Church at 10:00 AM with the cemetery walk. The tour concludes in the air-conditioned church building. There is no fee for the tour. For those who wish to support the community mission of Cold Spring Presbyterian Church, a basket is located in the church Narthex. Step into history with us. You'll be amazed!



Happy Birthday Blessings to:

July 17 ~ Barbara McPherson July 19 ~ Ted Lewis

SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS - PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

(If you'd like to add to our prayer list, please complete a green Let's Pray card.)

Pray for: Carol Glacken (in the office) having surgery on 7/19, Dennis Spilker family, who lost their home & family pets in a late night fire. Our prayers were answered upon seeing Ruth Traber & Beverly Mate both well enough to attend church last Sunday! Pam **Smith & Tara** who left on a two week mission trip to the Crow Indian Reservation in Montana; Pastor Dave & Janet's Grandson, **Joshua,** on a mission trip to Lima, Peru & Amazon jungle; comfort for Saalman & Ferry families on the passing of Joyce Ferry; Pastor Sheivly & his wife, Anna as they cope with multiple maladies of aging; Comfort for Pat Harris & family on the passing of her 19 1/2 yr old dog; praise & Joy for **Dr Regina** receiving her 2nd confirmation diagnosis of cancer free!; Comfort for the friends & family of **Rev. Douglas Madden** on his passing; Comfort for friends & family of **John DiGioia** on his passing, he had been living for many years with a Donor heart; The Presbyterian General Assembly; the pastor of the Cape May Beach Summer Church; Eileen Stalford in nursing care.

Continual prayer requested for: Those on hospice care: Marty; John Stalford, Gertrude Hess, Celeste Bashaw, Ted Lewis.

Those undergoing cancer treatment: Keith, Todd, Brian, Gerri Mills, Robin B, Mike, Kim, Steve, Rickey, Lorraine, Candy, Susan Craig, Donna, Liz, Jennifer, Julie, & Lori Shuler, Von George.

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE 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-Marge Wetherill Once we were strangers,

Now we are neighbors.

Once we were strangers,

Now we are friends.

*SENDING HYMN - "O MASTER, LET ME WALK WITH THEE", BLUE HYMNAL #357

- 1. O Master, let me walk with Thee In lowly paths of service free; Tell me Thy secret; Help me bear The strain of toil, The fret of care.
- 2. Help me the slow of heart to move By some clear, winning word of love; Teach me the wayward feet to stay, And guide them in the homeward way.
- 3. Teach me Thy patience; Still with thee In closer, dearer company, In work that keeps faith sweet and strong, In trust that triumphs over wrong

4. In hope that sends a shining ray Far down the future's broadening way; In peace that only Thou canst give, With Thee, O Master, let me live.

BENEDICTION - PASTOR DAVID WENKER 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. Morning Has Broken: Eleanor Farjeon/Carlton R. Young; CCLI Song #3999519
- 2. God Welcomes All; CCLI Song #549555
- 3. When Morning Gilds the Skies; Edward Caswall/Joseph Barnby; CCLI Song #7008580
- 4. Gloria: Public Domain
- 5. Be Thou My Vision: Eleanor Hull, Mary Byrne, Tom Fettke; CCLI Song #3108066
- Amazing Grace My Chains Are Gone: Chris Tomlin, John Newton, Louie Giglio; CCLI #4768151
- 7. Doxology: CCLI Song #425557
- 8. O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee: Dale Wood, H. Percy Smith, Washington Gladden; CCLI #1758776