



Christ Is Rising!

May 14, 2023—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: Beverly Mate;
Message: Mr Norris Clark; 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.

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 recuperating, we welcome Norris Clark to the pulpit today with his message "Peace be With You".

MUSIC PREVIEW

Following the message we will sing Make Me a Channel of Your Peace, (Prayer of St. Francis). Though popular opinion credits this prayer to Francis of Assisi, the earliest known printing was in by a French religious magazine in 1912. Yet that gentle saint's spirit seems evident in these words, a quality that has spurred many paraphrases and musical settings such as this one.

Our sending hymn is May the God of Hope Go with Us. This Argentine folk melody, with text in both english and Spanish was created by a PC(USA) missionary with much Latin American experience. The two versions compliment each other: the Spanish text offering a prayer to God, and the English one providing inspiration for the singers. Both of our hymns today can be found in the Glory to God Hymnal.

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): Beverly Mate (10:32)

As a hen gathers her brood under her wings,
God desires to gather us together,

**Gather us, O God. We are here to worship
and sing your praise!**

God, we rejoice today in the gift of life, which we have received by your grace, and the new life you offer through Jesus Christ. On this sixth Sunday of Easter and this Mother's Day we pause to give thanks for:

People who have nurtured and protected us throughout our lives. Mothers, grandmothers, step-mothers, foster mothers and all those regardless of gender or familial bonds, who live into this role. Opportunities to remember and honor the people we cherish.

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 and a light to our path. Walk with us. Guide us with your wisdom and grace. Open us to discerning your will and your way. Amen.

FIRST READING: ACTS 17:22-31

Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, “Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, ‘To an unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him — though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said,

‘For we too are his offspring.’

Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has

overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

GOSPEL READING: LUKE 24:36-49 NIV

“While they were still talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.” They were startled and frightened, thinking they saw a ghost. He said to them, “Why are you troubled, and why do doubts rise in your minds? Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself! Touch me and see; a ghost does not have flesh and bones, as you see I have.” When he had said this, he showed them his hands and feet. And while they still did not believe it because of joy and amazement, he asked them, “Do you have anything here to eat?” They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate it in their presence. He said to them, “This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms.” Then he

opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. He told them, “This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.”

MESSAGE: PEACE BE WITH YOU - NORRIS CLARK

PRAYER AND SILENT REFLECTION

MUSIC: MAKE ME A CHANNEL OF YOUR PEACE

(Prayer of St. Francis)

1. Make me a channel of your peace
Where there is hatred let me bring your love
Where there is injury, your pardon Lord,
And where there's doubt, true faith in you.
2. Make me a channel of your peace
Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope.
Where there is darkness only light,
And where there's sadness ever joy.
3. O Master, grant that I may never seek
so much to be consoled as to console,
To be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love with all my soul.
4. Make me a channel of your peace
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
in giving of ourselves that we receive,
and in dying that we're born to eternal life.

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)

Holy God , we are quick to criticize, quick to judge, quick to blame. We fail to offer others the same grace we receive from you. We hold ourselves up as superior and fail to address the patterns of dominance we perpetuate. Forgive us. Help us seek understanding and compassion. Help us accept the love you offer us and share your love with others.

SILENT REFLECTION

HEAR THE WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Christ transforms, redeems and renews. 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

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)

Remember the words of the Lord Jesus, who said, “it is more blessed to give than to receive”. The ushers may come forward. Your gift may be placed in the donation boxes, mailed to the office, or given online anytime. Thank you!

THE DOXOLOGY

(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, these offerings are only a portion of all that you have given us. We gratefully present these gifts and entrust them to your work in this world. May our gifts share the Good News of the gospel to those who are in need. May these gifts help unburden those with the heaviest of loads. Amen.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Happy birthday to
Carol Glacken (5/18), and
Ann Griffith (5/21).

COMMUNITY NEWS: CAPE CLASSICAL ARTISTS CONCERT

The Beverly Trio

Sunday May 21, 3:00 pm
Cold Spring Presbyterian Church

Oboist Tom Heinze, violist Harold Levin, and cellist Gayle Morgan Klaber offer an exciting program of original compositions as well as favorite works arranged for this unique combination of instruments.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

Pastor Kevin is in our prayers as he continues healing. 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, he welcomes cards and calls and possibly a visit(call first). 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

God, we offer our prayers for the needs of others and commit ourselves to serve them even as we have been served in Jesus Christ. In this Moment of prayer, we pause to remember:

Those whose are overwhelmed by the burden of their lives

Those who are exhausted from navigating uncertainty and change

Those who desire to be parents but struggle to conceive

Those who grieve the loss of children or other loved ones

Those who need courage to move forward
Merciful God you call us to journeys where we cannot see the destination by paths untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us.

Finally, hear us now as we pray the prayer Jesus taught us to pray by saying together,

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: MAY THE GOD OF HOPE GO WITH US

May the God of hope go with us every day
Filling all our lives with love and joy and peace
May the God of justice speed us on our way
Bringing light and hope to every land and race
Praying let us work for peace
Singing share our joy with all
Working for a world that's new
Faithful when we hear Christ's call

BENEDICTION NORRIS CLARK

May we leave this house of worship
Strengthened by the Spirit
Renewed by God's Grace and
Filled with his Peace.

May the grace, hope, peace and love of God be with
us now and always. **Amen.**

POSTLUDE: JAYNE McDONOUGH

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