



Let's Worship!

December 20th, 2020—10:30 AM

4th Sunday of Advent

41st Week of Worship Online • 15th Week In-person

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. PLEASE REMEMBER TO ENTER THE PASSCODE!

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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 can be softly spoken if in-person. If online, sing aloud! If in-person, softly hum, or sing in spirit!

WORSHIP PREVIEW

Our Advent journey is in its final week as we witness Gabriel's magnificent proclamation to Mary, and her Magnificat response to the news that she will give birth to the Savior. Pastor Kevin's message, *The True Location of Christmas*, will stir our spirits in our pandemic world. Let's reflect on Luke 1:26-38 and Romans 16:25-27 with the guidance of these questions:



1. If someone greeted you like royalty with "Your Majesty," how do you think you would respond? Can you imagine addressing others in this fashion? Why, or why not?
2. What does it mean to you that God risked the vulnerability of becoming human "with us," in our *location*, in order to restore us to our rightful place as bearers of the image of God?
3. This Christmas, how does loving God and others help us deal with our own selfishness as we see Christ in others?

MUSIC PREVIEW

"*What Child Is This?*" is our carol this week with lyrics composed in 1865 by William Chatterton Dix, in Bristol, England. Adapting the memorable melody of "Greensleeves", he tells the amazing story of the incarnation that God With Us, Jesus, is the "babe, the son of Mary!" Lenore Bowne and Jayne McDonough offer "*Mary Did You Know?*" Written by entertainer Mark Lowry, in 1984, it is an example of a more modern musical take on the Christmas Story popularized by the Gaither Vocal Band in the 1970's.

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

PRELUDE JAYNE McDONOUGH: (02- 10:27:30)

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

MUSIC (VIDEO LYRICS): WHAT CHILD IS THIS? (03- 2:30)

Verse 1

What Child is this who laid to rest
On Mary's lap is sleeping
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet
While shepherds watch are keeping
This this is Christ the King
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing
Haste haste to bring Him laud
The Babe the Son of Mary

Verse 2

Why lies He in such mean estate
Where ox and ass are feeding
Good Christian fear for sinners here
The silent Word is pleading
This this is Christ the King
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing
Haste haste to bring Him laud
The Babe the Son of Mary

Verse 3

So bring Him incense gold and myrrh
Come peasant king to own Him
The King of kings salvation brings
Let loving hearts enthrone Him
This this is Christ the King
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing
Haste haste to bring Him laud
The Babe the Son of Mary

CALL TO WORSHIP (UNISON): (10:35)

Welcome to our Advent faith adventure as we remember the many messengers of faith who preceded us. In our own ways we will prepare the way of Christ as we sing songs of joy and tell stories of hope. God leads the way with joy. Let us worship God!

GOD WELCOMES ALL, (UNISON) (04-10:35)

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

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE: PEACE



Today we light the candle of peace. Only Jesus, who came to earth to be our Prince of Peace, can give us the kind peace that overcomes the world. In Philippians 4, the Apostle Paul wrote, “Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.”

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.

NEW TESTAMENT READING: ROMANS 16:25-27 (NIV)

0:30

Now to him who is able to establish you in accordance with my gospel, the message I proclaim about Jesus Christ, in keeping with the revelation of the mystery hidden for long ages past, but now revealed and made known through the prophetic writings by the command of the eternal God, so that all the Gentiles might come to the obedience that comes from faith— to the only wise God be glory forever through Jesus Christ! Amen.

MESSAGE FOR KIDS: THE WRONG CHRISTMAS STORY!

PRAYER FOR FAMILIES

MUSIC: LENORE BOWNE, JAYNE McDONOUGH, MARY DID YOU KNOW?

GOSPEL READING: LUKE 1:26-38 (MSG)

1:45

In the sixth month of Elizabeth’s pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin’s name was Mary. The

angel went to her and said, “Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you.”

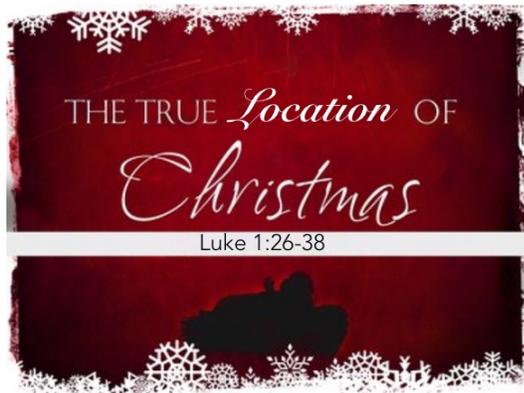
Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. But the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favor with God. You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over Jacob’s descendants forever; his kingdom will never end.”

“How will this be,” Mary asked the angel, “since I am a virgin?”

The angel answered, “The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God. Even Elizabeth your relative is going to have a child in her old age, and she who was said to be unable to conceive is in her sixth month. For no word from God will ever fail.”

“I am the Lord’s servant,”

Mary answered. “May your word to me be fulfilled.” Then the angel left her.



MESSAGE— THE TRUE LOCATION OF CHRISTMAS

LUKE 1:26-38 • REV. KEVIN YOHO
PRAYER AND SILENT REFLECTION:

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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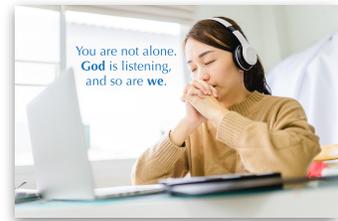
PRAYER OF GRATITUDE

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:

12/13: Paul Hagy with COPD; Michael Tomlin; Elaine's niece; for hasty Covid vaccine implementation; Dennis McDonough, Jr for cancer; Brenda in hospice care; Julie receiving radiation treatments; Jen for cancer; Mourning the passing of Helen Lincoln; Renie G convalescing at home. 12/6: For pets up for adoption, to find a forever home 11/29: Mourning the passing of Joan Armstrong, Baby Theodore; born with Hirschsprung Disease, requiring surgery; 11/22: Matt S., recovering from heart procedure; passing of Brian McCue, Jr.



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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 and front-line workers.

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES:

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.

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 (11:03)

POSTLUDE: JAYNE McDONOUGH

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

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Notes for Today's Worship:

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1. (01) Worship Music Countdown: CCLI #4662491
2. (02) What Child is This(Greensleeves): CCLI #30983
3. (05) God Welcomes All: CCLI #7102394
4. (06) Mary Did You Know: CCLI #20561018
5. (08) Gloria: Public Domain
6. (09) Doxology: CCLI #n4255578

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