



Let Us Worship God!

September 10, 2023—10:30 AM
Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost



A Hybrid Worship Experience In-Person and Online

Today's worship team—Music Director: Jayne McDonough; Worship Leader: Beverly Mate;
Message: Larry Moyer; 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

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

The message this week from Larry Moyer is **“Our Holiday Traditions - - Love Your Neighbor”**. We will look at a familiar story in Exodus as the Israelites prepare for the journey out of Egypt. This becomes a review of God's promise to the elders of the faith and a new experience for the younger Israelites. As they approach the Passover, the excitement builds. God's promise that “wherever two or more are gathered He will be there

We then move into the topic of sin and the forgiveness of those who have sinned against us. Think of your reaction, the last time someone wronged you. How did you respond and how would Jesus respond? What is our direction from God? We will look at these topics.

MUSIC PREVIEW

Following the message we will sing “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”, a hymn written by Charles Wesley with a theme of "Christian perfection." While the hymn is one of Wesley's best known, it is also considered a prayer. In the prayer of the hymn, we are asking Jesus to enter our hearts, set our hearts free from sin, and make us a new creation in him.

Our closing hymn is “Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee” a Christian hymn written by Henry Van Dyke in 1907, also known as "The Hymn of Joy." This song's lyrics praise and glorify God's love and dominion over all of creation. Van Dyke speaks of the loving mercy and grace of God, as all of nature praises Him eternally.

PRELUDE: JAYNE McDONOUGH (10:27)

WELCOME: LARRY MOYER (10:30)

CALL TO WORSHIP - RESPONSIVE- BEVERLY MATE

Hallelujah! Sing to the Lord a new song!

This day is God's gift to us.

Hallelujah! Sing to the Lord a new song!

God has graciously gathered us together in this place.

Hallelujah! Sing to the Lord a new song!

God is good and faithful. God is our worthy of our praise.

GOD WELCOMES ALL (SING IN UNISON):

God welcomes all, strangers and friends;

God's love is strong and it never ends.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION:

Gracious God, illumine these words by your Spirit that we might hear what you would have us hear and be who you would have us be, for the sake of Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. Amen.

FIRST READING: EXODUS 12:1-14

The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male;

you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the LORD. For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the LORD. The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt. This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the LORD; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

MUSIC: HYMN SOLO - LARRY MOYER

GOSPEL READING: MATTHEW 18:15-20

“If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

Message: “Our Holiday Traditions- - - Love Your Neighbor? ” - Larry Moyer
Prayer and Silent Reflection

MUSIC: LOVE DIVINE, ALL LOVES EXCELLING
BLUE #376 - (PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE)

**1. Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heaven, to earth come down,
Fix in us Thy humble dwelling,
All Thy faithful mercies crown!
Jesus, Thou art all compassion,
Pure, unbounded love Thou art;**

**Visit us with Thy salvation,
Enter every trembling heart.**

**2. Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit
Into every troubled breast!
Let us all in Thee inherit,
Let us find Thy promised rest;
Take away the love of sinning;
Alpha and Omega be;
End of faith, as its beginning,
Set our hearts at liberty.**

**3. Come, Almighty to deliver,
Let us all Thy grace receive;
Suddenly return, and never,
Never more Thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
Serve Thee as Thy hosts above;
Pray, and praise Thee without ceasing,
Glory in Thy perfect love.**

**4. Finish, then, Thy new creation;
Pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see Thy great salvation
Perfectly restored in Thee:
Changed from glory into glory,
Till in heaven we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before Thee,
Lost in wonder love and praise..**

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

Jesus calls us to enter the joy of discipleship, the joy of following in his way. But sin clings closely, and we struggle to respond fully to Christ's invitation. Let us seek God's forgiveness so that we may know more deeply the joy God intends.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)

**Merciful God,
in Jesus, our risen Lord, we have seen your glory.
Yet our sinfulness often blocks out the light of
Christ.**

**We are quick to accuse and slow to confess.
We find faults easily in others while ignoring our
own shortcomings.**

**We have squandered your gifts.
We have turned from your ways.**

We have ignored your Word.

**Have mercy on us, compassionate God.
Pour out your Holy Spirit on our sinful lives. Wash
us with your love and cleanse us with your grace
that day by day we might move closer to the
people you would have us be. Amen.**

SILENT REFLECTION

HEAR THE WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Relentlessly God seeks us out. With abundant grace

and boundless mercy, God seeks us out. This is good news!

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

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

With gratitude for God's faithfulness and with thanksgiving for all that we have received, let us bring our gifts to God.

The Doxology - (Please stand if you are able) 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 - LARRY MOYER

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO DENNIS McDONOUGH (9/10),
BARBARA CAIN (9/11) RALPH DILOSSI (9/11),

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO BOB AND LINDA HALL (9/14) &
BUDDY AND SUSAN DEHART (9/15).

COMMUNITY NEWS:

Communion Sunday will be September 17, 2023

with Pastor Nicole Wilkinson from The First Presbyterian Church of Cape May.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

Pastor Kevin is in our prayers to gain strength in rehab, for next procedure in October. He and Melissa say “Thank you for your prayers, cards and expressions of love and support! “

Prayers for: Family & Friends of Richard Hornstine on his passing; Ed McCann-Back Surgery; Freddie, Jr. With prostate cancer; Pam’ Brother Rob & Kelly, home search in Las Vegas; Dale’s cousin Joan at Hahnemann Hospital; Bob Larissa in the hospital, Bill Keene; Lenore, Lillian Ridgeway, homebound; Denise Snyder-terminal cancer; Rev. Reader & Rev. Madden.

Those on hospice care: John Stalford, Bob Fite, Gertrude Hess.

In the Community- prayers for the victims of hurricane Idalia and the wildfires in Hawaii

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

Prayer - Larry Moyer

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: JOYFUL, JOYFUL, WE ADORE THEE,

BLUE #464 (PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE)

**1. Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee,
God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before Thee,
Opening to the sun above,
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;
Drive the gloom of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness,
Fill us with the light of day.**

**2. All Thy works with joy surround Thee,
Earth and heaven reflect Thy rays,
Stars and angels sing around Thee,
Center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
Flowery meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird and flowing fountain,
Call us to rejoice in Thee**

**3. Mortals, join the happy chorus
Which the morning stars began;
Love divine is reigning o'er us,**

**Joining all in heaven's plan.
Ever singing, march we onward,
Victors in the midst of strife,
Joyful music lifts us sunward
In the triumph song of life.**

BENEDICTION - LARRY MOYER

POSTLUDE - JAYNE McDONOUGH

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5. *Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee*: Edward Hodges/Henry Van Dyke, Ludwig van Beethoven: CCLI Song #25321