



Let Us Worship God!

July 30, 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: Beverly Mate;
Message: Rev. Lawrence Moyer; Production: Norris Clark

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

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. Larry Moyer to the pulpit with the message "Farewell My Dear Friends", while Pastor Kevin recuperates from his surgery. This is Larry's last service with us, since he has moved to Pennsylvania. We thank him for his many services to Cold Spring Presbyterian Church. Larry has been in the choir for many years and a soloist and liturgist throughout our Covid streaming services and has shared his messages in preaching this year since Pastor Kevin's surgery. Larry is on Session and has decorated all the windows the past few years, with his beautiful holiday church scenes for Advent season, from his personal collection. Thank you and God Bless You, Larry!

MUSIC PREVIEW

Rev Larry Moyer will sing "He Is There" by Sally Deford. From Genesis 28:15 KJV "I am with thee, and will keep thee in all places whither thou goest..."

Following the message we will sing "For the Beauty of the Earth".
The original poem was published in eight, four-line stanzas under the title, "The Sacrifice of Praise." British hymnologist J. R. Watson suggests, "It is said to have been inspired by the view of Pierpoint's native city of Bath on a spring day." The original refrain, "Christ, our God, to thee we raise/This our sacrifice of praise," reflects the theology of the Lord's Supper as a sharing in Christ's sacrifice.

Our closing hymn is "God Be With You till We Meet Again" written by Jeremiah Rankin, was simply composed so his church choir could have something to sing when they parted each week. Rankin was the minister for the First Congregational Church in Washington, D.C. and said this about the hymn, "Written...as a Christian goodbye, it was called forth by no person or occasion, but was deliberately composed as a Christian hymn on basis of the etymology of "goodbye," which is "God be with you." He got the idea for the first stanza of

the song when he saw the dictionary definition of "good-bye" was short for "God be with you." The song was written in 1882 when Rankin was 54 years old.

PRELUDE: JAYNE McDONOUGH (10:27)

WELCOME: REV. LARRY MOYER (10:30)

CALL TO WORSHIP - BASED ON PSALM 105:

RESPONSIVE- BEVERLY MATE

Give thanks to the Lord; call on his name.

Make known his deeds among the peoples.

Sing to him, sing praises to him;

Tell of his wonderful works.

Glory in his holy name;

Let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

GOD WELCOMES ALL (SING IN UNISON):

God welcomes all, strangers and friends;

God's love is strong and it never ends.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION:

Eternal God, you have made us in your image. Let our hearts, minds and spirits be turned to you in this time so that the Holy Spirit may bring us closer to the Word. **Amen.**

FIRST READING: GENESIS 29:15-28

Then Laban said to Jacob, "Because you are my kinsman, should you therefore serve me for nothing? Tell me, what shall your wages be?" Now Laban had two daughters; the name of the elder was Leah, and

the name of the younger was Rachel. Leah's eyes were lovely, and Rachel was graceful and beautiful. Jacob loved Rachel; so he said, "I will serve you seven years for your younger daughter Rachel." Laban said, "It is better that I give her to you than that I should give her to any other man; stay with me." So Jacob served seven years for Rachel, and they seemed to him but a few days because of the love he had for her.

Then Jacob said to Laban, "Give me my wife that I may go in to her, for my time is completed." So Laban gathered together all the people of the place, and made a feast. But in the evening he took his daughter Leah and brought her to Jacob; and he went in to her. (Laban gave his maid Zilpah to his daughter Leah to be her maid.) When morning came, it was Leah! And Jacob said to Laban, "What is this you have done to me? Did I not serve with you for Rachel? Why then have you deceived me?" Laban said, "This is not done in our country — giving the younger before the firstborn. Complete the week of this one, and we will give you the other also in return for serving me another seven years." Jacob did so, and completed her week; then Laban gave him his daughter Rachel as a wife.

MUSIC SOLO - HE IS THERE - LARRY MOYER

GOSPEL READING: MATTHEW 13:31-33, 44-52

He put before them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took

and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches."

He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened."

"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it. "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

"Have you understood all this?" They answered, "Yes." And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."

Message: "Farewell My Dear Friends" -

Rev. Larry Moyer

PRAYER AND SILENT REFLECTION

MUSIC: FOR THE BEAUTY OF THE EARTH #473

1. For the beauty of the earth
For the glory of the skies
For the love which from our birth
Over and around us lies
Lord of all, to Thee we raise
This our hymn of grateful praise.

4. For the joy of human love
Brother sister parent child
Friends on earth and friends above
For all gentle thoughts and mild
Lord of all, to Thee we raise
This our hymn of grateful praise.

5. For Thy church that evermore
Lifteth holy hands above
Offering up on every shore
Her pure sacrifice of love
Lord of all, to Thee we raise
This our hymn of grateful praise.

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

The kingdom of heaven is for all of us, but we come to this space full of our own burdens. Let us confess our sins before our Triune God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)

Holy God we try to keep you close to us, but in the process, we push our neighbors away. We have been distracted in a distracting world and withheld love from each other and you. Have mercy on us, O God. In your compassion, cleanse and release us from our sin. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Amen.

SILENT REFLECTION

HEAR THE WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Who is to condemn? It is Christ who died and was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who intercedes for us 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

The one who sows a small number of seeds will also reap a small crop, and the one who sows a generous amount of seeds will also reap a generous crop. Let us share our offering to God in support of the kingdom of heaven

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, this offering is what we have to give you this day. Be it time, talent or treasure, we lift these gifts to you. It is through you that all things are made new, and we ask that you renew our spirit to continue sharing our gifts with the least of us. Amen



The flowers beautifying our sanctuary this morning are given by Rev. Larry Moyer in loving memory and honor of Carlene Moyer.

Happy birthday to - Nancy Kessler (7/30), Lisa Englebert (8/2), Michele Hume (8/4)

Community News: Midsummer luncheon after the service today, please join us in Price Hall. Hospitality table refreshments - 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”.

Joy for arrival of Elaine’s new best furry friend, Maggie the cockapoo! Prayers for Eileen Word, family & friends on the

passing of Dave Word. Family of Ron Esber, friend of the Myers, on his passing. The Keister's daughter Bonnie, in Virtua hospital, with hip pain. Family of Joanne Smith on her passing, husband Bob Smith, Pam's Brother; Matt, 33, who passed away, son's friend. Prayers for Brian Bunacore receiving chemo . Yvonne-crushed vertebrae in pain in hospital. Linda's daughter in law, Carmela completing chemo and improving; John Stalford, doing much better, at home. Donna Long w/pancreatic cancer, Lenore. Mary Wender, liver failure. George Barsby recovering at home. Paul Haggy. Rev. Reader 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, Steve, Rickey, Lorraine, Kate, Candy, Donna.

Prayer

(...we pray the prayer Christ 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- Beverly Mate

Once we were strangers,

Now we are neighbors.

Once we were strangers,

Now we are friends.

MUSIC: GOD BE WITH YOU TILL WE MEET AGAIN

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1. God be with you till we meet again;
Loving counsels guide uphold you,
With His a shepherd's care enfold you:
God be with you till we meet again.

4. God be with you till we meet again;
Keep love's banner floating O'er you,
Smite death's threatening wave before you:
God be with you till we meet again.

BENEDICTION - REV. LARRY MOYER

May we continue this day knowing that God has created this place for us. So go out into the world and carry this love with you every place you go.

“The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.”

Amen.

POSTLUDE - JAYNE McDONOUGH

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