



Let's Worship!

March 27, 2022 — 10:30 AM

Fourth Sunday of Lent

A Hybrid Worship Experience, In-Person and Online

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

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WORSHIP PREVIEW

Of all the stories Jesus told, one of our favorites is found in Luke 15, usually titled, The Prodigal Son. But Jesus' narrative is far more than a story about one son. Taken in context as a script, Luke 15 is perhaps the first trilogy in the Bible. It includes strong characters, dramatic conflicts, and remarkable, even surprising resolutions. Did you realize that the term prodigal is not even in the biblical story? Why do we so readily condemn the younger son's reckless, risky choices (not what prodigal means, anyway), forgetting entirely about the older son (he's in the story, too)? This week, we will reconsider our assumptions about who the true prodigal was and our own tendencies to prematurely judge others. Powerfully reconnect to the power of God's grace and extravagance in our lives.

MUSIC PREVIEW

Forgive Our Sins As We Forgive will be sung by Barbara Cain with Jayne McDonough at the piano. This hymn was written in June 1966 and printed soon afterward in the parish magazine of St. Mary's Church, Bromley, Kent. The idea of the hymn had occurred to Miss Herklots when she was digging out weeds in her nephew's garden. She reasoned that their deep roots obstructed the growth of the flowers near them. The roots reminded her of bitterness and resentment that can hinder our growth in grace.

“But where sin increased, grace abounded all the more” (Romans 5:20). These powerful words from the Apostle Paul are the springboard for the song “His Mercy is More,” our music video following the message. Co-writers Matt Boswell and Matt Papa use this Gospel concept to highlight the grace and mercy of our God that is always *more!* Greater than all our sins.

We conclude our worship experience singing *The Love of Christ Jesus is Urging Us On*. Sung to the tune of *How Firm a Foundation*, this hymn was written 10 years ago by Carolyn Gillette after hearing a sermon while attending a Bible conference. Faith is not just about believing; it’s about doing and showing God’s love.

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.**

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

We come, because we seek 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.

GOSPEL READING: LUKE 15:1-3, 11B-24_(NIV)

Now the tax collectors and sinners were all gathering around to hear Jesus. But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered, “This man welcomes sinners and eats with them.”

Jesus continued: “There was a man who had two sons. The younger one said to his father, ‘Father, give me my share of the estate.’ So he divided his property between them.

“Not long after that, the younger son got together all he had, set off for a distant country and there squandered his wealth in wild living. After he had spent everything, there was a severe famine in that whole country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to a citizen of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed pigs. He longed to fill his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything.

“When he came to his senses, he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired servants have food to spare, and here I am starving to death! I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired servants.’ So he got up and went to his father.

“But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him.

“The son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’

“But the father said to his servants, ‘Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let’s have a feast and celebrate. For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.’ So they began to celebrate.

MESSAGE FOR KIDS: WHAT DOES *MORE* MEAN?

PRAYER FOR FAMILIES

(10:35)

NEW TESTAMENT: 2 CORINTHIANS 5:16-21 (MSG) (10:42)

Because of this decision we don't evaluate people by what they have or how they look. We looked at Christ, the Messiah that way once and got it all wrong, as you know. We certainly don't look at him that way anymore. Now we look inside, and what we see is that anyone united with the Messiah gets a fresh start, is created new. The old life is gone; a new life emerges! Look at it! All this comes from the God who settled the relationship between us and him, and then called us to settle our relationships with each other. God put the world square with himself through the Messiah, giving the world a fresh start by offering forgiveness of sins. God has given us the task of telling everyone what he is doing. We're Christ's representatives. God uses us to persuade men and women to drop their differences and enter into God's work of making things right between them. We're speaking for Christ himself now: Become friends with God; he's already a friend with you.

How? you ask. In Christ. God put the wrong on him who never did anything wrong, so we could be put right with God.



MESSAGE- *THE PRODIGAL GOD* REV. KEVIN YOHO

PRAYER AND SILENT REFLECTION:

(11:00)

MUSIC VIDEO: *HIS MERCY IS MORE*

1 What love could remember no
 wrongs we have done
 Omniscient all knowing He counts
 not their sum
 Thrown into a sea without bottom or
 shore
 Our sins they are many His mercy is
 more

Chorus
 Praise the Lord His mercy is more
 Stronger than darkness new every
 morn
 Our sins they are many His mercy is
 more

2 What patience would wait as we
 constantly roam

What Father so tender is calling us
 home
 He welcomes the weakest the vilest
 the poor
 Our sins they are many His mercy is
 more
 Chorus

3 What riches of kindness He
 lavished on us
 His blood was the payment His life
 was the cost
 We stood 'neath a debt we could
 never afford
 Our sins they are many His mercy is
 more
 Chorus

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)

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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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Next week, we gather around the Lord's Table for communion. Invite a friend to join you for worship.

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

Pray for the people of Ukraine. Pray that those who work for peace would be encouraged. Victor Holman, hospice. Glenn, recovering from knee surgery. Ted Lewis. Linda Waldie. Remember Vinny, Bob, Joanne, Ed, Betty, Dorothy, Eileen, Reese, and Robert.

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: THE LOVE OF CHRIST JESUS IS URGING US ON

(TUNE: HOW FIRM A FOUNDATION)

The love of Christ Jesus is urging us on,
For we find our life in what Jesus has done.
He died and is risen; now we're dead to sin!
No longer our own, we have new life in him.

The love of Christ Jesus is changing our view;
In valleys of death,
we see God's reign break through.
Where others seek vengeance,
Christ calls us to live
Forgiven in him — able, then, to forgive.

The love of Christ Jesus leads Christians to care;
When people are hungry, he calls us to share.
He gives us a job — to get out of our pews,
To work for God's justice and live the good news.

BENEDICTION: REV. KEVIN YOHO (11:19)

POSTLUDE: JAYNE McDONOUGH (11:20)

Go in peace! Work for peace! Pray for 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. Forgive Our Sins As We Forgive; : text Rosamond E. Herklots, Music William Bradshaw; CCLI #3162143
3. His Mercy is More: Matt Boswell/Matt Papa; Worship Lyric Video; CCLI #7065053
4. Lenten Doxology. CCLI #4255578
5. The Love of Christ Jesus is Urging Us On: text: Carolyn Winfrey Gillette; tune: traditional melody CCLI #107816