



Let's Worship!

October 25, 2020—10:30 AM

REFORMATION SUNDAY

21st Sunday after Pentecost— W17 WO33

A Hybrid Worship Experience, In-Person, and Online

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

WORSHIP YOUR WAY!

Join us for Worship Online: www.facebook.com/coldspringchurch. Or **Call** 929-205-6099. Enter **Meeting ID**: 882 3154 2428. You may also join us for Worship In-person (Welcome back!). Protocols are required for everyone's safety, including no congregational singing, maintaining a six-foot distance, and face masks must be worn at all times. Words in **bold** and music may be spoken if in-person. Text is enlarged for a better viewing experience.

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARY:

October 24 ~ Jonna Myers (Birthday) October 27 - Wayne & Sue Dilks; Rob & Dianne Riehl (Anniversary)

WORSHIP AND MESSAGE THEME:

Welcome to this week's Worship Online and Worship In-person experience at Cold Spring Church. Take a look at the graphic to the right. When we say "Please, God" (with a comma), we are typically asking God for something. With a comma, it's a prayer. But when we delete the comma and say, "Please God," we are making a statement, describing a task to please God.

Our purpose as followers of Jesus is to please God, and this week we will consider how we express our faith to turn prayer into our life's purpose in how we live. Pleasing God is our worthy purpose!



At the entrance to many harbors, there are two leading lights. One would think that the two signals would confuse the boat pilot. But the fact is, the pilot's priority is to keep the two lights aligned. As long as the two lights are in line, the boat is safe. Life is complicated, but God had also given us two lights that keep us aligned when Jesus said to love God and love others as ourselves. When we keep them in line, we move forward in our life. But there's more to life than moving in the right *direction*. We need the right *motivation*, too.

In the message, "Please God: Editing Our Faith, Aligning Our Life," we will connect Jesus' affirmation of the two greatest commandments (Matthew 22:34-46) with Paul's admonition to edit our faith's motivation (1 Thessalonians 2:1-8). While we attempt to love God and neighbor because we are

commanded to do so, we must be sure of what motivates our behaviors. Do we expect our neighbor to respond in kind or thank us, or be transformed by our love and efforts? Do we constantly look for ways for God or others to please us? Like the political leaders and religious crowds we will read about in worship, we also try to protect our interests, advance our success, ensure particular outcomes that make us look good, and bolster our security and power. We do this in the church, too. This week let's edit our faith's motivation as we align our love for God and neighbor with a newfound motivation to glorify and please God!

MUSIC PREVIEW: ONLINE, SING ALOUD! IN-PERSON, HUM, OR SING IN SPIRIT!

Our countdown music this week includes a hymn we introduced last week titled the *Image of God*. After our prelude celebrating the Reformation with Martin Luther's *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*, we read/sing *In an Age of Twisted Values*, which many might say describes our life and times today though written in 1995. One of the ways followers of Jesus can show alignment with God as a good neighbor is to express care for others. We want to be thoughtfully empathetic and responsive to a broad range of human needs in our community, country, and the world. This hymn is a potent reminder of the Gospel-values that need a fresh expression by the Church. We conclude worship with a virtual choir singing *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* with 176 voices from 34 countries led and arranged by David Wesley. Long before Issac Watts began to add music to the Psalms during the Protestant Reformation, Martin Luther had already done so when he created the text and tune for this, his most famous hymn, based on Psalm 46. Chants influenced Luther's metrical versions and style heard in religious communities and folk and regional music in bars and other social gatherings of his day.

5-MINUTE COUNTDOWN VIDEO: (01-10:25)

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

ONLINE MUSIC (VIDEO LYRICS) *IN AN AGE OF TWISTED VALUES*: (02-3:50)

Verse 1

In an age of twisted values
We have lost the truth we need
In sophisticated language
We have justified our greed
By our struggle for possessions
We have robbed the poor and weak
Hear our cry and heal our nation
Your forgiveness Lord we seek

Verse 2

We have built discrimination
On our prejudice and fear
Hatred swiftly turns to cruelty
If we hold resentments dear
For communities divided
By the walls of class and race
Hear our cry and heal our nation
Show us Lord Your love and grace

Verse 3

When our families are broken
When our homes are full of strife
When our children are bewildered
When they lose their way in life
When we fail to give the aged
All the care we know we should
Hear our cry and heal our nation
With Your tender fatherhood

Verse 4

We who hear Your word so often
Choose so rarely to obey
Turn us from our willful blindness
Give us truth to light our way
In the power of Your Spirit
Come to cleanse us make us new
Hear our cry and heal our nation
Till our nation honors You

[PRELUDE JAYNE McDONOUGH: \(03\)](#)

[CALL TO WORSHIP \(UNISON\): \(10:35\)](#)

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, \(1X\) \(UNISON\) \(04-10:35\)](#)

God welcomes all, strangers and friends;

God's love is strong and it never ends.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (UNISON):

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: PSALM 1 (NIV)

Blessed is the one who does not walk in step with the wicked
or stand in the way that sinners take
or sit in the company of mockers,
but whose delight is in the law of the Lord,
and who meditates on his law day and night.
That person is like a tree planted by streams of water,
which yields its fruit in season
and whose leaf does not wither—
whatever they do prospers.
Not so the wicked!
They are like chaff
that the wind blows away.
Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,
nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous.
For the Lord watches over the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked leads to destruction.

NEW TESTAMENT READING: 1 THESSALONIANS 2:1-8 (NTE)

For you yourselves know, my dear family, that our visit to you didn't turn out to be empty. On the contrary. We had already undergone awful things and been shamefully treated in Philippi, as you know; but we were open and exuberant in our God in declaring to you the gospel of God, despite a good deal of opposition.

When we make our appeal, you see, we are not deceiving people. We don't have any impure motives; we aren't playing some kind of trick. Rather, we speak as people whom God has validated to be entrusted with the gospel; not with a view

to pleasing people, but in order to please God, who validates our hearts.

For we never used flattering words, as you know. Nor were we saying things insincerely, as a cover-up for greed, as God is our witness. We weren't looking for recognition from anybody, either you or anyone else – though we could have imposed on you, as the Messiah's emissaries. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse taking care of her own children. We were so devoted to you that we gladly intended to share with you not only the gospel of God but our own lives, because you became so dear to us.

MESSAGE FOR KIDS: "HOW TO MAKE A GREAT DAY"

PRAYER FOR FAMILIES

GOSPEL READING: MATTHEW 22:34-46 (NIV)

Hearing that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, the Pharisees got together. One of them, an expert in the law, tested him with this question: "Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?"

Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments."

While the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them, "What do you think about the Messiah? Whose son is he?"

"The son of David," they replied.

He said to them, "How is it then that David, speaking by the Spirit, calls him 'Lord'? For he says,

"The Lord said to my Lord:

"Sit at my right hand
until I put your enemies
under your feet.'"

If then David calls him ‘Lord,’ how can he be his son?” No one could say a word in reply, and from that day on no one dared to ask him any more questions.



MESSAGE— *“EDITING OUR FAITH,
ALIGNING OUR LIFE”*

PRAYER

SILENT REFLECTION: (05)

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, grace, mercy, 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:

10/25:

10/18: homeless, vaccine, For Jack and family in the passing of Marge MacVeigh. A.B. prayers for family and home security and safety.

10/11: Those suffering with illness, COVID-19.

People seeking employment. Todd, receiving bone marrow transplant. Brenda receiving radiation & immunotherapy. Dottie on dialysis. Cheryl recuperating from knee replacement.

10/04: Missionary to children in India who has a broken back; Mike, prayers for family; Ava, due to deliver a baby girl soon; Kerrin, diagnosis requiring surgery; Jeanne Wienkoop and family in passing of Herb.

09/27: Joy in birth of two great grand kids-Charlie; Shirley Will; Sherry, cancer; We mourn the passing of Isabella Alves, keeping husband John, Louisa and the family in our prayers for God's comfort.

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.

PRAYER

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.



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FRESH EXPRESSION OF COMMUNITY

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

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

WORSHIP ONLINE MUSIC VIDEO- "A MIGHTY FORTRESS" (10, 4:30)

Verse 1

A mighty fortress is our God
A bulwark never failing
Our helper He amid the flood
Of mortal ills prevailing
For still our ancient foe
Doth seek to work us woe
His craft and power are great
And armed with cruel hate
On earth is not his equal

Verse 2

Did we in our own strength confide
Our striving would be losing
Were not the right man on our side
The man of God's own choosing
Dost ask who that may be
Christ Jesus it is He
Lord Sabaoth His name
From age to age the same
And He must win the battle

Chorus

A mighty fortress
A mighty fortress is our God
A mighty fortress
A mighty fortress is our God

Verse 4

That word above all earthly pow'rs
No thanks to them abideth
The Spirit and the gifts are ours
Through Him who with us sideth
Let goods and kindred go
This mortal life also
The body they may kill
God's truth abideth still
His kingdom is forever

Chorus

A mighty fortress
A mighty fortress is our God
A mighty fortress
A mighty fortress is our God

BENEDICTION: REV. KEVIN YOHO 11:05

(In-person worshippers may now depart in peace.)

POSTLUDE

So glad you've joined us online. Please share your joy and worship experience with your Facebook and Instagram friends. Invite them to join you next week, either in-person or online.

Notes for Today's Worship:

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1. (01) Worship Music Countdown CCLI #4662491
2. (02) In an Age of Twisted Values: CCLI #3121672
3. (05) God Welcomes All: CCLI #7102394
4. (08) Gloria- Public Domain
5. (09) Doxology. CCLI #4255578
6. (10) A Mighty Fortress Is Our God CCLI #2184098