



Let Us Worship God!

October 29, 2023—10:30 AM
Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost



A Hybrid Worship Experience In-Person and Online

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

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

Galatians 6:9



**REFORMATION
Sunday**

WORSHIP PREVIEW

This week our worship experience is rooted in the great Protestant Reformation when we celebrate the courage and faith of German monk Martin Luther. Beginning in 1517, Luther and many other women and men challenged the Church to get back to life's basics and the spiritual heart of the matter: Christ alone, Scripture alone, and Faith alone.

Pastor David Wenker's message is "When Life Feels Unfair".

Let's be open to God's love and the transformational relationship God desires with us in mind, body, and spirit, the very essence of who we are. Invite a friend to worship with you as we get to the heart of the matter together.

MUSIC PREVIEW



Our 5th Sunday hymn sing will be our opening hymns today. Have the hymnal color and hymn number ready!

The closing hymn is *My Hope is Built on Nothing Less* written by Edward Mote and William Bradbury. Regardless of the claims of his business on his time, Mote always found time to worship God. He was especially interested in Christian music, and one day felt inspired on the way to work to write down a verse that came to his mind. Before the day was finished, he had completed four verses. Mote's original title was "The Immutable Basis for a Sinner's Hope" in this collection. The refrain of "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less" refers to the Parable of the Wise and the Foolish Builders and builds around the metaphor of Christ as a rock with a firm basis in scripture.

PRELUDE: JAYNE MCDONOUGH

(10:27)

WELCOME: PASTOR DAVID WENKER

(10:30)

CALL TO WORSHIP - RESPONSIVE- BARBARA CAIN

(BASED ON PSALM 1)

Happy are those who do not take the path that sinners tread.

Our delight is in the law of the Lord.

May we be like trees planted by streams of God's living water.

May our lives bear good fruit, loving God and loving neighbor.

GOD WELCOMES ALL (SING IN UNISON):

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

OPENING HYMN - HYMN SING - CONGREGATION'S CHOICE.

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

Sin betrays us and our God. Repentance redeems and restores. Let us confess our sins together.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)

We confess we often take for granted so many gifts in our lives. The people you have blessed us to walk with in life and the freedoms of our country must never be taken

for granted. We fail to give you thanks for gifts given to us by the sacrifices of others, like our sanctuary. We act as though we are entitled to it, rather than seeing it as a gift from you to be appreciated and respected. Open our eyes to see how gifted we are, that we might give you thanks and be free to share with others. We pray in Jesus name. Amen.

SILENT REFLECTION

HEAR THE WORDS OF ASSURANCE

2 Corinthians 5:17

Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace. **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.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Bless us, O God, with ears to hear your truth, vision to discern your path, and feet ready to move into action. Open our minds and our

hearts to the reading of your Word, and the honest proclamation of your truth. Ready us to respond to the Spirit's call. Amen.

FIRST READING: ROMANS 1:11-17

I long to see you so that I may impart to you some spiritual gift to make you strong— that is, that you and I may be mutually encouraged by each other's faith. I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that I planned many times to come to you (but have been prevented from doing so until now) in order that I might have a harvest among you, just as I have had among the other Gentiles.

I am obligated both to Greeks and non-Greeks, both to the wise and the foolish. That is why I am so eager to preach the gospel also to you who are in Rome.

For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes: first to the Jew, then to the Gentile. For in the gospel the righteousness of God is revealed—a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: "The righteous will live by faith."

GOSPEL READING: HABAKKUK 1:1-3, 2:2-4, 3:16-19

The prophecy that Habakkuk the prophet received.

Habakkuk's Complaint

How long, Lord, must I call for help,
but you do not listen?

Or cry out to you, "Violence!"
but you do not save?

Why do you make me look at injustice?
Why do you tolerate wrongdoing?

Destruction and violence are before me;
there is strife, and conflict abounds.

The Lord's Answer

Then the Lord replied:

"Write down the revelation
and make it plain on tablets
so that a herald may run with it.

For the revelation awaits an appointed time;
it speaks of the end
and will not prove false.

Though it linger, wait for it;
it will certainly come
and will not delay.

"See, the enemy is puffed up;
his desires are not upright—

but the righteous person will live by his
faithfulness
I heard and my heart pounded,
my lips quivered at the sound;
decay crept into my bones,
and my legs trembled.
Yet I will wait patiently for the day of calamity
to come on the nation invading us.
Though the fig tree does not bud
and there are no grapes on the vines,
though the olive crop fails
and the fields produce no food,
though there are no sheep in the pen
and no cattle in the stalls,
yet I will rejoice in the Lord,
I will be joyful in God my Savior.
The Sovereign Lord is my strength;
he makes my feet like the feet of a deer,
he enables me to tread on the heights.

**Message: “ When Life Feels Unfair” - Pastor
David Wenker**

PRAYER AND SILENT REFLECTION

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (UNISON)

HEIDELBERG CATECHISM QUESTION 21

What is true faith?

Not only a sure knowledge by which I hold as true all that God has revealed to us in Scripture; it is also a wholehearted trust, which the Holy Spirit creates in me by the gospel, that God has freely granted, not only to others but to me also, forgiveness of sins, eternal righteousness, and salvation. These are gifts of sheer grace, granted solely by Christ's merit.

GIFTS OF GRATITUDE

God loves us and blesses us with abundance. God also calls us to love others and be generous with all we have been given. In gratitude to God, let us present our tithes and offerings.

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

Happy birthday to Katherine Dee Sloan (10/30), Vickie Banks (11/1), Larry Moyer (11/4).



**Community News- Daylight Savings Time
ends Sunday, Nov. 5, 2023, at 2:00 a.m.
remember to turn your clocks back one**

hour Saturday night before retiring!



Video - National Wreaths Across America Day is Saturday, December 16, 2023, forms are in the vestibule to donate.

Save the date! - We will have a “Christmas at Cold Spring Church” 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, 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!”

Prayers for: Paul Hagy with CoPD and chronic infections; 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. Freddie, Jr. With prostate cancer; Dale’s cousin Joan; Bob Larissa in the hospital, Bill Keene; Lenore.

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 - victims & families of the Maine shootings.

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: MY HOPE IS BUILT ON NOTHING LESS,
BLUE HYMNAL #379**

1. My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
But wholly lean on Jesus' name.
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand,
All other ground is sinking sand.

2. When darkness veils His lovely face,
I rest on His unchanging grace;
In ev'ry high and stormy gale,
My anchor holds within the veil.
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand,
All other ground is sinking sand.

3. His oath, His covenant, His blood
Support me in the whelming flood;
When all around my soul gives way,
He then is all my hope and stay.
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand,
All other ground is sinking sand.

Verse 4

When He shall come with trumpet sound,
O may I then in Him be found,
Dressed in His righteousness alone,
Faultless to stand before the throne.
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand,
All other ground is sinking sand.

BENEDICTION - PASTOR DAVID WENKER

POSTLUDE - JAYNE McDONOUGH

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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