



Let's Worship!

March 30, 2022 — 10:30 AM

Third Sunday of Lent

A Hybrid Worship Experience, In-Person and Online

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



REJOICE! 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, and vaccination rates to rise.

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WORSHIP PREVIEW

Everyone loves a good origin story, especially if it's about food! While most of us grew up with Fig Newtons, did you know that it was the fig's abundant vitamins that motivated a Philadelphia baker in 1851 to make a fig pastry? The first machine to produce enough fig pastries for wide distribution was invented in Newton, Massachusetts. To this day, Fig Newtons ranks among the most popular food treats! But more than just a delicious and nutritious snack, the fig tree is a frequent metaphor used in the Bible.

Figs feature first in the Garden in Eden. Could the tree planted in the middle of the Garden be a fig tree? Adam and Eve made coverings by sewing fig leaves together. In the Book of the Judges, there is even a story about a talking fig tree! (9:10-11). Fig trees were a sign of security and prosperity, too. Judgment

was also represented by the fig tree, and a fig tree without fruit was compared to God's people when they went their own way.

This week's Gospel reading from Luke 13 features the fig tree that Jesus used in a parable to teach his followers about what it means to be his disciple. In the story, a particular fig tree Jesus passed by was not producing the expected fruit. But, instead of destroying the barren fig tree, the owner agreed to intervene and allow the fig tree to have one more year to produce fruit.

What intervention gave the fig tree (and us) hope to again produce good fruit? We will find out in the message this week, *The Hopeful Fig Tree** (Fig Newton discipleship).

MUSIC PREVIEW

My Hope is Built on Nothing Less will be sung by Beverly Mate. This hymn reflects Jesus' imagery that those who believe in him and act on that belief are like someone who builds a house on a rock.

Following the message, our music video echos the beginning of our Old Testament reading from Isaiah 55:1-7. *All Who Are Thirsty* reminds us of the deep hunger and thirst for spiritual meaning in our lives. Filling that void, we would never be satisfied. But Jesus gives us the answer. Come Lord Jesus come! Come to Jesus, drink of him, believe in him, and he will satisfy us through the power of the Holy Spirit in our lives.

We close our worship singing *Hear the Good News of Salvation*. This text was written by John B. Renville, the first Native American Dakota to be ordained to the Presbyterian ministry,. It was published in the Dakota hymnal he edited.

GREETING OF IN-PERSON WORSHIPPERS REV. KEVIN YOHO (10:20)

COUNTDOWN TO WORSHIP (10:24)

PRELUDE JAYNE McDONOUGH (10:29)

WELCOME REV. KEVIN YOHO (10:30)

GOD WELCOMES ALL (UNISON): (1-10:32)

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

We come, because we seek our God.

Every morning, every day, every evening, every moment, God is with us.

We come, because we hunger for Christ.

Jesus will feed us with hope, will replace our emptiness with grace.

We come, because we thirst for the Spirit.

Who fills our yearning for peace, who ends the drought of justice.

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.

OLD TESTAMENT READING: ISAIAH 55:1-7 (NIV)

“Come, all you who are thirsty, come to the waters; and you who have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without cost. Why spend money on what is not bread, and your labor on what does not satisfy? Listen, listen to me, and eat what is good, and you will delight in the richest of fare. Give ear and come to me; listen, that you may live. I will make an everlasting covenant with you, my faithful love promised to David. See, I have made him a witness to the peoples, a ruler and

commander of the peoples. Surely you will summon nations you know not, and nations you do not know will come running to you, because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has endowed you with splendor.” Seek the LORD while he may be found; call on him while he is near. Let the wicked forsake their ways and the unrighteous their thoughts. Let them turn to the LORD, and he will have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will freely pardon.

MESSAGE FOR KIDS: MY FAVORITE COOKIE

PRAYER FOR FAMILIES

(10:35)

MUSIC - *MY HOPE IS BUILT ON NOTHING LESS* - BEVERLY MATE

GOSPEL READING: LUKE 13:1-9 (NIV)

(10:42)

Now there were some present at that time who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mixed with their sacrifices. Jesus answered, “Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans because they suffered this way? I tell you, no! But unless you repent, you too will all perish. Or those eighteen who died when the tower in Siloam fell on them—do you think they were more guilty than all the others living in Jerusalem? I tell you, no! But unless you repent, you too will all perish.” Then he told this parable: “A man had a fig tree growing in his vineyard, and he went to look for

fruit on it but did not find any. So he said to the man who took care of the vineyard, 'For three years now I've been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and haven't found any. Cut it down! Why should it use up the soil?'

“‘Sir,’ the man replied, ‘leave it alone for one more year, and I’ll dig around it and fertilize it. If it bears fruit next year, fine! If not, then cut it down.’”



MESSAGE- *THE HOPEFUL FIG TREE* REV. KEVIN YOHO

PRAYER AND SILENT REFLECTION:

(11:00)

MUSIC VIDEO: *ALL WHO ARE THIRSTY*

Verse

All who are thirsty
All who are weak
Come to the fountain
Dip your heart in the stream of life
Let the pain and the sorrow
Be washed away
In the waves of His mercy
As deep cries out to deep
Come Lord Jesus come (4X)
(Repeat from beginning)

Interlude

As deep cries out to deep
As deep cries out to deep
As deep cries out to deep

Chorus 2

Holy Spirit come
Holy Spirit come
(REPEAT)

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.**

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Happy birthday to Larry Hume (3/20) and Norma Leckburg (3/26).
Happy Anniversary to Ted & Janice Lewis (3/22).

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: VISIT WWW.COLDSRINGCHURCH.COM/PRAYER (11:11)

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

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: *HEAR THE GOOD NEWS OF SALVATION*

Hear the good news of salvation:
Jesus died to show God's love.
Such great kindness! Such great Mercy!
Come to us from heaven above.

Jesus Christ, how much I love you!
Jesus Christ, you save from sin!
How I love you! Look up-on me.
Love me still and cleanse with-in.

All the sins I have committed,
to my Savior now I bring.
I bow down with tears of anguish;
Christ forgives and so I sing:
Jesus Christ, how much I love you!
Jesus Christ, you save from sin!
How I love you! Look up-on me.
Love me still and cleanse with-in.

BENEDICTION: REV. KEVIN YOHO

(11:19)

POSTLUDE: JAYNE McDONOUGH

(11:20)

Go in peace!

Thank you for joining us today. Please share your experience with others. Subscribe to our YouTube channel where you may view worship any time. We hope to see you next week!

Notes for Today's Worship:

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1. God Welcomes All: CCLI #7102394
2. My Hope is Built on Nothing Less: text Edward Mote, Music William Bradbury; CCLI #2836463
3. All Who Are Thirsty: Brenton Brown, Glenn Robertson; CCLI #2489542

4. Lenten Doxology. CCLI #4255578
5. Hear the Good News of Salvation: Text - Native American (Dakota) John Renville; Music from Wyeth's Repository of Sacred Music, Part Second, 1813: CCLI #108389