



Let Us Worship God!

September 24, 2023—10:30 AM
Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost



A Hybrid Worship Experience In-Person and Online

Today's worship team—Music Director: Jayne McDonough; Worship Leader: Barbara Cain; 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

We welcome Larry Moyer to the pulpit with the message “How much do we ask of God?” “Our help is in the name of the Lord”. Where do we stand in the sight of God and what do we expect in return? Are we like the children of Israel who cry out when we do not get what we feel we need. The book of Matthew is a testament to the entire world of God in Jesus.

MUSIC PREVIEW

All of the hymns today are from the blue hymnal, #483, #281 & #420. Our opening hymn is “Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above”. This hymn, written by Johann Jacob Schulz, a German lawyer, extols the greatness of God in giving all good things to His people and calls on us to continue to give God the praise He richly deserves.

Following the message we will sing “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”, which has been used for worship in congregations around the globe and across denominational lines. It was also incorporated in two of the most televised services of the last two decades, the funeral of Princess Diana of Wales (1997) and the royal wedding of Prince William and Catherine Middleton (2011). Why would this hymn be used for such significant occasions? Why has this hymn stood the test of time in so many worshiping communities? It has brought, and will continue to bring, comfort to thousands upon thousands of Christians with its exquisite reminder of a God who provides for those in need.

Our closing hymn “God of Grace and God of Glory”, was written while the United States was in the throes of the Great Depression between the two World Wars. Composer Harry Fosdick was a champion of the social gospel, a movement that recognized the plight of the poor, especially in the urban Northeast during the Industrial Revolution.

PRELUDE: JAYNE McDONOUGH

WELCOME: LARRY MOYER

CALL TO WORSHIP - RESPONSIVE- BARBARA CAIN

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever.

Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, those he redeemed from trouble And gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

Let those who are wise give heed to these things,
and consider the steadfast love of the Lord.

Let us worship God!

GOD WELCOMES ALL (SING IN UNISON):

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

MUSIC: SING PRAISE TO GOD WHO REIGNS ABOVE - BLUE #483, VERSES 1, 2 & 4

1. Sing praise to God, who reigns above,
The God of all creation,
The God of power, the God of love,
The God of our salvation;
With healing balm my soul is filled,
And every faithless murmur stilled:
To God all praise and glory!

2. What God's almighty power hath made
God's gracious mercy keepeth;
By morning glow or evening shade
God's watchful eye ne'er sleepers;
Within the kingdom of God's might,
Lo! all is just and all is right:
To God all praise and glory!

4. Thus all my gladness way along,
I sing aloud thy praises
That all may hear the grateful song
My voice unwearied raises,
Be joyful in the Lord my heart,
Both soul and body bear your part:
To God all praise and glory.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION: (2 TIMOTHY 3:16-17)

Holy God, your Word teaches us that all Scripture is inspired by you and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness. As we hear your Word read and proclaimed today, speak to us, and inspire us that we may be proficient and equipped for every good work; through Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. **Amen.**

FIRST READING: PHILIPPIANS 1:21-30

For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this,

I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well — since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

GOSPEL READING: MATTHEW 20:1-16

“For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he

said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

Message: " How much do we ask of God?" - Larry Moyer

PRAYER AND SILENT REFLECTION

MUSIC: GUIDE ME, O THOU GREAT JEHOVAH - BLUE #281

1. Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah,
Pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak but Thou art mighty;
Hold me with Thy pow'rful hand;
Bread of heaven, Bread of heaven,
Feed me till I want no more,
Feed me till I want no more.

2. Open now the crystal fountain,
Whence the healing stream doth flow;
Let the fire and cloudy pillar
Lead me all my journey through;
Strong Deliverer, strong Deliverer,
Be Thou still my strength and shield,
Be Thou still my strength and shield.

3. When I tread the verge of Jordan,
Bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death and hell's destruction,
Land me safe on Canaan's side;
Songs of praises, songs of praises
I will ever give to Thee,
I will ever give to Thee.

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in- steadfast love. With that assurance and the promise of God's grace through Jesus Christ, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)

Gracious God, forgive us when we grumble and complain against your goodness as the Israelites did in the desert, as the elder brother did to his father, as the workers in the field did to the landowner. We judge and weigh your gifts according to our standards. We often question your fairness instead of receiving your grace with thanksgiving and joy. Help us to see your world through your eyes and with your spirit of generosity and grace, that we may welcome the chance to serve in your kingdom and all who join with us. Forgive us, Lord, in your grace and mercy through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

SILENT REFLECTION

HEAR THE WORDS OF ASSURANCE - (PSALM 145:9 AND EPHESIANS 2:8-9)

The Lord is good to all, and his compassion is over all that he has made. For by grace, you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God — not the result of works, so that no one may boast.

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel!

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Alleluia!

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 apostle Paul wrote to the Corinthians, “for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God.” Let us bring our offerings to God, even as we present ourselves as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God.

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 - LARRY MOYER



The flowers beautifying our sanctuary this morning are given by Elaine Jordan, in remembrance of her Mother's Birthday.

Happy birthday to Norris Clark (9/24), Jack McVeigh (9/24), Joanne Miller (9/28),
Happy Anniversary to Jack & Margaret McVeigh

Community News: We will be collecting the offering for Peace and Global Witness on Oct. 1st, next Sunday.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

Pastor Kevin is in our prayers to gain strength, for next procedure. He and Melissa say:

“Thank you for your prayers, cards and expressions of love and support!”

Prayers for: For Marge Wetherill, fell and broke her arm; Ed Binkowski, in Penn-Presbyterian Hospital with cardiac problems; Family & Friends of Richard Hornstine and Ed McCann on their passing; Freddie, Jr. With prostate cancer; Dale's cousin Joan- Bob Larissa in the hospital, Bill Keene; Lenore, Lillian Ridgeway, homebound; Denise Snyder-terminal

cancer; Rev. Reader & Rev. Madden. Larry Moyer, getting into new home soon!

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

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

In the Community- prayers for the flood victims in Libya and the earthquake in Morocco.

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- Barbara Cain

Once we were strangers,

Now we are neighbors.

Once we were strangers,

Now we are friends.

MUSIC: GOD OF GRACE AND GOD OF GLORY- BLUE #420

1. God of Grace and God of Glory,
On Thy people pour Thy pow'r;
Crown Thine ancient church's story;
Bring her bud to glorious flow'r.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
For the facing of this hour,
For the facing of this hour.

2. Lo the hosts of evil round us
Scorn Thy Christ, assail Thy ways!
From the fears that long have bound us
Free our hearts to faith and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
For the living of these days,
For the living of these days.

3. Cure Thy children's warring madness,
Bend our pride to Thy control;
Shame our wanton, selfish gladness,
Rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
Lest we miss Thy kingdom's goal,
Lest we miss Thy kingdom's goal.

4. Set our feet on lofty places;
Gird our lives that they may be
Armored with all Christ-like graces,
Pledged to set all captives free.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
That we fail not them nor Thee!
That we fail not them nor Thee!

BENEDICTION - LARRY MOYER

POSTLUDE - JAYNE McDONOUGH

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2. *Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above*- Johann Jacob Schultz/Charles C. Beamer; CCLI Song #6066215
3. *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*: William Williams, Peter Williams/John Hughes; CCLI Song #1447
4. *Gloria*: Public Domain
5. *Doxology*: CCLI #4255578
6. *God of Grace and God of Glory*: Harry Fosdick/John Hughes: CCLI Song #7159771