



# Christ Is Rising!



May 22, 2022—10:30 AM

Sixth Sunday of Easter

A Hybrid Worship Experience In-Person and Online

Today's worship team—Music Director: Jayne McDonough; Worship Leader: Rev. Larry Moyer;

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Kevin Yoho; Worship Production: Norris Clark.

**WELCOME! ENJOY WORSHIP, MASKS ARE OPTIONAL.**

**WORSHIP YOUR WAY!**

Join us in-person or worship online: [www.coldspringworship.com](http://www.coldspringworship.com).

With Covid-19 case counts rising in every state, including Cape May County, we continue to manage and mitigate the effects of the Covid-19 Pandemic by practicing healthy behaviors. While masks are optional, you are encouraged to wear a mask until you're seated.

## MESSAGE PREVIEW

We know how tiresome health protocols can feel. Since our Covid-19 concerns began in March 2020, favorite things remain missing in our lives. We miss entering buildings and socializing without so many health considerations. We miss more frequent and personal contact with family and friends. We miss working in the office, learning in the classroom, actually shopping in stores, traveling more freely, and many of us miss regularly worshipping in person. Understandably, we can feel stuck.

This week's passage from John 5:1-9 tells about a stuck person, missing the joys and experiences of that "normal life" he imagined that others enjoyed. He missed walking where he wanted, spending time with family and friends, working, learning, and other things we can take for granted. He couldn't stir himself to get moving and waited for something to change his life. He waited for weeks, then months. Nothing changed. The months turned into years. Then years became decades. He missed the stirring of the healing waters and the changed life he longed for thirty-eight years until Jesus stirred things up.

If you want to get unstuck from missing God's spiritual abundance, join us for worship on June 22, when we will discover that Jesus is in the business of stirring things up. (And stirring you up is just the beginning. All of us have a role to play in stirring things up for others, too!)

## MUSIC PREVIEW

The Rev. Larry Moyer will be singing, *A Believer's Prayer*, a song about responding to the Good News by acting like Jesus. Following the message, we will sing the first two verses of *Stir Your Church*, a hymn about our mission to share and show God's love for the world. It was composed by Dr. Milburn Price with music by Aubrey Lee Butler. Our sending hymn will be verses 3 and 4 of *Stir Your Church*.

**GREETING OF WORSHIPPERS:** PASTOR KEVIN (10:24)

**COUNTDOWN TO WORSHIP** (10:25)

**PRELUDE:** JAYNE McDONOUGH (10:27)

**WELCOME:** PASTOR KEVIN (10:30)

**CALL TO WORSHIP (RESPONSIVELY):** REV. LARRY MOYER (10:32)

Hallelujah! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen, indeed!

God has called us to this place.

What do you seek?

We seek to have our spirits stirred by the  
power of the Holy Spirit.

God has brought us to this place.

What do you need?

We need to change as we follow the example  
of Christ.

God has welcomed us to this place.

Hallelujah! Christ is rising!

Christ is rising, indeed!

**GOD WELCOMES ALL (UNISON):** (1-10:33)

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: ACTS 16:9-15 (NIV)

During the night Paul had a vision of a man of Macedonia standing and begging him, “Come over to Macedonia and help us.” After Paul had seen the vision, we got ready at once to leave for Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them.

On the Sabbath we went outside the city gate to the river, where we expected to find a place of prayer. We sat down and began to speak to the women who had gathered there. One of those listening was a woman from the city of Thyatira named Lydia, a dealer in purple cloth. She was a worshiper of God. The Lord opened her heart to respond to Paul’s message. When she and the members of her household were baptized, she invited us to her home. “If you consider me a believer in the Lord,” she said, “come and stay at my house.” And she persuaded us.

## MESSAGE FOR KIDS- WHAT'S YOUR STORY?

### PRAYER FOR FAMILIES

**MUSIC: *A BELIEVER'S PRAYER*** - REV. LARRY MOYER

**GOSPEL READING: JOHN 5:1-9** (NIV)

(10:38)

<sup>1</sup> Some time later, Jesus went up to Jerusalem for one of the Jewish festivals. <sup>2</sup> Now there is in Jerusalem near the Sheep Gate a pool, which in Aramaic is called Bethesda and which is surrounded by five covered colonnades. <sup>3</sup> Here a great number of disabled people used to lie—the blind, the lame, the paralyzed. <sup>5</sup> One who was there had been an invalid for thirty-eight years. <sup>6</sup> When Jesus saw him lying there and learned that he had been in this condition for a long time, he asked him, “Do you want to get well?”

<sup>7</sup> “Sir,” the man who was sick replied, “I have no one to help me into the pool when the water is stirred. While I am trying to get in, someone else goes down ahead of me.”

<sup>8</sup> Then Jesus said to him, “Get up! Pick up your mat and walk.” <sup>9</sup> At once the man was cured; he picked up his mat and walked. The day on which this took place was a Sabbath.



## MESSAGE: STIRRING UP YOUR LIFE!

REV. DR. KEVIN YOHO

*Our “missing” verse!*

\*4 for an angel of the Lord went down at certain times into the pool, and stirred up the water. Whoever stepped in first after the stirring of the water was made whole of whatever disease they had.

## PRAYER AND SILENT REFLECTION

### MUSIC: *STIR YOUR CHURCH*

<sup>1</sup> Stir your church O God our maker  
Move thro'out its life today  
Cultivate a sense of mission  
In our hearts and minds we pray  
Help us to renew commitment  
To a way of ministry  
Which interprets for our culture  
How your truth can make us free

<sup>2</sup> Make your church a living witness  
To the power of its Lord  
Send us to the world around us  
With your Spirit and your Word  
To the many cities turmoil  
To every suburb, too  
To all those who need your message  
Send us forth to tell of you

### CALL TO RECONCILIATION

(10:54)

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)**

Thank you, God, for forgiving our sins and anything that holds us back as we are stirred by your Spirit and become reconciled to the rising Christ. Amen.

## **SILENT REFLECTION**

## **HEAR THE WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

In the name of Jesus Christ, God loves and forgives us to live a life of faith and justice. Thanks be to God, we are forgiven! Amen.

## **THE GLORIA**

(3) (10:56)

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**

(10:57)

God calls us to lives of grateful generosity. Your gift may be placed in the donation boxes at both doors, mailed to the office, or given online anytime. Thank you!

## PRAYER OF GRATITUDE

### THE DOXOLOGY

(5) (10:58)

**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.**

### BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Happy birthday to Emily Sasso (5/24).  
Anniversary blessings to George & Beverly  
Greger (5/28).

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

(10:58)

Judy Lambert recovering from recent surgery at Genesis (North Cape). Families mourning the loss of loved ones who recently passed including Jake Lincoln, Aunt Evelyn, Carrie Matthews, and Betty Miller. Wally (MS, rehab treatment), improved wellness). Damien Bakley (hospice). Matthew's family following a car accident (cousins of Elaine Jordan). Sandy Montaña suffered a heart attack. Harry (heart condition) and his wife Sharon (terminally ill with cancer). Wendy Boer (stroke). Lenore (macular degeneration), Verna Shifflett, Crystal Vines, Susan, Vinny, Joanne, Ed, Dorothy, Eileen, Reese, Marie, Robert, Patti, Marie.

We pray for the people of Ukraine and all who work for peace. We pray that all who seek shelter, food, employment, healing, and wholeness in mind, body, and spirit would receive the resources that need. We pray for those suffering from Covid-19 and other illnesses. We ask God to bless those who serve in healthcare, police, fire, government, the armed forces, education, and business.

### **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

#### **LORD'S PRAYER**

(11:03)

**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**

(11:24)

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

**MUSIC: *STIR YOUR CHURCH***

3 Give to us a social conscience  
Which enables us to see  
That all folk are your creation  
And that they have dignity  
Let us feel with real compassion  
Needs of body mind and soul  
For these needs may we provide them  
Ministry which makes them whole

4 Challenge us O God our maker  
To the task which must be done  
For your church to find fulfillment  
In the way taught by your Son  
With awareness of our purpose  
With commitment to your call  
May we help prepare the time when  
Christ will reign as Lord of all

**BENEDICTION:** PASTOR KEVIN

**POSTLUDE:** JAYNE McDONOUGH

(11:27)

Go in peace to serve! See you next week!  
Christ is *still* Rising!

*So glad you've joined us. Please share your worship experience with others on our YouTube channel, Facebook, and Instagram. View worship at any time on our YouTube page. Invite others to join you next week.*

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