



Let's Worship!

November 15, 2020—10:30 AM

24th Sunday after Pentecost— WI10 WO36

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. Note: new call-in details for better security:

Call: 929-205-6099. Enter **Meeting ID: 882 3154 2428.** Enter **Passcode: 1714**

You may join us for Worship In-person. Seating is limited. 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. Hand sanitizers and masks are available.

Words in **bold** and music to be spoken if in-person. Worship Guide text is enlarged for a better viewing experience.

WORSHIP PREVIEW

No one likes uncertainty. We all understand what we mean when we *take risks*. A risk is taken when we have little certainty of a decision's hoped-for outcome. The rising COVID-19 case counts and hospitalizations pose a risk to us as we struggle to overcome pandemic fatigue with its necessary mask-wearing, hand-washing, and physical distancing. Each of us evaluates our sense of risk. As we discovered in last week's message, we need spiritual awareness when life is unpredictable. We need to prepare for the unexpected, not as strategic planners (the five bridesmaids without extra oil), thinking they know what was going to happen, but the five who in humility were strategic preparers. We live in a world where anything can happen.

This week, we will learn about three individuals who were given talents, financial resources, to hold. Upon the giver's return, the person who was given 5, doubled it to 10. Likewise, the individual who was given 2 doubled it to 4. And the one who was given 1, didn't cultivate the gift but instead preserved it by burying it in the ground, returning no growth. Find out what happened next in Pastor Kevin's message, "*Our Job To Be Done: More Cultivating, Less Preserving.*" Which term best describes how you handle the talents, gifts, and blessings God has given to you? Do you cultivate them to grow? Or, hold them tightly to preserve them unchanged?

MUSIC PREVIEW

We will enjoy a traditional Thanksgiving-themed hymn, *We Plough the Fields and Scatter*. God is thanked for the fruits of the earth, and in our pandemic experience, we also thank God for all our blessings - freedom, health, life, and our spiritual blessings in Christ. Just over 200 years ago, this hymn first appeared in German and was written by Matthias Claudius who was a Commissioner of Agriculture, newspaper editor, and bank auditor. After a very serious and life-threatening illness, he concluded that he was not the master of his destiny. and wrote this hymn when he was about 40 years old. Reflecting on his farming and finance background, he is grateful for God's love as the Creator, the Redeemer, and the Sustainer of life, "And what Thou most desirest, our humble thankful hearts."

Our sending music is a beautiful and inspiring song by Stuart Townend & Keith Getty, *Across the Lands*, that begins with Paul's great statements about Christ in Colossians, contrasting his humble humanity, death, resurrection, and humanity. We see the power of Jesus' words when he lived on earth until we come to the unique moment in all of history when he offers up his life on the cross. With the 'shout' of the resurrection, and the continual intercession Jesus performs on our behalf before the Father. And throughout the whole of history, this 'Word' is being spoken out across the lands, through us as we cultivate the gifts we have all received.

IF ONLINE, SING ALOUD! IF IN-PERSON, HUM, OR SING IN SPIRIT!

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

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

MUSIC (VIDEO LYRICS) "WE PLOUGH THE FIELDS AND SCATTER" (02-2:36)

Verse 1

We plow the fields and scatter
The good seed on the land
But it is fed and watered
By God's almighty hand
He sends the snow in winter
The warmth to swell the grain
The breezes and the sunshine
And soft refreshing rain

Chorus

All good gifts around us
Are sent from heaven above
Then thank the Lord
O thank the Lord for all His love

Verse 2

He only is the Maker
Of all things near and far
He paints the wayside flower
He lights the evening star

The winds and waves obey Him
By Him, the birds are fed
Much more to us His children
He gives our daily bread

Verse 3

We thank Thee then O Father
For all things bright and good
The seedtime and the harvest
Our life our health our food
Accept the gifts we offer
For all Thy love imparts
And what Thou most desirest
Our humble thankful hearts

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 123 (NRSV)

To you, I lift up my eyes, O you who are enthroned in the heavens!
As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their master,
as the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,
so our eyes look to the Lord our God, until he has mercy upon us.

Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy upon us, for we have had more than enough of contempt. Our soul has had more than its fill of the scorn of those who are at ease, of the contempt of the proud.

NEW TESTAMENT READING: 1 THESSALONIANS 5:1-11 (NRSV)

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters,[a] you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, “There is peace and security,” then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved,[b] are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him.

Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

MESSAGE FOR KIDS: LIVING IS GIVING PRAYER FOR FAMILIES

GOSPEL READING: MATTHEW 25:14-30 (MSG)

“It’s also like a man going off on an extended trip. He called his servants together and delegated responsibilities. To one he gave five thousand dollars, to another two thousand, to a third one thousand, depending on their abilities. Then he left. Right off, the first servant went to work and doubled his master’s investment. The second did the same. But the man with the single thousand dug a hole and carefully buried his master’s money.

“After a long absence, the master of those three servants came back and settled up with them. The one given



five thousand dollars showed him how he had doubled his investment. His master commended him: ‘Good work! You did your job well. From now on be my partner.’

“The servant with the two thousand showed how he also had doubled his master’s investment. His master commended him: ‘Good work! You did your job well. From now on be my partner.’

“The servant given one thousand said, ‘Master, I know you have high standards and hate careless ways, that you demand the best and make no allowances for error. I was afraid I might disappoint you, so I found a good hiding place and secured your money. Here it is, safe and sound down to the last cent.’

“The master was furious. ‘That’s a terrible way to live! It’s criminal to live cautiously like that! If you knew I was after the best, why did you do less than the least? The least you could have done would have been to invest the sum with the bankers, where at least I would have gotten a little interest. “Take the thousand and give it to the one who risked the most. And get rid of this “play-it-safe” who won’t go out on a limb. Throw him out into utter darkness.”

MESSAGE— “*OUR JOB TO BE DONE: MORE CULTIVATING, LESS PRESERVING*”

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:

11/15:

11/08: Jim McNelly, North Cape Center; Pray for the family of Luisa F; Ethel S, broken wrist; prayers requested for Sheree R, with breast cancer-recovery from surgery; for Paul looking for employment; baby Mabel Jane, born on Oct. 28, Terryl's granddaughter; Mike L -recovering from back surgery; for Baby Callan born prematurely at 26 weeks, in NICU, parents are teachers Tom & Kelsey.

11/01: pray for cure for COVID 19 and a vaccine

10/25: Ava is expecting soon.



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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.

Birthdays/Anniversary: November 22 - Trudie Schroeder

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.

FRESH EXPRESSION OF COMMUNITY

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

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

WORSHIP ONLINE MUSIC VIDEO- "*ACROSS THE LANDS*"(10, 3:15)

Verse 1

You're the Word of God the Father
From before the world began
Ev'ry star and ev'ry planet
Has been fashioned by Your hand
All creation holds together
By the power of Your voice
Let the skies declare Your glory
Let the land and seas rejoice

Chorus

You're the author of creation
You're the Lord of ev'ry man
And Your cry of love rings out
Across the lands

Verse 2

Yet You left the gaze of angels
Came to seek and save the lost
And exchanged the joy of heaven

For the anguish of a cross
With a prayer You fed the hungry
With a word You stilled the sea
Yet how silently You suffered
That the guilty may go free

Chorus

You're the author of creation
You're the Lord of ev'ry man
And Your cry of love rings out
Across the lands

Verse 3

With a shout You rose victorious
Wresting victory from the grave
And ascended into heaven
Leading captives in Your wake
Now You stand before the Father
Interceding for Your own
From each tribe and tongue and nation
You are leading sinners home

Chorus

You're the author of creation
You're the Lord of ev'ry man
And Your cry of love rings out
Across the lands

BENEDICTION: REV. KEVIN YOHO (11, 03)

SENDING MUSIC VIDEO “*BE STRONG AND COURAGEOUS*” (11, 3:20)
(In-person worshippers may now depart in peace.)

POSTLUDE: JAYNE McDONOUGH

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) We Plough the Fields and Scatter: CCLI # 328554
3. (05) God Welcomes All: CCLI #7102394
4. (08) Gloria- Public Domain
5. (09) Doxology. CCLI #4255578
6. (10) Across the Lands CCLI #3709898
7. (11) Be Strong and Courageous