Let Us Worship God!



July 16, 2023-10:30 AM Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

A Hybrid Worship Experience In-Person and Online Today's worship team—Music Director: Jayne McDonough: Worship Leader: Larry Moyer; Message: Rev. David Wenker; Production: Max Moran

WELCOME!

WORSHIP YOUR WAY!

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

Be involved in doing good, for at the proper time good things will result if we do not give up. Galatians 6:9

WORSHIP PREVIEW

We welcome Rev. David Wenker to the pulpit with his message "The Struggle for Freedom", while Pastor Kevin recuperates from his surgery.

MUSIC PREVIEW

Larry Moyer will sing "Miracles" by Sally Deford. She says about this song: "To learn to direct the charitable feelings that the Spirit prompts within us, and apply our energies where they will be of real use can be a difficult task. I still struggle with it when I read the news and wish I could call down a miracle or a bolt of lightning from heaven to change the world.

I need to stop reading the news and wishing for miracles. I need to be a better visiting teacher, a better mother, a better neighbor, a better friend."

Following the message we will sing Dear Lord and Father of Mankind. These stanzas were carved into a hymn from a much longer poem describing a frenzied ritual by an obscure sect in India, but they culminate in a reference to 1 Kings 29:12-12 that celebrates silence (as befits a Quaker poet). This tune was created especially for these words.

Our closing hymn is Let All Things Now Living. Katherine K Davis wrote this text for the tune ASH GROVE in the 1920s. The text was first published as an anthem and descant setting in 1939 (by E. C. Schirmer) under the name John Cowley, one of her pseudonyms. (Davis wrote "The Little Drummer Boy," 1941, as well as many other songs under this and other pseudonyms.)

PRELUDE: JAYNE McDonough

WELCOME: LARRY MOYER

CALL TO WORSHIP (RESPONSIVE): LARRY MOYER

The very word of God is a light to our feet,

A lamp to our path.

We gather this day to hear the word of God,

To offer prayers and sing songs of praise.

We gather this day,

To worship God!

God Welcomes All (sing in unison):

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION:

In the reading of your Word, may we be given light to see. May our word rest in our hearts and minds and in so doing, transform us into your faithful people. **Amen**

FIRST READING: EXODUS 6:2-7

God also said to Moses, "I am the Lord. I appeared to Abraham, to Isaac and to Jacob as God Almighty, but by my name the Lord. I did not make myself fully known to them. I also established my covenant with them to give them the land of Canaan, where they resided as foreigners. Moreover, I have heard the groaning of the Israelites, whom the Egyptians are enslaving, and I have remembered my covenant. "Therefore, say to the Israelites: 'I am the Lord, and I

will bring you out from under the yoke of the Egyptians. I will free you from being slaves to them, and I will redeem you with an outstretched arm and with mighty acts of judgment. I will take you as my own people, and I will be your God. Then you will know that I am the Lord your God, who brought you out from under the yoke of the Egyptians.

Music - Miracles - Larry Moyer

GOSPEL READING: GALATIANS 3:26-4:7

So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith, for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise. What I am saying is that as long as an heir is underage, he is no different from a slave, although he owns the whole estate. The heir is subject to guardians and trustees until the time set by his father. So also, when we were underage, we were in slavery under the elemental spiritual forces[a] of the world. But when the set time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those under the law, that we might receive adoption to sonship. Because you are his sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, "Abba, Father." So you are

no longer a slave, but God's child; and since you are his child, God has made you also an heir.

Message: The Struggle for Freedom Rev. David Wenker
PRAYER AND SILENT REFLECTION

MUSIC HYMN: DEAR LORD AND FATHER OF MANKIND #345 VERSES 1, 2 & 5

- 1. Dear Lord and Father of mankind Forgive our foolish ways Reclothe us in our rightful mind In purer lives Thy service find In deeper reverence praise In deeper reverence praise
- 2. In simple trust like theirs who heard Beside the Syrian sea The gracious calling of the Lord Let us like them without a word Rise up and follow Thee Rise up and follow Thee
- 5. Drop Thy still dews of quietnessTill all our strivings ceaseTake from our souls the strain and stressAnd let our ordered lives confess

The beauty of Thy peace The beauty of Thy peace

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

To know God is to know of God's mercy, justice, and love. To know God is to also know ourselves, and we are a people who have not loved as much as we should, always showed mercy, or worked for justice. So let us offer our prayer of confession, knowing that out of God's great mercy, we will be forgiven and made new.

PRAYER OF FORGIVENESS (UNISON)

Gracious and loving God, we are a people who are always concerned about ourselves. We worry about what is ours and are concerned with getting more. We have not been guided by your Spirit or the teachings of Christ. Forgive us, we pray, and gently guide us back to your way. Help us to think of others and sharing what we have with the world. Amen.

SILENT REFLECTION

HEAR THE WORDS OF ASSURANCE (RESPONSIVE)

Hear the good news! There is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus! Know you are forgiven and be at peace.

Thanks be to God! 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.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (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.



GIFTS OF GRATITUDE

As Christ has been generous with us, to the point of death on the

cross, let us be generous too. Let us give a part of what we have to God's work in the world. Let us give our offering.

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

Gracious God, thank you for these gifts given this day and for the many gifts of our lives. Amen.

Happy birthday to: Barbara McPherson (7/17), Ted Lewis (7/19), and Bob Fite (7/20).

Community News: Midsummer luncheon after the service on July 30, see Beverly Mate if you'd like to bring a side dish or dessert. Hospitality table refreshments today after the service! And sign up sheets in the narthex for future Sundays.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

Pastor Kevin and Melissa are in our prayers for healing. The prayers, cards and expressions of love and support mean so much to him and Melissa. They said, "We miss everyone and appreciate all of you".

Prayers for the family & friends of Joanne Smith on her

passing, husband Bob Smith is Pam's Brother; Matt, 33, who passed away, son's friend. Rebecca Bach is improving & feeling better! Dave Word is in the hospital-stent for chest pain. Max's stepfather, Gary doing well at home after heart attack. Prayers for Brian Bunacore receiving chemo. Yvonne-crushed vertebrate in pain in hospital. Linda's daughter in law, Carmela, surgery went well, doing good, facing another round of chemo; John Stalford, doing much better, at home. Donna Long w/pancreatic cancer; Rebecca Busch, breast cancer, Lenore. Mary Wender, liver failure. George Barsby recovering at home. Paul Haggy. Rev. Reader, in Jefferson with health issues. Lloyd and Sharon Posnikoff, Rev. Doug Madden. Those on hospice: John Stalford, Bob Fite, Gertrude Hess. For healing: Susan Dehart in physical therapy, Eileen Stalford. In the Community-

Those undergoing cancer treatment: Denise, Brian, Gerri Mills, Robin B, Carmela G, Mike, Kim, Glenn, Steve, Rickey, Lorraine, Kate, Candy, Donna.

Prayer

(...join our voices in the prayer that he taught us, to pray saying....)

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.

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

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- LARRY MOYER

Once we were strangers,

Now we are neighbors.

Once we were strangers,

Now we are friends.

MUSIC: LET ALL THINGS NOW LIVING #554

1. Let all things now living A song of thanksgiving To God the Creator Triumphantly raise Who fashioned and made us Protected and stayed us Who still guides us on To the end of our days God's banners are o'er us His light goes before us A pillar of fire Shining forth in the night Till shadows have vanished And darkness is banished As forward we travel From light into light

2. His law He enforces
The stars in their courses
The sun in His orbit obediently shine
The hills and the mountains
The rivers and fountains
The deeps of the ocean
Proclaim Him divine
We too should be voicing
Our love and rejoicing
With glad adoration

A song let us raise
Till all things now living
Unite in thanksgiving
To God in the highest
Hosanna and praise

Benediction - Larry Moyer

May we each go out to love and care, to find the Spirit's leading and join in its work and to bless the world as we have been so richly blessed. In the name of our Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer, Amen

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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