



Let's Worship!

March 13, 2022—10:30 AM

Second Sunday of Lent

A Hybrid Worship Experience, In-Person and Online

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



REJOICE! EFFECTIVE TODAY, OUR COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS ARE LIFTED!

Masks, facial coverings, and social distancing are no longer required to participate in worship services at the Red Brick Church, or in our offices and rooms in Price Hall.

The Cold Spring Presbyterian Church session unanimously lifted our COVID-19 restrictions following the recommendations of the CDC and New Jersey health officials, in consultation with the Presbytery for Southern New Jersey. Come and worship, mask-free!

Thank you for your diligence in following our safety protocols and requirements during the pandemic. It's been a long wait for case counts and infection rates to decline to safer levels.

WORSHIP YOUR WAY!

Join us in-person or Worship Online: www.coldspringworship.com.

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

A LENTEN GIFT FOR YOU

We are providing a special downloadable **Lent Devotional Guide** for you, your friends, family, and neighbors to use. Download the guide from our website, and share the love and light of Jesus, and the devotional, with others as we begin our journey!

WORSHIP PREVIEW

Whew! At last. We can finally remove the protective coverings from our faces. Masks kept us safe for almost two years of the pandemic. Thank God that scientists and health workers did not give up on developing protective

vaccines, creating treatments, and urging all of us to do our part in keeping others safe. We owe a debt of gratitude to those who stayed with it. We stuck with safety protocols that brought us to this time. We remove our masks and joyfully return to Sunday worship in the Red Brick Church with cautious optimism. Come, and celebrate! But wait, there's more!

We can grow weary in doing good. We are fatigued by the pandemic, wars, injustice of every kind, struggling to make ends meet as we try our best to hold things together. We have good news for you! This week see God's staying power at work in the life of Abram, who was exhausted and desperate for something better. You will want to hear the pastor's message about one of the most dramatic and shocking episodes recorded in the Bible! Be as astounded as Abram when he realized that God does not walk away. God does not leave the room. God keeps promises. No matter what!

MUSIC PREVIEW

As our Lenten adventure continues, we will enjoy the Rev. Larry Moyer singing "*Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days,*" written by English hymn writer Claudia Frances Hernaman. It is about the temptation of Jesus found in three Gospels. First published in 1873 in "*The Child's Book of Praise,*" hymnals did not include it until 1964. By the 1970s, it became a popular hymn in most congregations in the United States.

Following the message, we will enjoy the music video "*Pass the Promise,*" a new anthem we hope everyone finds easy to sing. In 2020, musicians Keith and Kristyn Getty traced their journey back to Northern Ireland and the Scots-Irish-American roots of their hymn writing. That experience shaped the direction of their recent album, "*Confessio—Irish American Roots,*" which includes "*Pass the Promise.*"

We conclude worship singing the first verse of "*Be Still My Soul,*" adding additional lyrics written by the Rev. Carolyn Winfrey Gillette in response to the crisis in Ukraine. The song affirms our promise to love God and others as "*We Pray for Peace.*"

GREETING OF IN-PERSON WORSHIPPERS REV. KEVIN YOHO (10:24)

COUNTDOWN TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE JAYNE McDONOUGH (10:27)

WELCOME REV. KEVIN YOHO (10:30)

GOD WELCOMES ALL (UNISON): (1-10:34)

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

CALL TO WORSHIP (RESPONSIVELY) BEVERLY MATE (10:33)

Today, God comes to us, to gather us in worship:
to wait in silence for the Word,
Tomorrow, the Word of God comes,
calling us to go forth to serve:
**to bring hope to those who have none,
to love all tossed aside by indifference and
injustice.**

The next day, and the next day,
the Holy Spirit will come:
**so we might discover the gift of peace,
and offer it to our broken world.**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (UNISON):

**Lord, help us not only to hear your Word today
but listen to it that we may understand. May
your Word challenge and change us on our
Lenten Adventure. Amen.**

GOSPEL READING: LUKE 13:31-35 (NIV)

(10:42)

At that time some Pharisees came to Jesus and said to him, “Leave this place and go somewhere else. Herod wants to kill you.”

He replied, “Go tell that fox, ‘I will keep on driving out demons and healing people today and tomorrow, and on the third day I will reach my goal.’ In any case, I must press on today and tomorrow and the next day—for surely no prophet can die outside Jerusalem!

“Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those sent to you, how often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, and you were not willing. Look, your house is left to you desolate. I tell you, you will not see me again until you say, ‘Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.’”

MESSAGE FOR KIDS:

PRAYER FOR FAMILIES

(10:35)

MUSIC - LORD, WHO THROUGHOUT THESE FORTY DAYS

REV. LARRY MOYER

OLD TESTAMENT READING: GENESIS 15:1-12, 17-18 (NIV)

After this, the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision: “Do not be afraid, Abram. I am your shield, your very great reward.”

But Abram said, “Sovereign Lord, what can you give me since I remain childless and the one who will inherit my estate is Eliezer of Damascus?” And Abram said, “You have given me no children; so a servant in my household will be my heir.”

Then the word of the Lord came to him: “This man will not be your heir, but a son who is your own flesh and blood will be your heir.” He took him outside and said, “Look up at the sky and count the stars—if indeed you can count them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your offspring be.”

Abram believed the Lord, and he credited it to him as righteousness. He also said to him, “I am the Lord, who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land to take possession of it.”

But Abram said, “Sovereign Lord, how can I know that I will gain possession of it?”

So the Lord said to him, “Bring me a heifer, a goat and a ram, each three years old, along with a dove and a young pigeon.”

Abram brought all these to him, cut them in two and arranged the halves opposite each other; the birds, however, he did not cut in half. Then

birds of prey came down on the carcasses, but Abram drove them away.

As the sun was setting, Abram fell into a deep sleep, and a thick and dreadful darkness came over him.

When the sun had set and darkness had fallen, a smoking fire-pot with a blazing torch appeared and passed between the pieces. On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram and said, “To your descendants I give this land, from the Wadi of Egypt to the great river, the Euphrates...

MESSAGE- *I PROMISE TO STAY IN THE ROOM—GOD*

REV. KEVIN YOHO

PRAYER AND SILENT REFLECTION:

(11:00)

MUSIC VIDEO: *PASS THE PROMISE*

I will pray rejoicing from my heart
Pray rejoicing from my heart
For in Him my victory's lifted high
His salvation is my cry
He has overcome my enemies
Our praises scorn the enemy
I delight in His deliverance
The Lord is our deliverance
Pass the promise
To our sons and daughters
God most high, God our Father
We bear witness
There is no one holy like the Lord
Holy, holy is the Lord
Our Rock and refuge is our God
All the earth belongs to God
Do not speak with pride of noble
deeds
For the Lord will weigh our every
deed

See the strong have lost, the weak
have gained
And from the dust my life He raised
Pass the promise
To our sons and daughters
God most high, God our Father
We bear witness
He will guard the feet of faithful ones
He will hold His faithful ones
But the wicked they will not prevail
Not by might will man prevail
He is coming soon to judge the earth
He is coming soon to judge the earth
For the Lord gives power to His King
All Strength to His Anointed King
Pass the promise
To our sons and daughters
God most high, God our Father
We bear witness [x4]
We bear witness [x2]

ORDINATION, INSTALLATION OF ELDERS AND DEACONS

The Clerk of Session will invite Linda Kaemph, elected by this congregation, to come forward for ordination and installation to the Class of 2024.

QUESTIONS OF THE CANDIDATE

QUESTIONS OF THE CONGREGATION

a. Do we, the members of the church, accept Linda as a ruling elder, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ?

We do.

b. Do we agree to pray for Linda, to encourage her, to respect her decisions, and to follow as she guides us, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is Head of the Church?

We do.

PRAYER OF ORDINATION

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: (UNISON)

(11:04)

Creator of all, you speak, but we fail to listen. You guide, but we fail to follow. You move, but we remain stuck and stagnant in the same patterns of destruction and sin. Free us from our failures, Holy God. Save us from ourselves so we can hear and heed your call. Amen.

SILENT REFLECTION:

HEAR THE WORDS OF ASSURANCE: (RESPONSIVELY)

Happy are those whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered. Friends, be happy, be free, for our sins, in Jesus Christ, have been forgiven.

Thanks be to God, we are forgiven! Amen.

GIFTS OF GRATITUDE VISIT WWW.COLDSRINGCHURCH.COM/GIVING (11:07)

God calls us to lives of grateful generosity. Thank you for praising the Giver of all good gifts through our offering today. Your gift may be mailed or given online anytime. Donation boxes are provided at both doors. Thank you!

PRAYER OF GRATITUDE

THE LENTEN DOXOLOGY (4. 11:08)

**Praise God throughout these forty days.
Praise Christ, our Lord, whom God did raise.
And praise the Spirit who imparts
God's love in Christ into our hearts. Amen.**



URGENT: Contribute needed items to our community's Ukraine Relief Drive only through March 15. Call 609-972-7617 for information. Donations may be dropped off at the Tabernacle UM Church.



Order worship flowers or Easter Lilies in memory or in honor of a loved one. For more information, visit our giving page online, or contact Beverly Mate.



Happy birthday to Shirley Will (3/18) and Larry Hume (3/20).



TODAY! Cape Classical Artists perform in concert this afternoon at 3 PM here and online.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

(11:11)

Today, let's keep praying for the people of Ukraine. Victor Holman, hospice. Ted Lewis. Linda Waldie. Celebrations Bill and Kelly Request for healing: Vinny, Bob, Joanne, Ed, Betty, Dorothy, Eileen, and Robert. Reese Tomlin.

PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

(11:15)

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

(11:14)

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

MUSIC: *WE PRAY FOR PEACE* (VERSES 2-4 WRITTEN BY CAROLYN WINFREY

GILLETTE IN RESPONSE TO THE CRISIS IN UKRAINE. TUNE: FINLANDIA, "BE STILL MY SOUL")

1

Be still my soul the Lord is on thy side
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain
Leave to thy God to order and provide
In ev'ry change He faithful will remain
Be still my soul thy best thy heav'nly Friend
Through thorny ways leads to a joyful end

2

WE PRAY FOR PEACE, O GOD OF LOVE AND JUSTICE,
as once again, we face a time of war.
The meek and humble try — amid the crisis —
to love and build, to nurture and restore.
May leaders hear the truth the prophets teach us
— that gifts of peace are well worth struggling for.

3

**WE PRAY FOR PEACE, O CHRIST WHO CALMED THE
WATERS —**

who stilled the storm, who stilled disciples' fear.
You spoke with love and with amazing power;
be with us now when trouble is so near.
May leaders see the miracle you offer —
that words and deeds can calm the nations here.

4

We pray for peace, O Spirit here among us;
your love emboldens, judges and restrains.
Take any hate and acts of impulse from us;
make leaders wise, amid competing claims.
May we seek peace, O God of love and justice;
may love and mercy be our highest aims.

BENEDICTION: REV. KEVIN YOHO

(11:19)

POSTLUDE: JAYNE McDONOUGH

(11:20)

Go in peace!

Thank you for joining us today. We hope to see
you next week! Please share your experience with
others, including Facebook and Instagram friends.
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view worship any time.

Notes for Today's Worship:

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1. God Welcomes All: CCLI #7102394
2. Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days - Claudia Hernaman; CCLI #280458
3. Pass the Promise. © 2018 Kristyn Getty/Sandra McCracken, Getty Music. All Rights Reserved. Used with permission, CCLI Song #Pending.
4. Lenten Doxology. CCLI #4255578
5. Be Still My Soul/ We Pray for Peace - Jane Borthwick, tune-JeanSibelius; Carolyn Winfrey Gillette- alt. lyrics: CCLI #96910