



Let's Worship!

March 26, 2023—10:30 AM

Fifth Sunday of Lent

A Hybrid Worship Experience, In-Person and Online

Today's worship team: Music Director- Jayne McDonough. Worship Leader- Barbara Cain. Message- Norris Clark. Worship Production- Max Moran.



WORSHIP YOUR WAY!

Come as you are and join us in-person in our beautiful, historic Red Brick Church, or online www.coldspringworship.com. Make new friends at Cold Spring Church! Inviting someone to join you is the best way to support our mission!

MESSAGE PREVIEW

We welcome Norris Clark to our pulpit this week while Pastor Kevin is recuperating from surgery.

MUSIC PREVIEW

We prepare for worship with our Lenten countdown video. Throughout worship, we pause for several silent reflections to help us focus on the Spirit's inner work. After our Call to Worship, our gathering song is *God Welcomes All*. We will sing the *Lenten Doxology*.

Barbara Cain will be singing the Gaither hymn, *I Believe in a Hill Called Mount Calvary*. Gloria Gaither writes in her blog: "Bill and I wrote 'I Believe in a Hill Called Mount Calvary' at a fork in the road for our lives. We hadn't then, nor have we now, resolved all the questions. But we chose to risk everything we were or ever hoped to be on a few things that began for us a growing relationship with Christ."

Following the message, we will enjoy the music video "*What a Friend We Have in Jesus*", a Christian hymn originally written by preacher Joseph M. Scriven as a poem in 1855 to comfort his mother, who was living in Ireland while he was in Canada. Scriven originally published the poem anonymously, and only received full credit for it in the 1880s.

We conclude worship singing *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*, a popular Christian hymn written by Thomas Chisholm (1866-1960) with music composed by William M. Runyon (1870-1957) in Baldwin City, Kansas, U.S. The phrase "great is thy faithfulness" comes from the Old Testament Book of Lamentations 3:23.

GREETING OF IN-PERSON WORSHIPPERS

COUNTDOWN TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE: JAYNE McDONOUGH

WELCOME: NORRIS CLARK

CALL TO WORSHIP (RESPONSIVELY)

**We enjoy God in worship... Father, Son,
and the Holy Spirit who loves us right now
and always! Amen.**

GOD WELCOMES ALL

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (UNISON):

**Loving God, prepare us to learn, grow, and
show the Good News with simple words,
clear actions, and humility of heart. Amen.**

NEW TESTAMENT READING: ROMANS 8:6-11 (MSG)

The mind governed by the flesh is death, but the mind governed by the Spirit is life and peace. The mind governed by the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law, nor can it do so. Those who are in the realm of the flesh cannot please God.

You, however, are not in the realm of the flesh but are in the realm of the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, they do not belong to Christ.

But if Christ is in you, then even though your body is subject to death because of sin, the Spirit gives life because of righteousness. And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies because of his Spirit who lives in you.

MUSIC - A HILL CALLED MOUNT CALVARY - BARBARA CAIN

GOSPEL READING: LUKE 15:11-32 (NIV)

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 far 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 men 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 men.’

“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. “Meanwhile, the older son was in the field. When he came near the house, he heard music and dancing. So he called one of the servants and asked him what was going on. “ ‘Your brother has come,’ he replied, ‘and your father has killed the fattened calf because he has him back safe and sound.’ “The elder brother became angry and refused to go in.

So his father went out and pleaded with him. But he answered his father, ‘Look! All these years I’ve been slaving for you and never disobeyed your orders. Yet you never gave me even a young goat so I could celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours who has squandered your property with prostitutes comes home, you kill the fattened calf for

him!’ “ ‘My son,’ the father said, ‘you are always with me, and everything I have is yours. But we had to celebrate and be glad, because this brother of yours was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.’ ”

MESSAGE — Tale of Two Children and a Forgiving Father

JOHN 11:31-45 NORRIS CLARK

PRAYER AND SILENT REFLECTION

MUSIC VIDEO: *WHAT A FRIEND WE HAVE IN JESUS*^(10:50)

1

What a friend we have in Jesus
All our sins and griefs to bear
What a privilege to carry
Everything to God in prayer

2

Have we trials and
temptations Is there trouble
anywhere
We should never be
discouraged Take it to the Lord
in prayer
Can we find a friend so faithful
Who will all our sorrows share
Jesus knows our every
weakness Take it to the Lord in
prayer

3

Are we weak and heavy
laden Cumbered with a
load of care Precious Savior
still our refuge Take it to the
Lord in prayer

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

(10:50)

Loving God, forgive us our sins, hurting or neglecting others, missing opportunities to serve. Help us change and live more like Jesus, through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

SILENT REFLECTION

HEAR THE WORDS OF ASSURANCE (RESPONSIVELY)

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

Thanks be to God, we are forgiven. Amen.

GIFTS OF GRATITUDE

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

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.**

PRAYER OF GRATITUDE

COMMUNITY NEWS

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Happy birthday to Larry Hume (3/20). Anniversary blessings to Ted & Janice Lewis (3/22).

Holy Week begins next week, April 5!



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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Pastor Kevin is at Univ. Of Penn. Hospital recovering from a few post surgical complications. The prayers, cards and expressions of love and support mean so much to him and Melissa. We are grateful to the worship and preaching team for providing great experiences until Pastor Kevin returns to full health.

Lenore took a fall, has bruised ribs, fractured tailbone, just home from a week in the hospital. Ruth's daughter-in-law, Janet receiving treatments at Cooper. Larry's neighbor Deb struggling with cancer. Todd, Elaine's friend-fungus in his lungs. Larry's cousin, on the passing of his daughter. John Stalford, heart problems. Linda Kaempf and

the family of Patty Smith, on her passing. Toddler James and baby Everly Dodd with colds. Mary Wender, liver failure. George Barsby recovering at home. Chris Randle, Paul Haggy. Laurie Johnson. Michael with ALS. Rev. Doug Madden and Rev. Reeder (surgery). Lloyd and Sharron Posnikoff, Eileen and David Word. Those on hospice: Bob Fite, Gertrude Hess. For healing: Susan Dehart, Eileen Stalford is doing better. Those undergoing cancer treatment: Robin B, Carmela G, Mike, Kim, Glenn, Jayne, Steve, Rickey, Lorraine, Kate, Candy, and Dr. Regina.

(10:54)

PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

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

Once we were strangers,
Now we are neighbors.

Once we were strangers,
Now we are friends.

MUSIC: *GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS* BLUE #276

1

**Great is Thy faithfulness
O God my Father
There is no shadow
Of turning with Thee
Thou changest not
Thy compassions they fail not
As Thou hast been
Thou forever wilt be**

Chorus

**Great is Thy faithfulness
Great is Thy faithfulness
Morning by morning
New mercies I see
All I have needed
Thy hand hath provided**

**Great is Thy faithfulness
Lord unto me**

3

**Pardon for sin
And a peace that endureth
Thy own dear presence
To cheer and to guide
Strength for today
And bright hope for tomorrow
Blessings all mine
With ten thousand beside
Chorus**

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Morning by morning
New mercies I see
All I have needed
Thy hand hath provided
Great is Thy faithfulness
Lord unto me**

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

(11:29)

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1. *God Welcomes All*: CCLI #7102394
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