



Let's Worship God!



September 13, 2020—10:30 AM

15th Sunday after Pentecost— W11 WO27

A Hybrid Worship Experience, In-Person and Online

Today's worship team: Music Director Jayne McDonough, Worship Leader and Soloist the Rev. Larry Moyer, Production Norris Clark; and Transformation Pastor, the Rev. Dr. Kevin Yoho.

WORSHIP YOUR WAY!

Join us for Worship Online: www.facebook.com/coldspringchurch (Facebook account is not required to participate.) Or **Call** 929-205-6099. Enter **Meeting ID**: 875 2479. Or, beginning September 20, 2020, join us for Worship In-person (Welcome back!). Please follow our protocols for everyone's safety, including no congregational singing, maintaining a six-foot distance, and face masks are required to be worn at all times. Words in **bold** may be spoken.

WORSHIP AND MESSAGE THEME:

Our worship theme this week is courage. Fires, hurricanes, social unrest, injustice, the contentious election season, the pandemic and regular obstacles we face stress all of us differently. Living in a community requires courage. We need the courage to be present for others. We need the courage to be humble. Courage to be patient. Courage to serve others and take steps in a new direction. We need courage to forgive others. That's really a challenge.

Our scripture readings this week are about courage as we meet Moses at the Red Sea when a vanguard of courageous Israelites walk into the sea on dry ground, and we will hear Jesus' story of the merciful King and his cowardly unforgiving manager.



When we authentically sacrifice for others, doing the right thing in the right way, we are acting courageous. As Paul instructed his student Timothy, "make full use of the gift that God gave you...use it well. God's Spirit doesn't make cowards out of us. The Spirit gives us power, love, and self-control" (2 Tim. 1:6-7). Jesus said, "Freely you have received. Freely give" (Matthew 10:8). How do you love your neighbor as yourself? How are you experiencing that love yourself? When do you ask God for courage? When should you ask God for courage?

It takes courage to believe God, to forgive as we have been forgiven. Whatever seas and obstacles you are facing, God's abundant grace will give you abundant courage so the Spirit can empower you to mirror God's love, forgiveness, and grace to others.

MUSIC PREVIEW: (IN-PERSON WORSHIPPERS REFRAIN FROM SINGING.)

We begin worship prayerfully asking that Christ would "*Help Us Accept Each Other*," a musical and visual offering of the United Japanese Christian Church in California. The scriptural basis for this song is Romans 15:7. Living as people who have been accepted by Christ inspire us to accept others, too. The solo, "*Got Any Rivers*" is offered by the Rev. Larry Moyer. Written by pastor Oscar Carl Eliason in 1942, he based the chorus on the Panama Canal Gang's lyrics about uncrossable rivers and cutting through mountains! He added scripture references about Joshua, who like Moses in today's message, crossed a mighty body of water with courage. We conclude with "*Build Your Kingdom Here*," with Jesus' teaching and parables about the kingdom of God. Verse two says, "To see the captive hearts released; the hurt, the sick, the poor at peace," alluding to Luke 4:18-19, in which Jesus publicly announces that his ministry would serve all people.

5-MINUTE COUNTDOWN VIDEO WITH MINI-MOVIE: (01-10:25)

ONLINE WELCOME: REV. KEVIN YOHO, PASTOR: (10:30)

ONLINE MUSIC (VIDEO LYRICS): HELP US ACCEPT EACH OTHER (02-2:32)

Verse 1

Help us accept each other
As Christ accepted us
Teach us as sister brother
Each person to embrace
Be present Lord among us
And bring us to believe
We are ourselves accepted
And meant to love and live

Verse 3

Let Your acceptance change us
So that we may be moved
In living situations
To do the truth in love
To practice Your acceptance
Until we know by heart
The table of forgiveness
And laughter's healing art

Verse 2

Teach us O Lord Your lessons
As in our daily life
We struggle to be human
And search for hope and faith
Teach us to care for people
For all - not just for some
To love them as we find them
Or as they may become

Verse 4

Lord for today's encounters
With all who are in need
Who hunger for acceptance
For justice and for bread
We need new eyes for seeing
New hands for holding on
Renew us with Your Spirit
Lord free us make us one

PRELUDE JAYNE McDONOUGH (03)

CALL TO WORSHIP: REV. LARRY MOYER (10:35)

We joyfully worship God who inhabits our world, and indwells our lives. We are loved by God, Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit, right now and always! Let us worship God!

MUSIC: GOD WELCOMES ALL, (1X) (SPOKEN) (04-10:35)

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION:

Loving God, as we hear your word proclaimed, keep our hearts and minds open to the Good News as we learn, grow, and serve. AMEN.

OLD TESTAMENT READING: EXODUS 14:21-29 (NRSV) (WITH EMPHASIS)

Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. **The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground**, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the Lord in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the Israelites, for the Lord is fighting for them against Egypt."

Then the Lord said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers." So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the Lord tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But **the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea**, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

MESSAGE FOR KIDS: "TAKE A NEW STEP FORWARD"

PRAYER FOR FAMILIES

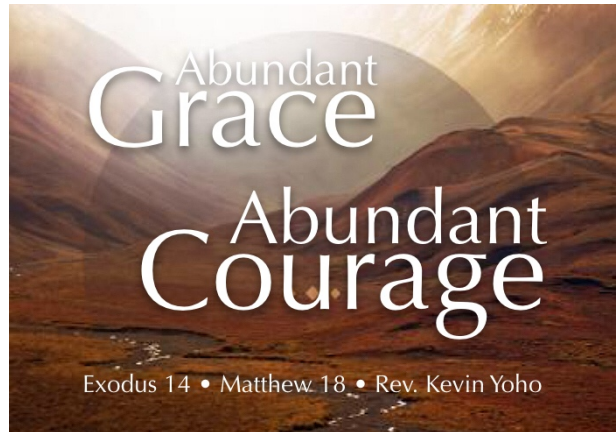
SOLO: THE REV. LARRY MOYER, GOT ANY RIVERS (05)

GOSPEL LESSON: MATTHEW 18:21-35 (CEB)

Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, how many times should I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Should I forgive as many as seven times?" Jesus said, "Not just seven times, but rather as many as seventy-seven times. Therefore, the kingdom of heaven is like a king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. When he began to settle accounts, they brought to him a servant who owed him ten thousand bags of gold. Because the servant didn't have enough to pay it back, the master ordered that he should be sold, along with his wife and children and everything he had, and that the proceeds should be used as payment. But the servant fell down, knelt before him, and said, 'Please, be patient with me, and I'll pay you back.' The master had compassion on that servant, released him, and forgave the loan. "When that servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him one hundred coins. He grabbed him around the throat and said, 'Pay me back what you owe me.'

"Then his fellow servant fell down and begged him, 'Be patient with me, and I'll pay you back.' But he refused. Instead, he threw him into prison

until he paid back his debt. “When his fellow servants saw what happened, they were deeply offended. They came and told their master all that happened. His master called the first servant and said, ‘You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you appealed to me. Shouldn’t you also have mercy on your fellow servant, just as I had mercy on you?’ His master was furious and handed him over to the guard responsible for punishing prisoners, until he had paid the whole debt. “My heavenly Father will also do the same to you if you don’t forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”



MESSAGE— “ABUNDANT GRACE, ABUNDANT COURAGE”

Rev. Kevin Yoho

PRAYER

SILENT REFLECTION: (06)

CALL TO RECONCILIATION:

God loves you and nothing separates you from God’s love. In a spirit of gratitude and honesty, let us pray together:

PRAYER OF FORGIVENESS:

Loving God, forgive us our sins, hurting or neglecting others, missing opportunities to serve. Help us turn around and live like Jesus, through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

SILENT REFLECTION (07)

HEAR THE WORDS OF ASSURANCE:

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven to show real love, joy, peace... the fruit of the Spirit!

Thanks be to God, we are forgiven! AMEN.

THE GLORIA (SPOKEN) (08)

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:

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PRAYER OF GRATITUDE

THE DOXOLOGY (SPOKEN) (09)

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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

09/13: Marge MacVeigh, recovering from surgery, treatment. Kathleen (Family Promise staff) and family in passing of her mother, Peg Armand. 09/06: Rebecca for 3 nieces, classes resuming, for safety and our church family. Carol C. for cancer treatment, covid-19, community unrest.

The Sparks family in the passing of Michael Sparks on August 30. 08/30:

Anthony A, beginning Army service at Fort

Jackson, SC. 08/23: Charles. 08/09: Julie, Dottie, and Glenn, cancer.

Prayers for those suffering from COVID-19, disasters, economic stressors, racism, health concerns. 08/02: Praise: Helen L. at home.

Marilyn G, at home. Bonnie M (hip); Mike L (staff infection)

Parents and guardians as schools re-open in-person and online. Frontline caregivers. Our congregation, community, area church's and businesses.

Those grieving lost loved ones, friends, and co-workers. Those in the military: Anthony A., Cpt. Laura C, Cpt. Sean C, Pvt. William C, US Army, 2nd Lt Michael C, USAF, S. Sgt. Richard E, head injury victims.



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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.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

FRESH EXPRESSION OF COMMUNITY

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

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

BENEDICTION: REV. KEVIN YOHO 11:05

ONLINE MUSIC (VIDEO LYRICS): BUILD YOUR KINGDOM HERE (10-4:00)

Verse 1

Come set Your rule and reign
In our hearts again
Increase in us we pray
Unveil why we're made
Come set our hearts ablaze with
hope
Like wildfire in our very souls
Holy Spirit come invade us now
We are Your church
We need Your pow'r in us

Verse 2

We seek Your kingdom first
We hunger and we thirst
Refuse to waste our lives
For You're our joy and prize
To see the captives' hearts
released
The hurt the sick the poor at peace
We lay down our lives for heaven's
cause
We are Your church
We pray revive this earth
Chorus

Build Your kingdom here
Let the darkness fear
Show Your mighty hand
Heal our streets and land
Set Your church on fire
Win this nation back
Change the atmosphere
Build Your kingdom here we pray

Verse 3

Unleash Your kingdom's pow'r
Reaching the near and far
No force of hell can stop
Your beauty changing hearts
You made us for much more than
this
Awake the kingdom seed in us
Fill us with the strength and love of
Christ
We are Your church
We are the hope on earth

POSTLUDE

So glad you've joined us online. Please share your joy and worship experience with your Facebook friends. Invite them to join you next week!

Notes for Today's Worship Online:

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1. (01, 02) Worship Music Countdown CCLI #4662491
2. (02) Help Us Accept Each Other CCLI #1515081
3. (04) God Welcomes All: CCLI #7102394
4. (05) Solo- Got Any Rivers: CCLI #9770
5. (08) Gloria- Public Domain.
6. (09) Doxology. CCLI #4255578
7. (10) Build Your Kingdom Here CCLI #6186078