



Let Us Worship God!

November 20, 2022— 10:30 AM

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY

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: Max Moran.



WELCOME! WORSHIP YOUR WAY!

So glad you're here today! Enjoy worship with your neighbors and be spiritually energized. Mask wearing is optional. Join us in-person in our beautiful, historic Red Brick Church or online: www.coldspringworship.com.

MESSAGE PREVIEW

Where do you call home? Some are heading home this Thanksgiving. According to *The Vacationer*, which just released its annual 2022 Thanksgiving Travel Survey, over 43% of American adults (ages 18 and up) plan to travel for Thanksgiving this year, a slight increase from the 42% reported in last year's survey. That's more than 112 million travelers, based on the most recent U.S. Census data. "Unfortunately, Americans are seeing rising gas prices and expensive flights and understand they will have to pay more this year to travel for Thanksgiving," according to *The Vacationer*.

We are a transient society. Transplants are the norm. Few of us stay in place. Perhaps you are preparing for friends and family to gather at your home or travel to another's. Everyone starts somewhere. And even more importantly, everyone ends up someplace else.

Your place may be cozy, safe, and warm. We are mindful that more than 500,000 Americans are without a permanent place this week. While we experience gratitude, others seek shelter. Their experience of home is quite different, and they deserve a warm smile, a healthy meal, and a safe place to live. Thank you for sharing out of your abundance in any way to help make your place a welcoming home for others, too.

On Christ the King Sunday, we will consider the Gospel from Luke 23. How did Christ the King end up on the cross? And what about the other two also condemned to die? From Skull Hill to a welcoming eternal home, God has placed us in the physical and spiritual locations where we are. Throughout the story of Scripture, place is a very important concept. The Promised Land was a place of peace and prosperity, and the prophets spoke of God's involvement in our daily places. Jesus met people in the places they called home, and he continues today. God's eternal home is open to us. Place matters.

Wherever you've been, and no matter where you may be going this Thanksgiving, experience gratitude and spiritual abundance at Cold Spring Church, where everyone can discover a safe place to experience God's love in Christ the King. Welcome home, where you belong.

MUSIC PREVIEW

We begin with our Fall countdown that sets the theme for our worship experience today. Jayne McDonough will accompany Larry Moyer singing *Here I Am to Worship*, by Tim Hughes. After reading Philippians chapter 2, Tim Hughes reflected on the attitude of servanthood Christ displayed and wrote the verses to the song. How do we respond to our God when we approach him? This song offers us a posture of bowing down in humility. If Christ was humble, should not our worship also reflect that, too? Following the message, we will enjoy a music lyric video *Give Thanks*. In 1978, a young seminary graduate named Henry Smith was struggling to find work and coming to terms with a degenerative eye condition that would eventually leave him legally blind. Despite those hardships, Henry found hope in 2 Corinthians 8:9 and penned "Give Thanks," one of the most beloved songs of our time. And now let the weak say, 'I am strong'; Let the poor say, 'I am rich' because of what the Lord has done. Years later, a young worship leader named Don Moen would record Henry's song, helping to carry it around the world. Today, you can hum "Give Thanks" at almost any church in the world, no matter the country or the language, and someone will recognize this simple song of thanksgiving and trust.

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.

COUNTDOWN TO FALL WORSHIP

GREETING: PASTOR KEVIN

(10:24)

PRELUDE: JAYNE McDONOUGH (10:27)

WELCOME: PASTOR KEVIN (10:30)

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

This is an amazing day the Lord has made:

**a day for praise and prayer;
a day for gratitude and generosity.**

This is the time God has given us:

**a time for singing and silence;
a time for speaking and listening.**

This is the life to which God calls us:

**a life of humility and service;
a life of faith and trust.**

Let us worship God together.

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

NEW TESTAMENT READING: COLOSSIANS 1:11029 (NIV)

Being strengthened with all power
according to his glorious might so that you

may have great endurance and patience, and giving joyful thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of his holy people in the kingdom of light.

For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy. For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.

MESSAGE FOR KIDS- *HOLDING IT TOGETHER*
PRAYER FOR FAMILIES

(10:38)

MUSIC - *HERE I AM TO WORSHIP* - THE REV. LARRY MOYER

GOSPEL READING : LUKE 23:33-43 (MSG)

When they got to the place called Skull Hill, they crucified him, along with the criminals, one on his right, the other on his left. Jesus prayed, “Father, forgive them; they don’t know what they’re doing.”

Dividing up his clothes, they threw dice for them. The people stood there staring at Jesus, and the ringleaders made faces, taunting, “He saved others. Let’s see him save himself! The Messiah of God—ha! The Chosen—ha!”

The soldiers also came up and poked fun at him, making a game of it. They toasted him with sour wine: “So you’re King of the Jews! Save yourself!” Printed over him was a sign: this is the king of the jews.

One of the criminals hanging alongside cursed him: “Some Messiah you are! Save yourself! Save us!”

But the other one made him shut up:
“Have you no fear of God? You’re getting
the same as him. We deserve this, but not
him—he did nothing to deserve this.”
Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when
you enter your kingdom.”

He said, “Don’t worry, I will. Today you
will join me in paradise.”



MESSAGE: *WELCOME HOME!*

LUKE 23:33-43 PASTOR KEVIN

PRAYER AND SILENT REFLECTION

MUSIC VIDEO: *GIVE THANKS*

Chorus

Give thanks with a grateful heart
Give thanks to the Holy One
Give thanks because He's given
Jesus Christ His Son

Verse

And now let the weak say I am
strong
Let the poor say I am rich
Because of what the Lord has done
for us

Ending

Give thanks

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

Which of us has not hurt someone this week? Which of us has not spoken (or thought) poorly of another person? Which of us has failed to do good when given the chance? Which of us? All of us and each of us! But Christ came to save and deliver people just like us, so I invite you to join me as we offer our prayers to God, saying...

PRAYER OF FORGIVENESS (UNISON)

We are sorry we have missed the mark set for us. Fill us with your grace and wisdom so that our life is more like Jesus's life. Empower us to put our faith into practice. Through Christ, amen.

SILENT REFLECTION

HEAR THE WORDS OF ASSURANCE (RESPONSIVE)

In the name of Jesus Christ, God loves and forgives us to live a life of faith, justice, hope, and love.

Thanks be to God, we are forgiven.

Amen.

THE GLORIA

(3) (1\0:56)

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.**

MOMENT FOR GIVING

God calls us to lives of grateful generosity. If you believe in our mission, thank you for supporting our mission. To give during worship, you may use the Giving Box as an usher passes. You may also give as you leave today, or give online anytime.

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.

PRAYER OF GRATITUDE

CHANCEL FLOWERS

Given to the glory of God from Bev Mate honoring God's love and blessings to all this Thanksgiving.

COMMUNITY NEWS



Drop-in tomorrow anytime between 9:30 AM and 1:00 PM for decorating fun!



Pick up your Reverse Advent Calendar and put something special *into* your Advent experience.

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Happy birthday to Trudie Schroeder (11/22).

Happy Anniversary to Joe & Roseann Paulits (11/23).

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

Let us pray for: Adelia and Rob Jonas. Ted Lewis. Eileen Stalford. Jennifer. Police officer Ben needs additional work hours. Isabella McDonough. Aaron C. Those rebuilding after Hurricane Ian and Hurricane Nicole, and for those suffering from severe weather events. Bob Fite. Dolce Alvarez (missing). Eileen and David Word. Lorraine. Ronald Walker. Glenn & Marie. Denise's mom. George. Janet. Mike McPherson, Steve, Rickey, Dr. Regina, Lorraine, Carl, Kate, Candy. Paul Haggy. Janice Olszewski.

We mourn gun violence in across our

country. We pray for the people of Ukraine. We pray for those suffering from Covid-19 and for God to bless those serving in healthcare, law enforcement, fire, government, armed forces, education, and business.

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: *NOW THANK WE ALL OUR GOD*

Verse 1

Now thank we all our God
With heart and hands and voices
Who wondrous things has done
In whom his world rejoices
Who from our mothers' 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
To keep us in his grace
And guide us when perplexed
And free us from all ills
Of this world in the next

Verse 3

All praise and thanks to God
The Father now be given
The Son and Spirit blest
Who reign in highest heaven
The one eternal God

Whom heaven and earth adore
For thus it was is now
And shall be evermore

BENEDICTION: PASTOR KEVIN

POSTLUDE: JAYNE McDONOUGH

(11:27)

Go in peace. See you next week!

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5. *Doxology* - CCLI Song #4255578
6. *Now Thank We All Our God*: CCLI Song
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