Let Us Worship God!

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A Hybrid Worship Experience In-Person and Online Today's worship team—Music Director: Jayne McDonough. Worship Leader: Rev. Larry Moyer. Message: Rev. Dr. Kevin Yoho. Worship Production: Norris Clark.



WELCOME! YOU ARE IN THE RIGHT PLACE! LET'S GIVE THANKS! WE ARE READY FOR YOU IN THE RED BRICK CHURCH! OR, JOIN THE SPIRITUAL ENERGY ON YOUTUBE WWW.COLDSPRINGWORSHIP.COM!

Tip: Remember to log in to YouTube and click the Subscribe button! Due to the case counts of the Covid-19 in our county, mask-wearing is required even for fully vaccinated worshippers. Let's be safe together! Thank you for maintaining alternate row seating and safe distancing between family groups. We provide hand sanitizer and masks. *Worship by Telephone:* 929-205-6099. ID 882 3154 2428. Passcode 1714.

WORSHIP PREVIEW

Have you ever felt at the end of your rope?! Sure, we all have. The rope is a familiar metaphor for many of life's experiences and activities. Sometimes we can feel like we're getting all Tied Up, or walking a Tightrope to get through our day, or wistfully longing for the simple joy of Jumping Rope as a child in the neighborhood. Remember playing Tug-of-war on the field? It may have been a while since you enjoyed the Rope Swing in your backyard. Ropes can also keep us on the path and guide us in the best direction.

Our energizing message this week is from Mark 13 and Hebrews 4, and you are invited to consider Jesus' promise to be with us in our present and our future. While visions of the "end times" may result in some anxieties, the end times are not at the end of our rope. Instead, Jesus promises to be faithful to us... "Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful" (Hebrews 10:23). Even when Jesus envisioned the future destruction of Herod's Great Temple, do not fear. Even the uncertainties ahead

can result in usual fears, and God promises to stand with us in our fear, to tie us as with a safe and secure rope, not only to himself but to one another. Sure, we may not immediately correlate encouragement and safety to former church experiences. Still, at Cold Spring Church, we not only stand on the promises of God, but we also stand on the promises of God together.

Did you know that the Latin root of the word "religion" is re-ligare, which means to be roped to a yoke? Many monastic orders still require the monk to tie a rope around his waist. It's not a rope that keeps the cassock from falling. It was a symbol of God's promises. The rope symbolized that we are all bound together in ropes of hope and faith, and love. Find *Ropes of Living Hope* this week at Cold Spring Presbyterian Church.

MUSIC AND VIDEO PREVIEW

We begin Thanksgiving week in gratitude and praise, and despite its familiar Thanksgiving associations, our first hymn is *Come Ye Thankful People, Come.* The genuine concern of this text is to recall the harvest imagery Jesus used to describe the fulfillment of God's sovereignty. The tune name commemorates the royal chapel where the composer was organist for forty-seven years. Sing along with our special video lyrics!

Leading into the Message for Kids, we will view a special video reminding us that we are not bound by our circumstances, asking God to embolden us to be a people of living hope in the midst of struggle and challenge, locally and around the world. Let's be carriers of hope!

Just before the Benediction, we sing *Now Thank We All Our God.* Although this hymn is often used on festive occasions, its first two stanzas had much humbler beginnings: they originated as a family table prayer during the Thirty Years' War (1618-1648). These words have been associated with this tune and later with Thanksgiving in the United States.

GREETING OF IN-PERSON WORSHIPPERS: PASTOR KEVIN	(10:24)
COUNTDOWN TO WORSHIP	(10:24)
PRELUDE: JAYNE McDonough	(10:27)
WELCOME: PASTOR KEVIN	(10:32)
CALL TO WORSHIP (UNISON): Rev. LARRY MOYER	(10:34)

We worship God who created us to experience real life. God loves us, inhabits our world, and indwells our lives. We see God at work within ourselves, beyond ourselves, as we read Scripture and pray, worship and give, and as we serve others together, work for peace, and demonstrate God's love. Let us worship God!

GOD WELCOMES ALL (SING LIGHTLY):

(1-10:34)

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (UNISON):

Loving God, keep our hearts and minds open to the Good News as we learn, grow, and serve. Amen.

NEW TESTAMENT READING: HEBREWS 10:19-25

So, friends, we can now—without hesitation—walk right up to God, into "the Holy Place." Jesus has cleared the way by the blood of his sacrifice, acting as our priest before God. The "curtain" into God's presence is his body.

So let's do it—full of belief, confident that we're presentable inside and out. Let's keep a firm grip on the promises that keep us going. He always keeps his word. Let's see how inventive we can be in encouraging love and helping out, not avoiding worshiping together as some do but spurring each other on, especially as we see the big Day approaching.

VIDEO: CARRIERS OF LIVING HOPE

MESSAGE FOR KIDS: YES, YOU! PASTOR KEVIN

(10:34)

PRAYER FOR FAMILIES

GOSPEL READING: MARK 13:1-8

(10:38)

As he walked away from the Temple, one of his disciples said, "Teacher, look at that stonework! Those buildings!" Jesus said, "You're impressed by this grandiose architecture? There's not a stone in the whole works that is not going to end up in a heap of rubble."

Later, as he was sitting on Mount Olives in full view of the Temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew got him off by himself and asked, "Tell us, when is this going to happen? What sign will we get that things are coming to a head?" Jesus began, "Watch out for doomsday deceivers. Many

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leaders are going to show up with forged identities claiming, 'I'm the One.' They will deceive a lot of people.

When you hear of wars and rumored wars, keep your head and don't panic. This is routine history, and no sign of the end. Nation will fight nation and ruler fight ruler, over

and over. Earthquakes will occur in various places. There will be famines. But these things are nothing compared to what's coming.

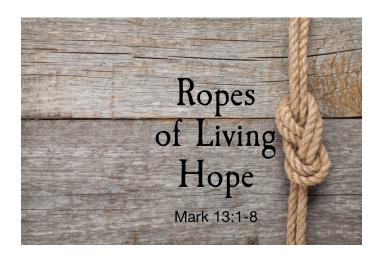
MESSAGE: ROPES OF

LIVING HOPE

PASTOR KEVIN

PRAYER AND SILENT

REFLECTION:



MUSIC VIDEO LYRICS - COME YE THANKFUL PEOPLE, COME - BLUE HYMNAL #551

Verse 1

Come ye thankful people come
Raise the song of harvest-home
All is safely gathered in
Ere the winter storms begin
God our Maker doth provide
For our wants to be supplied
Come to God's own temple come
Raise the song of harvest-home

Verse 2

All the world is God's own field
Fruit unto His praise to yield
Wheat and tares together sown
Unto joy or sorrow grown
First the blade and then the ear
Then the full corn shall appear
Lord of harvest grant that we
Wholesome grain and pure may be

Verse 3

For the Lord our God shall come And shall take His harvest home From His field shall in that day All offenses purge away Give His angels charge at last In the fire the tares to cast But the fruitful ears to store In His garner evermore

Verse 4

Even so Lord quickly come
To Thy final harvest-home
Gather Thou Thy people in
Free from sorrow free from sin
There forever purified
In Thy presence to abide
Come with all Thine angels come
Raise the glorious harvest-home

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

(10:55)

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

PRAYER OF FORGIVENESS

(10:55

Good morning God, our Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer. Thank you for your grace and mercy. Forgive us when we hurt or neglect others, missing opportunities to live like Jesus. When we waver, help us feel your presence. When we doubt, comfort us by your strength. When we stop listening to your Spirit, realign us. When we forget, remind us. When we cry out, send your tenderness in another. Please help us to hear the cries of others and turn us toward them. When we go out, let us shine with your glory and light. Help us to love, hope, and forgive, welcoming all through Christ, our Lord. Amen. SILENT REFLECTION

HEAR THE WORDS OF ASSURANCE

In the name of Jesus Christ, the risen and rising Lord, God loves and forgives us to live like Christ and a life of faith, justice, and peace.

Thanks be to God, we are forgiven! AMEN.

THE GLORIA (SING LIGHTLY)

(3)(10:57)

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: GENERAL FUND AND DEACONS FUND

(11:04)

Thank you for your financial support! Mail your gift, or click "via tithe.ly" at www.coldspringchurch.com/giving. When in-person, use the donation boxes at both exit doors.



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.

COMMUNITY NEWS:



Happy Birthday to Trudie Schroeder (11/22). Anniversary blessings to Joe & Roseann Paulits (11/23)!



TOMORROW, come and decorate the Red Brick Church for Christmas! Come when you can, leave when you need to between 10-2. Contact Beverly Mate for more information (609) 847-1530.



Wreaths Across America is Saturday, December 18, 12 PM.

Consider purchasing online, click here.

(https://coldspringchurch.com/event/wreaths-across-america-event-december-18-2021-at-cold-spring-veterans-memorial/)

Or, complete the Order Form that is available in the Narthex or Tuesday and Thursday in the Church Office. Thank you!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

(11:06)

God cares about us and loves us as we share our concerns with God and one another. We pray for others worldwide and nearby who need shelter, food, employment, healing, and wholeness in mind, body, and spirit. God, grant us peace as we embrace life's challenges in Christ's hope. We are praying for those suffering from Covid-19 and other illnesses, and those who serve in healthcare, emergency response, law enforcement, education, business, government, and the military.

Let us pray: For Chuck McPherson, severe cold; Max & Ana Moran on the passing of her Mother from covid; Barbara Baker healing from her back surgery; Nancy's 6 yr old nephew, Ezras with covid; remember our veterans; Charles Keister, that he would feel better and regain strength. For the friends and family of Lydia Richey on her passing; McDonough and King Families, passing of Jesse. Continued healing for Fred, Lenore, and for all of us to be well and stay safe. We pray for John Stalford's relief from back pain. Max and Ana Moran in the loss of her Father and Grandmother to covid, Max in the loss of his Uncle; Nathalie Rodriguez, Hashimoto's disease.

PRAYER LORD'S PRAYER

(11:07)

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom comes, 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.

(11:08)

FRESH EXPRESSION OF COMMUNITY

(11:09)

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

MUSIC VIDEO: NOW THANK WE ALL OUR GOD - HYMNAL #555

Verse 1

Now thank we all our God
With hearts and hands and voices
Who wondrous things has done
In whom His world rejoices
Who from our mother's arms
Has blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love
And still is ours today

Verse 2

O may this bounteous God Through all our life be near us With ever joyful hearts And blessed peace to cheer us And keep us in His grace
And guide us when perplexed
And free us from all ills
In this world and the next

Verse 3

All praise and thanks to God
The Father now be given
The Son and Him who reigns
With them in highest heaven
The one eternal God
Whom earth and heaven adore
For thus it was is now
And shall be evermore

BENEDICTION: PASTOR KEVIN

(11:13)

Postlude:

(11:14)

Go in peace, and serve in joy! Thank you for being with us! We hope that you felt spiritually energized by joining us today. All of our worship services are available for viewing and sharing at any time here. Please invite others to join you next week. We pray that you're staying safe wherever you are and wherever you go. May God bless you and those you love now and always.

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