



Let Us Worship God!

October 22, 2023—10:30 AM
Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost



A Hybrid Worship Experience In-Person and Online

Today's worship team—Music Director: Jayne McDonough; Worship Leader: Barbara Cain;
Message: Norris Clark; 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 Norris Clark to the pulpit with the message "The Loves of Love, Part 1".

MUSIC PREVIEW

Mrs Marianna Clark, pianist, will be providing our special music today. Please welcome her to the piano this morning!

Following the message we will sing "Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me". John Wesley (1703-1791) became acquainted with Moravians during his voyage to the American colonies in Georgia in 1737. He was soon very interested in this group, and upon returning to London continued to meet with them.

On the trip to Georgia, he was introduced to a hymn by the famous Lutheran pastor and hymn writer Paul Gerhardt (1607-1676) called "O Jesu Christ, meine schönstes Licht." Wesley was so taken by the hymn that he translated all 16 stanzas into English, and even mentioned it in his final sermon before leaving Georgia, "A Plain Account of Christian Perfection," quoting the second stanza as "his heart's cry." He then published the hymn in Hymns and Sacred Poems (1739). Our hymnal contains three of the verses.

Our closing hymn is "The God of Abraham Praise". What hymn brings together the Hebrew Yigdal (doxology), a Welsh Wesleyan preacher and John Wesley? The answer is "The God of Abraham praise" -- a hymn that has made a fascinating journey.

In the 12th century, Jewish scholar Moses Maimonides codified the 13 articles of the Jewish Creed. These articles of the Jewish faith were later shaped into the Yigdal around 1400 by Daniel ben Judah, a judge in Rome.

Fast forward to 18th-century London. In about 1770, Thomas Olivers (1725-1799), an ardent follower of John Wesley, heard cantor Meyer Leoni sing the Doxology of the Yigdal at Duke's Place Synagogue. The Sabbath-Eve service and the music so impressed Olivers that he wrote a Christian hymn based on the Yigdal with the tune LEONI named after the cantor, Max Lyon -- Leoni being his professional name. Some think that Leoni himself transcribed the tune for Olivers following the service. John Wesley included it in his Sacred Harmony (1780), and the tune has been paired with Olivers' paraphrase ever since.

PRELUDE: JAYNE McDONOUGH. (10:27)

Welcome: Norris Clark (10:30)

CALL TO WORSHIP - BARBARA CAIN

In this sacred hour of worship
when we name things for what they really are,

we give to God what is God's.

Between the demands of this last week
and the demands of the one ahead

we give to God what is God's.

With open hearts and hands and minds,
every innate gift from our loving Creator,

we give to God what is God's.

GOD WELCOMES ALL (SING IN UNISON):

God welcomes all, strangers and friends;

God's love is strong and it never ends.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION:

Lord, in the stories of your Scripture, give us
truth to cling to; help us hear
your still, small voice. **Amen.**

MUSIC - PIANIST - MRS MARIANNA CLARK

FIRST READING: ECCLESIASTES 4: 8-12

There was a man all alone; he had neither son nor brother. There was no end to his toil, yet his eyes were not content with his wealth. “For whom am I toiling,” he asked, “and why am I depriving myself of enjoyment?” This too is meaningless— a miserable business! Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labor: If either of them falls down, one can help the other up. But pity anyone who falls and has no one to help them up. Also, if two lie down together, they will keep warm. But how can one keep warm alone? Though one may be overpowered, two can defend themselves. A cord of three strands is not quickly broken.

GOSPEL READING: ROMANS 9: 9-13

Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves. Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Share with the Lord’s people who are in need. Practice hospitality.

Message: “ The Loves of Love, Part 1” - Norris Clark

PRAYER AND SILENT REFLECTION

MUSIC: JESUS, THY BOUNDLESS LOVE TO ME BLUE HYMNAL #366

1. Jesus, Thy boundless love to me
No thought can reach, no tongue declare
O knit my thankful heart To Thee,
And reign without a rival there!
Thine wholly, Thine alone, I'd live,
Myself to thee entirely give.

2. O grant that nothing in my soul
May dwell, but Thy pure love alone;
O may Thy love possess me whole,
My joy, my treasure, and my crown!
All coldness from my heart remove;
May every act, word, thought be love.

3. O love, how gracious is Thy way!
All fear before Thy presence flies;
Care, anguish, sorrow melt away,
Where'er Thy healing beams arise.
O Jesus, nothing may I see,
Nothing desire, or seek, but Thee.

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

Sin tricks and traps us a hundred times a day.
So we turn to God, whose business is freedom.
Trusting that God will free us from our sin and
deliver us to safety, let us confess our sins with
courage and hope.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)

**Creator God, we are commanded
to give to you what is branded as yours.
But since we cannot see your face,
we confess to a miserable confusion.
Where is your image printed?
Not on our coinage or our calendars.
Not on any of the things we buy in the store
or in the ad-laden videos that stream by us.
No, the only place we can see your face,
is in our neighbor and in the mirror.
We're the ones created in your image.
Honestly, we'd rather pay you taxes, God,
than give up our whole selves.
But if we are what you want,
heart, mind, soul, and strength —
we'll do our best, God.
We'll give our all to you.
Amen.**

SILENT REFLECTION

HEAR THE WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Hear the good news! Our God, lover of justice,
glories not in punishment but in redemption.
**Christ has broken the power of sin and rescued
us from our shame.**
Be at peace: you are forgiven, and you are free.
To God be the glory! Alleluia! 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 (ADAPTED FROM A BRIEF STATEMENT OF FAITH)

In life and death we belong to God.

Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father.

In sovereign love God created the world good, acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation, and makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.

Jesus proclaimed the reign of God, was crucified, and raised from the dead, delivering us from death to life eternal.

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life.

The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the church.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives,

even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

GIFTS OF GRATITUDE (1 THESSALONIANS 1:3)

Scripture praises the "work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ." We give now not for the flash or the fame but in quiet, steadfast hope that every dollar might serve to build up the body of Christ in this congregation, and the beloved community in the world. Your offerings matter. Make them with confidence.

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 - NORRIS CLARK

Happy birthday to Jonna Meyers (10/24) and Katherine Dee Sloan (10/30)

Happy Anniversary to: Wayne and Sue Dilks (10/27) and Rob and Dianne Riehl (10/27).

Community News: Next Sunday will be our 5th Sunday hymn sing! You can send your requests to Jayne or have the number ready next week!

Save the date! - We will have a holiday concert by The Cape Shore Chorus, SAI here in the church on Sunday, December 10, 2023 at 3:00 pm.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

Prayers for Melissa and the Yoho family, their friends and our congregation, on the passing of our former Pastor Kevin Yoho. Melissa is “ very grateful to the Cold Spring Church Family for everything they did for us. Thank you everyone, so much!”

Thankful for Joys: Jonna & Dale are celebrating a family wedding along with Jonna’s birthday(10/24) Praise for the Deacons and church family!

Prayers for: Jim Paulits in the hospital (Brother of Joe Paulits); Beverly’s Brother, Bob Page; Elaine’s cousin Jimmy with leukemia; Dee Snyder for relief from cancer pain, Celeste Bashaw, now on palliative care, Curtis’s Mother. Marge Wetherill is healing, slowly from her shoulder Freddie, Jr. With prostate cancer; Dale’s cousin Joan; Bob Larissa in the hospital, Bill Keene; Lenore, Lillian Ridgeway.

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

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 Israel

Prayer

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: THE GOD OF ABRAHAM PRAISE

BLUE HYMNAL #488

1. The God of Abraham praise,
Who reigns enthroned above;
Ancient of everlasting days,
The God of love
The Lord, the great I Am,
By earth and heaven confessed,
We bow before your holy name,
For ever blest.

2. Your spirit still flows free,
High surging where it will;
In prophet's word You spoke of old
And You speak still.
Established is your law,
And changeless it shall stand,
Deep writ upon the human heart,
On sea, or land.

3. You have eternal life

Implanted in the soul;
Your love shall be our strength and stay,
While ages roll.
We praise you living God!
We praise Your holy name;
The first, the last, beyond all thought,
And still the same!

BENEDICTION - NORRIS CLARK

POSTLUDE - JAYNE McDONOUGH

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