



# Christ Is Rising!

May 7, 2023—10:30 AM  
Fifth Sunday of Easter



A Hybrid Worship Experience In-Person and Online

Today's worship team—Music Director: Jayne McDonough, Worship Leader: Barbara Cain;  
Message: Rev. Larry Moyer; Production: Norris Clark

## WELCOME!

## WORSHIP YOUR WAY!

So glad you're here today. Enjoy worship with your neighbors and be spiritually energized. person in our beautiful, historic Red Brick Church or online: [www.coldspringworship.com](http://www.coldspringworship.com).

*Be Involved*

Be involved in doing good, for at the proper time good things will result if we do not give up.

Galatians 6:9



Join us in-

## WORSHIP PREVIEW

While Pastor Kevin is home recuperating, we welcome Rev. Larry Moyer to the pulpit today with his message "The Apostle Stephen - Not the Traditional Hero" We will look at the Apostle Stephen as a true hero as he is guided by the Holy Spirit. Leading us to Jesus as the "way, the truth, and the life." This passage in the Gospel John is a familiar one as Jesus' words show that the way to eternal life, though unseen, is secure--as secure as your trust in Him. This is one of the most basic and important passages in Scripture. How can we know the way to God? Only through Jesus.

## MUSIC PREVIEW

Following the message, we will sing How Great Thou Art. The original inspiration for the hymn was Carl Boberg's experience of the awesome power of God revealed in nature, when he was caught in a sudden thunder storm in 1885 in Sweden.

Our sending hymn is The Church's One Foundation. The hymn itself is based on I Corinthians 3:11: "For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ"

**GREETING OF WORSHIPPERS: REV. LARRY MOYER** (10:24)

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

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

**WELCOME: REV. LARRY MOYER** (10:30)

**CALL TO WORSHIP (RESPONSIVE): BEVERLY MATE** (10:32)

**Gather us, O God**

**There is room for us all.**

Dwell with us, O God.

**Show us the way.**

Guide us, O God.

**We give thanks and praise for Christ as our way, truth and life.**

**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):**

God, your Word is a lamp to our feet on this discipleship road. Walk with us. Guide us with your wisdom and grace. Open us to discerning your will and your way. Amen.

**FIRST READING: FIRST READING ACTS 7:55-60**

But filled with the Holy Spirit, he gazed into and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. "Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young

man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.” Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, “Lord, do not hold this sin against them.” When he had said this, he died.

## MESSAGE FOR KIDS

## PRAYER FOR FAMILIES

### GOSPEL READING: JOHN 14, 1-14

Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.” Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and

you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

**MESSAGE: THE APOSTLE STEPHEN - NOT THE  
TRADITIONAL HERO** REV. LARRY MOYER

**PRAYER AND SILENT REFLECTION**

**MUSIC: *HOW GREAT THOU ART* BLUE #467**

1. O Lord my God  
When I in awesome wonder  
Consider all the worlds  
Thy hands have made  
I see the stars

I hear the rolling thunder  
Thy pow'r thru'out  
The universe displayed

Then sings my soul  
My Savior God to Thee  
How great Thou art, How great Thou art  
Then sings my soul  
My Savior God to Thee  
How great Thou art, How great Thou art.

2. When through the woods  
And forest glades I wander  
And hear the birds  
Sing sweetly in the trees  
When I look down  
From lofty mountain grandeur  
And hear the brook  
And feel the gentle breeze

Then sings my soul  
My Savior God to Thee  
How great Thou art, How great Thou art  
Then sings my soul  
My Savior God to Thee  
How great Thou art, How great Thou art.

3. And when I think  
That God His Son not sparing  
Sent Him to die  
I scarce can take it in  
That on the cross  
My burden gladly bearing  
He bled and died  
To take away my sin

Then sings my soul  
My Savior God to Thee  
How great Thou art, How great Thou art  
Then sings my soul  
My Savior God to Thee  
How great Thou art, How great Thou art.

4. When Christ shall come  
With shout of acclamation  
And take me home  
What joy shall fill my heart  
Then I shall bow  
In humble adoration  
And there proclaim  
My God how great Thou art

Then sings my soul  
My Savior God to Thee  
How great Thou art, How great Thou art  
Then sings my soul

My Savior God to Thee  
How great Thou art, How great Thou art.

### CALL TO RECONCILIATION

(10:54)

No one is lost to God. All are welcome to witness and receive God's saving grace. Let us confess our sins before our Savior.

### PRAYER OF FORGIVENESS (UNISON)

**You send us, God, but we hesitate. Forgive our fear and our excuses. We are witnesses of your grace and glory but allow others to silence our praise. We imprison ourselves with doubt and shame and fail to shine your light for all to see. Forgive our fears. Free our testimony. Amen**

### SILENT REFLECTION

### HEAR THE WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Christ has transformed us. Christ has renewed us. Through Christ's death and resurrection, we are a new creation, ready to sing God's glory and testify to God's grace. In Jesus Christ, 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)

Humbled by God's generosity, let us offer our gifts to God and God's ministries through Christ's church. Your gift may be placed in the donation boxes, 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

God, you meet our needs and transform us for service. Accept these gifts as signs of our gratitude and our commitment to witness to Christ's ministry in your world. Amen.

### **Birthdays & Anniversaries**

Happy birthday to Eileen Word (5/7), David Word (5/9) and Dale Myers (5/12).



## COMMUNITY NEWS:

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

Pastor Kevin is in our prayers as he continues healing and getting stronger at home. The prayers, cards and expressions of love and support mean so much to him and Melissa.

Ruth Traber's daughter-in-law Janet has passed away, our prayers to Ruth and her family in this loss. John Stalford is in hospice care at home with his family, visitors are welcome. Linda's daughter-in-law has good news, her tumor has shrunk to half it's size and surgery is a better possibility for her now, prayers being answered! Glenn recovering from parathyroid surgery. Jean in Cooper Hospital with infection in her spine. Larry's neighbor, Jacqueline with brain surgery; Tom Hamilton, Jim McCaughey's cousin in severe auto accident with multiple broken bones. Rebecca Busch, breast cancer, Carmela, Lenore continues to heal from her fall. Todd, Elaine's friend-fungus in his lungs. 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: John Stalford, Bob Fite, Gertrude Hess. For healing: Susan Dehart is home with physical therapy, Eileen Stalford improving. In the Community- Dulce Alavez, missing from Bridgeton park for 4 years, turning 9 years old.

Those undergoing cancer treatment: Gerri Mills,

Robin B, Carmela G, Mike, Kim, Glenn, Steve, Rickey, Lorraine, Kate, Candy, and Dr. Regina.

## PRAYER

In you, O Lord we seek refuge and strength. In your righteousness, deliver us. Incline your ear to us and hear us as we pray these prayers of your people. Remind us Gracious God, that Easter is not a thing of the past, but a continuous miracle; a death-defying promise worth our constant proclamation. Be with those who are ill and grieving loss. Hear the cries of those who are in pain. Comfort those searching for answers. Ground us in your good news, O God, and help us hold on to your promises of hope. Keep our feet steady on Christ's path as we seek to be his faithful followers, praying the prayer Jesus taught us, saying,

(10:58)

## 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.**

## APOSTLES CREED (UNISON)

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,**

**And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## INVITATION TO ALL: COME TO THE LORD'S TABLE!

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you!

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

You formed the universe in your wisdom, and created all things by the light of your power. You set us in families on the earth to live with you in faith. We praise you for good gifts of bread and wine, and for the table you spread in the world as a sign of your love for all people in Christ.

We join our voices with all creation and all ages to proclaim the glory of your name: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

The Lord Jesus, on the night of his arrest, took bread, and after giving thanks to God, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take, eat. This is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way he took the cup, saying: This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me.

Every time you eat this bread and drink this cup you proclaim the saving death of the risen Lord, until he comes again.

## PRAYER OF THANKS

May we who have received this sacrament  
live in the unity of your Holy Spirit, that we may  
show forth your gifts to all the world. We ask this  
in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

## FRESH EXPRESSION OF COMMUNITY

(11:04)

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

## MUSIC: *THE CHURCH'S ONE FOUNDATION* BLUE #442

1. The Church's one foundation  
Is Jesus Christ her Lord  
She is His new creation  
By water and the Word  
From heav'n He came and sought her  
To be His holy bride  
With His own blood He bought her  
And for her life He died

2. Elect from every nation  
Yet one o'er all the earth  
Her charter of salvation  
One Lord one faith one birth  
One holy name she blesses

Partakes one holy food  
And to one hope she presses  
With every grace endued

5. Yet she on earth hath union  
With God the Three in One  
And mystic sweet communion  
With those whose rest is won  
O happy ones and holy  
Lord give us grace that we  
Like them the meek and lowly  
On high may dwell with Thee

**BENEDICTION** REV LARRY MOYER

Christ does not give to us as the world gives.  
We leave church today with Christ's peace to have,  
to hold, to share with others. Do not let your hearts  
be troubled, do not be afraid. Christ is with us in all  
things.

May the grace, hope, peace and love of God our  
Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer be with us all, now  
and forever. Amen

**POSTLUDE:** JAYNE McDONOUGH

(11:05)

*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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