



# LET US WORSHIP GOD!

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FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

A HYBRID WORSHIP EXPERIENCE IN-PERSON AND ONLINE

Today's worship team— Music Director: Jayne McDonough;  
Worship Leader: Robert Stiles; Message: Rev. Jim Shanley;  
Worship 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:

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## MESSAGE PREVIEW

**Please welcome the Rev. Jim Shanley to the pulpit today.**

Rev. Shanley comes to us from Ventnor, NJ. Jim served the Presbyterian Church of Mountaintop, Pa. For 32 years. He retired in 2019. Jim and his wife Carin are married 46 years and are the proud parents of three grown children and three growing grandchildren.

**The Rev. Jim Shanley's message today is "Set An Example".**

## MUSIC PREVIEW

"*Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne*" is a hymn that tells the story of Jesus' life on Earth. The song was written by Emily Elizabeth Steele Elliott in 1864. It emphasizes the sacrifices Jesus made to become the Savior and highlights the contrast between Jesus' suffering and the blessing he brought. It ends with hope for the future and assurance of salvation.

“*O Jesus I have promised*” was written by John E. Bode in 1868 for his daughter and two sons' confirmation service. At the time he was a pastor in Cambridgeshire England and the song was published in 1869.

“*Living for Jesus*” written in 1917. Charles Lowden (1883-1963) of Camden, New Jersey, had a music business and wrote music for gospel songs. His church had asked him to compose a gospel song for the children's day service, and he was happy to do it. He named it “Sunshine Song”. But, after it was performed, he wasn't pleased with it. He thought the music was okay, but the words weren't right... so he put the song on the shelf. About 2 years later, he heard that – due to poor health and poor finances – a well-known Christian songwriter, Thomas Chisholm (1866-1960), was moving from Indiana to Vineland, New Jersey. Charles looked forward to meeting him and wondered if they could team up for a song. Then he remembered the music he had written 2 years before. He asked Chisholm if he could write some new words for it – maybe something along the theme of living for Jesus. Chisholm wasn't so sure; he had written many hymns, but had never written words to fit a pre-existing tune. But he agreed to try; 2 weeks later Charles got the words he wanted from Chisholm. Those words – and that tune – became this hymn, “*Living for Jesus*”, second in popularity only to Chisholm's most well-known hymn, “Great Is Thy Faithfulness.”

**PRELUDE**

**JAYNE McDONOUGH**

**WELCOME:**

**REV. JIM SHANLEY**

**GOD WELCOMES ALL (UNISON)**

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

## THE CALL TO WORSHIP (RESPONSIVE)

One: God has given us work to do.

**Many: It was God who claimed us and named us.**

One: The light of God's love shines in us.

**Many: We have gathered to worship and shine God's love into all the world.**

## OPENING PRAYER (UNISON)

1 I will praise you, Lord, with all my heart; before the “gods” I will sing your praise.

**2 I will bow down toward your holy temple and will praise your name for your unfailing love and your faithfulness, for you have so exalted your solemn decree that it surpasses your fame.**

3 When I called, you answered me; you greatly emboldened me.

**4 May all the kings of the earth praise you, Lord, when they hear what you have decreed.**

5 May they sing of the ways of the Lord, for the glory of the Lord is great.

**6 Though the Lord is exalted, he looks kindly on the lowly; though lofty, he sees them from afar.**

7 Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you

preserve my life. You stretch out your hand against the anger of my foes; with your right hand you save me.

**8 The Lord will vindicate me; your love, Lord, endures forever—do not abandon the works of your hands.**

**GATHERING HYMN "THOU DIDST LEAVE THY THRONE" RED HYMNAL #116**

**1. Thou didst leave Thy throne  
And Thy kingly crown  
When Thou camest to earth for me;  
But in Bethlehem's home  
Was there found no room  
For Thy holy nativity:  
O come to my heart, Lord Jesus!  
There is room in my heart for Thee.**

**2. Heaven's arches rang  
When the angels sang,  
Proclaiming Thy royal degree;  
But in lowly birth  
Didst Thou come to earth,  
And in great humility:  
O come to my heart, Lord Jesus!  
There is room in my heart for Thee.**

**3. The foxes found rest  
And the birds their nest  
In the shade of the forest tree;  
But Thy couch was the sod,  
O Thou Son of God,  
In the desert of Galilee:  
O come to my heart, Lord Jesus!  
There is room in my heart for Thee.**

**4. Thou camest, O Lord,  
With the living word  
That should set Thy people free;  
But with mocking scorn,  
And with crown of thorn,  
They bore Thee to Calvary:  
O come to my heart, Lord Jesus!  
There is room in my heart for Thee.**

**5. When the heavens shall ring,  
And the angels sing,  
At Thy coming to victory,  
Let Thy voice call me home,  
Saying, “yet there is room,  
There is room at My side for thee:”  
My heart shall rejoice, Lord Jesus!  
When Thou comest and callest for me.**

## CALL TO CONFESSION ROMANS 3:23

"For all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God."

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)

**Lord Jesus Christ, when you came to redeem us you humbled yourself and made yourself nothing. We confess how unlike you we are in our attitudes and actions. We attend to our needs and fail to serve others. Forgive our sins and renew our hearts so that we would become more like you. Amen.**

## SILENT REFLECTION

## HEAR THE WORDS OF ASSURANCE (RESPONSIVE)

One: Almighty God, who does freely pardon all who repent and turn to Him, now fulfill in every contrite heart the promise of redeeming grace, forgiving all our sins through the perfect sacrifice of Christ Jesus our Lord.

**Many: Amen! Praise the Lord!**

## 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**

Holy God, as we prepare to read your living Word, open our hearts, our ears and our eyes that we may encounter your Spirit.

### **GOSPEL READING: JOHN 1: 6-8, 19-28**

There was a man sent from God whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all might believe. He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light.

Now this was John's testimony when the Jewish leaders in Jerusalem sent priests and Levites to ask him who he was. He did not fail to confess, but confessed freely, "I am not the Messiah." They asked him, "Then who are you? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the Prophet?" He answered, "No."

Finally they said, "Who are you? Give us an answer to take back to those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?" John replied in the words of Isaiah the prophet, "I am the voice of one calling in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way for the Lord.'" Now the Pharisees who had been sent questioned him,

“Why then do you baptize if you are not the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet?”

“I baptize with water,” John replied, “but among you stands one you do not know. He is the one who comes after me, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie.” This all happened at Bethany on the other side of the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

**MESSAGE: “SET AN EXAMPLE”**

**REV. JIM SHANLEY**

**PRAYER AND SILENT REFLECTION**

**HYMN OF MEDITATION - "O JESUS, I HAVE PROMISED" BLUE HYMNAL #388**

**1. O Jesus, I have promised  
To serve Thee to the end;  
Be Thou forever near me,  
My Master and my friend;  
I shall not fear the battle  
If Thou art by my side,  
Nor wander from the pathway  
If Thou wilt be my Guide.**

**2. O let me feel Thee near me!  
The world is ever near;  
I see the sights that dazzle,  
The tempting sounds I hear;**



**My foes are ever near me,  
Around me and within;  
But, Jesus, draw Thou nearer  
And shield my soul from sin.**

**3. O let me hear Thee speaking  
In accents clear and still,  
Above the storms of passion,  
The murmurs of self will;  
O speak to reassure me,  
To hasten or control;  
O speak, and make me listen,  
Thou guardian of my soul.**

**4. O Jesus, Thou hast promised  
To all who follow Thee  
That where Thou art in glory  
There shall Thy servant be;  
And, Jesus, I have promised  
To serve Thee to the end;  
O give me grace to follow,  
My Master and my friend.**

### **OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS**

We are called to participate in God's abundance, through the choices we make with our time, our talent, our emotions and our physical resources. Let us honor God with our offering.

## OFFERTORY -

### 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 DEDICATION

God of light and love, shine through these offerings that love may radiate throughout the world. Guide our paths that we may always be lights of compassion and care for a world in need. Amen.

### COMMUNITY NEWS

#### BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES: CHARLIE KEISTER - FEBRUARY 16



**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).



The Deacons Soup-er Sunday collection for the food banks, concludes today! Place your soup cans on your winning team, AFC-Kansas City Chiefs or NFC-Philadelphia Eagles, to choose who will win the Super Bowl! And thank you for participating!

## RECEIVING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

Pray for: **Charlie Keister** has been moved to Genesis Rehab Center in North Cape May, on Thursday, he will be ready for visitors soon! **Carol Bostrum** thanks everyone for their prayers; **Lisa & Will** having marriage difficulties; Comfort for the **Schofield family** on the loss of 17 yr old **Aiden** in a dirt bike accident; **Debbie Ferry & family** on the passing of her husband Mike Ferry; for **Family Promise** as they celebrate 15 years of serving Cape May County homeless families.

**Continual prayer requested for:** **Eileen Stalford** in nursing care; **Pastor Bob & Anna Sheidly** friends of Bob Heinly, as they battle multiple maladies of aging; **Bob Sheidly** is improving and grateful for our prayers.

**Those on hospice care:** **Marty, John Stalford, Gertrude Hess, Celeste Bashaw, Ted Lewis, Ed McCaughey, Mike Ferry.**

**Those undergoing cancer treatment:** **Katrina Gonzalez, Bob Maher, Karen R., Keith, Todd, Brian, Gerri Mills, Robin B, Mike, Kim, Steve, Rickey, Lorraine, Candy, Donna, Liz, Jennifer, Julie, Lori, Ruth & Debbie, Mike Grecco.**

### PASTORAL PRAYER

## **The Lord's Prayer (unison)**

**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**

Once we were strangers,  
**Now we are neighbors.**  
Once we were strangers,  
**Now we are friends.**

## **CLOSING HYMN - "LIVING FOR JESUS"**

**RED HYMNAL #383**

**1. Living for Jesus a life that is true,  
Striving to please Him in all that I do;  
Yielding allegiance, glad-hearted and free,  
This is the pathway of blessing for me.  
O Jesus, Lord and Savior,  
I give myself to Thee,  
For Thou, in Thy atonement,  
Didst give Thyself for me;  
I own no other master,**

**My heart shall be Thy throne;  
My life I give henceforth to live,  
O Christ, for Thee alone.**

**2. Living for Jesus who died in my place,  
Bearing on Calvary my sin and disgrace;  
Such love constrains me to answer His call,  
Follow His leading and give Him my all.  
O Jesus, Lord and Savior,  
I give myself to Thee,  
For Thou, in Thy atonement,  
Didst give Thyself for me;  
I own no other master,  
My heart shall be Thy throne;  
My life I give henceforth to live,  
O Christ, for Thee alone**

**3. Living for Jesus wherever I am,  
Doing each duty in His holy name;  
Willing to suffer affliction or loss,  
Deeming each trial a part of my cross.  
O Jesus, Lord and Savior,  
I give myself to Thee,  
For Thou, in Thy atonement,  
Didst give Thyself for me;  
I own no other master,  
My heart shall be Thy throne;  
My life I give henceforth to live,  
O Christ, for Thee alone.**

**4. Living for Jesus through earth's little  
while,  
My dearest treasure, the light of His smile;  
Seeking the lost ones He died to redeem,  
Bringing the weary to find rest in Him.  
O Jesus, Lord and Savior,  
I give myself to Thee,  
For Thou, in Thy atonement,  
Didst give Thyself for me;  
I own no other master,  
My heart shall be Thy throne;  
My life I give henceforth to live,  
O Christ, for Thee alone.**

**BENEDICTION: (RESPONSIVE)      REV. JIM SHANLEY**

One: Go in the love of the One who calls us to  
set the example.

**Many: We go in fellowship of Jesus Christ  
who claims us as brothers and sisters.**

One: Depart in the community of the Holy  
Spirit who binds us together with all the saints.

**Many: We leave in grace and humility to  
shine God's love throughout the world.**

**Amen.**

**POSTLUDE:**

JAYNE McDONOUGH

Go in peace. See you next week!

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and Instagram. Worship at any time on YouTube. Invite others to join you next week.*

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1. *God Welcomes All* - CCLI Song #5495557
2. *Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne: Timothy R. Matthew's, Emily E. S. Elliott* ; CCLI #91977
3. *Gloria* Public Domaine
4. *O Jesus, I Have Promised: Arthur Henry Mann, John Ernest Bode*; CCLI Song #40454
5. *Doxology* - CCLI Song #425557
6. *Living for Jesus*; C. Harold Lowden, Thomas O. Chisholm; CCLI Song #20687