



Let Us Worship God!

November 19, 2023—10:30 AM
Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost



A Hybrid Worship Experience In-Person and Online

Today's worship team—Music Director: Jayne McDonough; Worship Leader: Robert Stiles;
Message: Pastor David Wenker; 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.



WORSHIP PREVIEW

Pastor David Wenker's message is "Gratitude: The Outward sign of Inward Trust."

Where do you call home? Some are heading home this Thanksgiving. According to *The Vacationer*, which just released its annual 2023 Thanksgiving Travel Survey, over 45.21 % of American adults (ages 18 and up) plan to travel for Thanksgiving this year, a slight increase from the 43.37% reported in last year's survey. That's more than 117 million travelers, based on the most recent U.S. Census data. "Unfortunately, Americans are seeing rising gas prices and expensive flights and understand they will have to pay more this year to travel for Thanksgiving," according to *The Vacationer*.

Wherever you've been, and no matter where you may be going this Thanksgiving, experience gratitude and spiritual abundance at Cold Spring Church, where everyone can discover a safe place to experience God's love. Welcome home, where you belong.

MUSIC PREVIEW

The opening hymn is *Let All Things Now Living*, a song of thanksgiving. Written by Katherine K Davis in 1939, Ms. Davis was an American woman who served as a teacher, classical music composer, and pianist. She also wrote *The Little Drummer Boy*. Born in Missouri she wrote her first composition at age 15. She died in 1980 at age 82. She willed all royalties from her music to Wellesley College where she was trained and taught. This has been a good support to the music program there. The music video after the message is a beautiful song, "Give Thanks" sung by gospel singer, Cece Winans. This worship song was written in 1978 by Henry Smith. The young seminary graduate penned it during a difficult time in his life when he was struggling to find work and coming to terms with a degenerative eye condition that would eventually leave him legally blind. Smith's inspiration was the scripture, "For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich." Finding hope in 2 Corinthians 8 v 9's description of God becoming human to save man, he penned this simple song of trust and giving thanks.

The closing hymn is *My Tribute*, composed in 1971, one of the signature songs by Andraé Crouch. The final chapter of Crouch's autobiography, entitled 'To God be the glory', is from the song's refrain, which is an allusion to the hymn 'To God be the glory, great things He hath done'* by Fanny Crosby*. In the language of his African American Pentecostal heritage in the Church of God in Christ (COGIC) tradition, the composer offers his own Soli Deo Gloria. The concluding chapter of the composer's autobiography functions as a personal reflection on this theme: "I worship Him with my life, in what I do and witness. I have glorified thee on the earth: I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do. And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was. I excitedly said, 'It's all about GLORY!'"

PRELUDE: JAYNE McDONOUGH

(10:27)

WELCOME: PASTOR DAVID WENKER

(10:30)

CALL TO WORSHIP - RESPONSIVE - ROBERT STILES

Lord, you have been our dwelling place;

we come today to rest in you.

You have been the voice that guides us;

we come today to listen.

You have been the host who feeds us;

we come today to be filled.

You have been our joy and crown;

we come today to sing your praise!

God Welcomes All (sing in unison):

God welcomes all, strangers and friends;

God's love is strong and it never ends.

OPENING HYMN - LET ALL THINGS NOW LIVING -

BLUE HYMNAL #554 - PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE

1. Let all things now living

A song of thanksgiving

To God the Creator Triumphantly raise;

Who fashioned and made us,

Protected and stayed us,
By guiding us on to the end of our days.
God's banners are o'er us,
Pure light goes before us,
A pillar of fire shining forth in the night:
Till shadows have vanished,
And darkness is banished,
As forward we travel From light into Light.

2. By law God enforces,
The stars in their courses,
The sun in His orbit obediently shine;
The hills and the mountains,
The rivers and fountains,
The depths of the ocean proclaim God
divine.

We, too, should be voicing
Our love and rejoicing
With glad adoration, A song let us raise:
Till all things now living
Unite in thanksgiving,
To God in the highest,
Hosanna and praise.

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

We know that our sins are too heavy for us to
carry, too real to hide and too deep to undo.
But we also know that you can lift that weight

from us and transform our lives. So we lift our prayer of confession to you:

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)

We confess we do not give you the thanks you deserve.

We confess we are prone to self-pity and complaining.

Forgive us and heal us.

Cleanse us of self-pity and set us free to be people who are filled with gratitude, able to love and appreciate others.

We pray in Jesus name. AMEN

SILENT REFLECTION

HEAR THE WORDS OF ASSURANCE - (RESPONSIVE)

Hear the good news! Who is our God?

Slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting.

We are forgiven, rescued and redeemed.

Alleluia! Amen.

THE GLORIA - PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE

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

**Holy Spirit, your wisdom guides us deep into
the mystery of your truth.**

**Speak to us today, that we might understand
your will and walk in your
ways. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.**

FIRST READING: ECCLESIASTES 3:1-11

There is a time for everything,
and a season for every activity under the
heavens:
a time to be born and a time to die,
a time to plant and a time to uproot,
a time to kill and a time to heal,
a time to tear down and a time to build,
a time to weep and a time to laugh,
a time to mourn and a time to dance,
a time to scatter stones and a time to gather them,
a time to embrace and a time to refrain from
embracing,
a time to search and a time to give up,
a time to keep and a time to throw away,
a time to tear and a time to mend,
a time to be silent and a time to speak,
a time to love and a time to hate,
a time for war and a time for peace.

What do workers gain from their toil? I have seen the burden God has laid on the human race. He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the human heart; yet no one can fathom what God has done from beginning to end.

GOSPEL READING: MATTHEW 20:1-16

The Parable of the Workers in the Vineyard

“For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire workers for his vineyard. He agreed to pay them a denarius for the day and sent them into his vineyard.

“About nine in the morning he went out and saw others standing in the marketplace doing nothing. He told them, ‘You also go and work in my vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ So they went.

“He went out again about noon and about three in the afternoon and did the same thing. About five in the afternoon he went out and found still others standing around. He asked them, ‘Why have you been standing here all day long doing nothing?’

“‘Because no one has hired us,’ they answered.”“He said to them, ‘You also go and work in my vineyard.’”“When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, ‘Call the workers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last ones hired and going on to the first.’

“The workers who were hired about five in the afternoon came and each received a denarius. So when those came who were hired first, they expected to receive more. But each one of them also received a denarius. When they received it, they began to grumble against the landowner. ‘These who were hired last worked only one hour,’ they said, ‘and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the work and the heat of the day.’

“But he answered one of them, ‘I am not being unfair to you, friend. Didn’t you agree to work for a denarius? Take your pay and go. I want to give the one who was hired last the same as I gave you. Don’t I have the right to do what I want with my own money? Or are you envious because I am generous?’

“So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

Message: “Gratitude: The Outward sign of Inward Trust” - Pastor David Wenker

MUSIC VIDEO - *GIVE THANKS* - SUNG BY CECE WINANS

Give thanks with a grateful heart
Give thanks to the Holy One
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ His Son
And now let the weak say I am strong
Let the poor say I am rich
Because of what the Lord has done for us
Give thanks

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (UNISON)

THE APOSTLES CREED

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our
Lord. who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended into hell.**

**The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the
Father Almighty.**

**From there he will come to judge the living
and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

GIFTS OF GRATITUDE

When we give, we combat the lie that we

do not matter in this world. So as we enter a time of giving, I invite you to reflect on how your life, your skills, your time, and your money matters to this congregation and to God's mission in the world.

The Doxology - please stand if you are able

**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: Trudie Schroeder (11/22) and Lenore McGann (12/3)

Happy Anniversary to Joe and Roseann Paulits (11/23)



Volunteers are needed to decorate the church for Advent and Christmas! Decorating will be on Monday, November 27 starting at 10:00 a.m.

Poinsettias will be available at \$20.00 each for dedications. Order forms will be available in the Narthex. Poinsettias will be taken home after the evening Christmas Eve service.



- National Wreaths Across America Day

Ceremony in the veterans flag area of Cold Spring Cemetery at 12:00 noon on Saturday, December 16, 2023, forms are

in the vestibule to donate a wreath for a veteran's grave site for \$15.00.



Plan to attend a “Christmas at Cold Spring Church” concert by The Cape Shore Chorus, a women’s a capella chorus of Sweet Adeline’s International, in the Sanctuary on Sunday, December 10, 2023 at 3:00 pm.



Sunday, December 17, Worship will include selections from the handbell choir. Anyone interested in playing handbells can speak to Pastor Dave or Janet, his wife. Rehearsals are Thursday, December 7 & 14, at 1:00 p.m.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

Prayers for: Sylvia, with injuries from a fall; Barbara Cain medical issues; Alex Scarpetti, 34, recovering slowly after a 10/31 bicycle accident left him in a coma. Kyle & Sarah Matthews expecting twins, only one baby is expected to survive.

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:

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- Robert Stiles

Once we were strangers,

Now we are neighbors.

Once we were strangers,

Now we are friends.

MUSIC: *MY TRIBUTE* - RED HYMNAL #4 - PLEASE STAND

IF YOU ARE ABLE

How can I say thanks for the things

You have done for me?

Things so undeserved,

Yet You give to prove Your love for me;

The voices of a million angels

Could not express my gratitude,

All that I am, and ever hope to be;

I owe it all to Thee.

To God be the glory,

To God be the glory,

To God be the glory

For the things He has done.

With His blood He has saved me;

With His pow'r He has raised me;

**To God be the glory For the things He has
done.**

Just let me live my life;

Let it be pleasing, Lord to Thee.

And if I gain any praise, Let it go to Calvary.

**With His blood He has saved me;
With His pow'r He has raised me;
To God be the glory
For the things He has done.**

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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1. *God Welcomes All*: CCLI Song #549555
2. *Let All Things Now Living*; Katherine Kennicott Davis; CCLI Song #4445649
3. *Gloria*: Public Domain
4. *Give Thanks to the Holy One*; Henry Smith; CCLI Song #20285
5. *Doxology*: CCLI #425557
6. *My Tribute*: Andrea Crouch; CCLI Song #11218