



Christ Is Rising!



April 16, 2023—10:30 AM

Second Sunday of Easter

A Hybrid Worship Experience In-Person and Online

Today's worship team—Music Director: Jayne McDonough, Worship Leader: Larry Moyer

Message: Norris Clark; Production: Norris Clark

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WORSHIP RECAP

Easter morning worship at the Red Brick Church had more than 65 worshippers enjoying traditional music, a beautiful solo, and robust hymn singing! The service featured a beautiful message from God's word about the women at the tomb. The service was broadcast live and can be enjoyed anytime on our YouTube channel (www.coldspringworship.com).

WORSHIP PREVIEW

On the Second Sunday of Easter we will be blessed by the message from Norris Clark titled, "Are You a 'Doubting Thomas?'"

What is the important lesson of the doubting Thomas?

The tale of Doubting Thomas teaches us, as Jesus said, **to believe even what we have not seen**. In the aftermath, Thomas urges us to trust God and know that Jesus saved us with his torture, death and Resurrection. Ultimately, Thomas wants us to know that Jesus prevails even in the deepest darkness.

MUSIC PREVIEW

We begin our worship singing God Welcomes All. A sing along hymn instead of a solo today, an Easter favorite, Lo in the Grave He Lay (Christ Arose!).

Following the message we will sing *Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain*, a Greek Resurrection hymn written by John of Damascus (c. 675-749) in the 8th century. The text is the first ode from the Canon for St. Thomas's Sunday, the Sunday after Easter or Low Sunday, and is based on the canticle "The Song of Moses" from Exodus 15. A clear connection can be seen in the hymn from Exodus 14 and 15 through the vivid language used.

Our sending hymn, *God of Grace and God of Glory*, will be played on the organ. This stirring hymn was used at the opening of Riverside Church in New York in 1930 was penned by its widely-known and influential pastor, Harry Emerson Fosdick. The Welsh tune name honors the Rhonda Valley in Glamorganshire.

GREETING OF WORSHIPPERS: NORRIS CLARK (10:24)

COUNTDOWN TO WORSHIP (10:25)

PRELUDE: JAYNE McDONOUGH (10:27)

WELCOME: NORRIS CLARK (10:30)

CALL TO WORSHIP (RESPONSIVE): LARRY MOYER (10:32)

Hallelujah! Christ is Risen!

Christ is risen, indeed!

God has called us to this place. What do you see?

**We see people who model God's joy
and love for all people.**

God has brought us to this place. What do you hear?

**We hear God's hope that we are able to
see each person as a new creation in
Christ.**

God has challenged us to open our lives and hearts to others. What will you do?

**We will welcome everyone in God's
name!**

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.

FIRST READING: ACTS 2:14A, 22-32. (10:38)

14aBut Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them,

22“You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know — 23this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. 24But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. 25For David says concerning him,

‘I saw the Lord always before me,
for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken;

26 therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover my flesh will live in hope.

27 For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One experience corruption.

28 You have made known to me the ways of

life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.’²⁹“Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. ³⁰Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. ³¹Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying,
 ‘He was not abandoned to Hades,
 nor did his flesh experience corruption.’
³²This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.

**MUSIC: HYMN SING - LOW IN THE GRAVE HE LAY
(CHRIST AROSE)**

Low in the grave He lay Jesus my Savior
Waiting the coming day Jesus my Lord

Up from the grave He arose
With a mighty triumph o'er His foes
He arose a victor from the dark domain
And He lives forever with His saints to reign

He arose, He arose,
Hallelujah, Christ arose!

NEW TESTAMENT READING: JOHN 20:19-31 (NIV)

24 But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. 25 So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.”

26 A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” 27 Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.” 28 Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” 29 Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.”

30 Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. 31 But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

MESSAGE: ARE YOU A DOUBTING THOMAS?

NORRIS CLARK

PRAYER AND SILENT REFLECTION

MUSIC HYMN: COME, YE FAITHFUL, RAISE THE STRAIN

BLUE #115

1. Come, ye faithful, raise the strain
Of triumphant gladness;
God hath brought forth Israel
Into joy from sadness;
Loosed from Pharaoh's bitter yoke
Jacob's sons and daughters;
Led them, with unmoistened foot, Through the Red Sea waters.
2. 'Tis the spring of souls today;
Christ hath burst his prison,
And from three days' sleep in death
As a sun hath risen.
Now rejoice, Jerusalem,
And with true affection
Welcome in unwearied strains Jesus' resurrection!

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)

In Easter hope, Jesus is the Way-Maker when we have lost our way. Jesus is the Chain-Breaker who frees us from what holds us back. Jesus is the Gift-Giver for a hope-filled future. Thank you, God, for forgiving our sins and anything that holds us back as we 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!

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

COMMUNITY NEWS - BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES



Happy Birthday to Ruth Traber (4/17),

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

(10:58)

Pastor Kevin continues his recovery from surgery this week with a goal of getting home! The prayers, cards and expressions of love and support mean so much to him and Melissa.

Rebecca Busch, breast cancer; Caroline with pneumonia, Chuck's Brother, Michael is cancer free, prayers answered! Prayers for the newly weds from Larry's wedding ceremony in Lebanon, Pa. Carmela, Linda's daughter-in-law, prayers for chemo to work, Lenore-bruised ribs, brokentail bone, Ruth's daughter-in-law, Janet-treatments in Vineland.

Larry's neighbor Deb passed away, prayers for Larry and her family. Todd, Elaine's friend-fungus in his lungs. John Stalford-heart and breathing issues, Linda Kaempf and the family of Patty Smith, on her

passing. Mary Wender, liver failure. George Barsby recovering at home. Paul Haggy. Laurie Johnson. Michael with ALS. Rev. Doug Madden and Rev. Reeder (surgery). Lloyd and Sharon Posnikoff, Eileen and David Word. Those on hospice: Bob Fite, Gertrude Hess. For healing: Susan Dehart is home with physical therapy, Eileen Stalford improving. In the Community, the Tennessee Presbyterian Church and school shooting victims and families. Reading Chocolate factory explosion victims and families. Those experiencing loss from tornadoes in the South and in the East. Those undergoing cancer treatment: Robin B, Carmela G, Mike, Kim, Glenn, Steve, Rickey, Lorraine, Kate, Candy, and Dr. Regina.

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.

MUSIC: GOD OF GRACE AND GOD OF GLORY (BLUE #420)

Verse 1

God of grace and God of glory

On Your people pour Your power
Crown Your ancient church's story
Bring her bud to glorious flower
Grant us wisdom, Give us courage
For the facing of this hour
For the facing of this hour

Verse 4

Set our feet on lofty places;
Gird our lives that they may be
Armored with all Christ-like graces,
Pledged to set all captives free.
Grant us wisdom, Grant us courage,
That we fail not them nor Thee!
That we fail not them nor Thee!

Verse 5

Save us from weak resignation
To the evils we deplore;
Let the gift of Thy salvation
Be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
Serving Thee whom we adore
Serving Thee whom we adore.

FRESH EXPRESSION OF COMMUNITY

(11:04)

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

BENEDICTION: NORRIS CLARK

(11:04)

POSTLUDE: JAYNE McDONOUGH

(11:05)

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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1. *God Welcomes All* CCLI Song #5495557
2. *Low in the Grave He Lay (Christ Arose)*; CCLI #27783
3. *Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain*; Arthur Sullivan, John Neale, St John of Damascus; CCLI #355929
4. *Gloria* Public Domain
5. *Doxology* CCLI #4255578
6. *God of Grace and God of Glory*; Harry Fosdick, John Hughes CCLI #7159421