



Let Us Worship God!

November 26, 2023—10:30 AM
Christ the King Sunday



A Hybrid Worship Experience In-Person and Online

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

WORSHIP PREVIEW

The message for today is titled, "Are We Pilgrims?" presented by Norris Clark.

On Christ the King Sunday, we will consider, How did Christ the King end up on the cross? And what about the other two also condemned to die? From Skull Hill to a welcoming eternal home, God has placed us in the physical and spiritual locations where we are. Throughout the story of Scripture, place is a very important concept. The Promised Land was a place of peace and prosperity. , and the prophets spoke of God's involvement in our daily places. Jesus met people in the places they called home, and he continues today. God's eternal home is open to us. Place matters. Today we hope you experience gratitude and spiritual abundance at Cold Spring Church, where everyone can discover a safe place to experience God's love in Christ the King.

MUSIC PREVIEW

The opening hymn, "How Great Thou Art" is a Christian hymn based on an original Swedish hymn entitled "O Store Gud" written in 1885 by Carl Boberg (1859–1940). The English version of the hymn and its title are a loose translation by the English missionary Stuart K. Hine from 1949. The hymn was popularized by George Beverly Shea and Cliff Barrows during Billy Graham's crusades. "How Great Thou Art" was ranked second (after "Amazing Grace") on a list of the favourite hymns of all time in a survey by Christianity Today magazine in 2001 and in a nationwide poll by Songs Of Praise in 2019.

The closing hymn, "This World Is Not My Home" is a hymn that was written by AP Carter in 1931. It was arranged into music by Albert Edward Brumley in 1937. This song expresses the belief that has been held by saints throughout history who see this world as not their home. Their home is in heaven. Jesus promised those who believe in him that he has gone to heaven to prepare

mansions for them. And that he will come back to take saints to live with him in heaven. Here on earth, we may go through all sorts of afflictions and persecutions, but it is the belief that one day the arch angel will sound the trumpet and the saved of earth will be caught up to meet the Lord in the sky and be with him forever, that soothes us.

Albert E Brumley was born on 15th November 1905 in Springfield, Missouri. He studied music at Hartford Musical Institute in Arkansas. He is reported to have written over eight hundred hymns.

PRELUDE: JAYNE McDONOUGH

(10:27)

WELCOME: NORRIS CLARK

(10:30)

CALL TO WORSHIP - RESPONSIVE - BEVERLY MATE

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

Worship the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing.

Know that the Lord is God.

It is she who made us, and we are hers.

**We are God's people,
the sheep of her pasture.**

Enter God's gates with thanksgiving,
and his courts with praise.

Give thanks to God; bless his name.

For the Lord is good;

her steadfast love endures forever.

God's faithfulness is from generation to generation. 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.**

OPENING HYMN -HOW GREAT THOU ART

RED HYMNAL #2 - PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE

**1. O Lord my God, When I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy pow'r thru'out The universe displayed.
Then sings my soul, My Savior God, to Thee;
How great Thou art, How great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, My Savior God, to Thee:
How great Thou art, How great Thou art!**

**2. When through the woods
And forest glades I wander
And hear the birds Sing sweetly in the trees,
When I look down
From lofty mountain grandeur,
And hear the brook And feel the gentle breeze.
Then sings my soul, My Savior God, to Thee;
How great Thou art, How great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, My Savior God, to Thee
How great Thou art, How great Thou art!**

**3. And when I think
That God, His Son not sparing,
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in,
That on the cross, My burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died To take away my sin.
Then sings my soul, My Savior God, to Thee;**

**How great Thou art, How great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, My Savior God, to Thee:
How great Thou art, How great Thou art!**

**4. When Christ shall come
With shout of acclamation
And take me home, What joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow In humble adoration,
And there proclaim,
My God, how great Thou art.
Then sings my soul, My Savior God, to Thee;
How great Thou art, How great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, My Savior God, to Thee:
How great Thou art, How great Thou art!**

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

Thus says the Lord our God: "I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out.
As a shepherd seeks out the scattered sheep, so I will seek out my people." Trusting that God is indeed seeking us, let us confess our sin together:

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)

Shepherding God, you have called to us, but we have not answered. You have sought us out, but we have continued to wander. You have tenderly gathered us together and cared for us, but we have not extended that same care and mercy to others. Forgive us.

Remind us. Teach us. Set us free from sin that we might turn toward your love and justice for the whole world. Guide us so that, tentative step after tentative step, we may walk your way. Amen.

SILENT REFLECTION

HEAR THE WORDS OF ASSURANCE - (RESPONSIVE)

Thus says the Lord our God: "I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak."

The relentless grace of Jesus Christ always finds and forgives us.

Thanks be to our ever-seeking God!

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

Born thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a king, Born to reign in us forever, now thy gracious kingdom bring.

By thine own eternal spirit rule in all our hearts alone; By thine all sufficient merit, raise us to thy glorious throne.

FIRST READING: PSALM 4:1-8 - (RESPONSIVE)

Answer me when I call to you, my righteous God. Give me relief from my distress; have mercy on me and hear my prayer.

How long will you people turn my glory into shame? How long will you love delusions and seek false gods

Know that the LORD has set apart his faithful servant for himself;
the LORD hears when I call to him.

Tremble and do not sin; when you are on your beds, search your hearts and be silent.
Offer the sacrifices of the righteous and trust in the LORD.

**Many, LORD, are asking,
“Who will bring us prosperity?”**

Let the light of your face shine on us.
Fill my heart with joy when their grain and new wine abound.

**In peace I will lie down and sleep,
for you alone, LORD, make me dwell in safety.**

SECOND READING: HEBREWS 11:8-16

By faith Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, obeyed and went, even though he did not know where he was going. By faith he made his home in the promised land like a stranger in a foreign country; he lived in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he was looking forward to the city with foundations, whose architect and builder is God. And by faith even Sarah, who was past childbearing age, was enabled to bear children because she^[a] considered him faithful who had made the promise. And so from this one man, and he as good as dead, came descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as countless as the sand on the seashore.

All these people were still living by faith when they died. They did not receive the things promised; they only saw them and welcomed them from a distance, admitting that they were foreigners and strangers on earth. People who say such things show that they are looking for a country of their own. If they had been thinking of the country they had left, they would have had opportunity to return. Instead, they were longing for a better country—a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared a city for them.

MESSAGE: ARE WE PILGRIMS? - NORRIS CLARK

PRAYER

GIFTS OF GRATITUDE

Jesus calls us to reach out and care for our neighbors in need. One way we do that is together as the church: the corporate body of Christ. Let us offer our gifts to God for God's work in our community

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Happy birthday to: Lenore McGann (12/3)

A **new members class** is being formed. Anyone interested in membership at Cold Spring please contact Pastor David Wenker ([856-261-4653](tel:856-261-4653))



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

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



The Angelus Chorus is presenting a Christmas program with the John Walter Band on **Sunday December 3 at 3pm** at the PAC center in Middle Township. A program is also being presented at the Cape May Methodist Church on **Monday December 4 at 7pm**. A third program is presented at the Cape May Convention Center on **Wednesday December 6 at 7pm**. Barbara Cain, Janet and David Wenker are part of the choir. All programs are free.



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.



-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.



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.



The session is planning an **Advent Covered Dish Fellowship luncheon** on **Sunday December 17**, in Price Hall immediately after worship. There is a sign up sheet to report what you might be bringing to the luncheon. Come and share the season with other friends and family of Cold Spring.

RECEIVING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

Prayers for: Elmer Cain injuries from bicycle accident; Sylvia, with injuries from a fall; Barbara Cain medical issues; Samantha recovering from spinal surgery; Alex Scarpetti, 34, recovering slowly after a 10/31 bicycle accident. 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- Beverly Mate

Once we were strangers,

Now we are neighbors.

Once we were strangers,

Now we are friends.

MUSIC: THIS WORLD IS NOT MY HOME -

RED HYMNAL #311- PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE

**1. This world is not my home,
I'm just a passing through
My treasures are laid up
Somewhere beyond the blue;
The angels beckon me
From heaven's open door,
And I can't feel at home In this world anymore.
O Lord, You know I have no friend like You,
If heaven's not my home,
Then Lord what will, I do?
The angels beckon me
From heaven's open door,
And I can't feel at home In this world anymore.**

**2. They're all expecting me,
And that's one thing I know,
My Savior pardoned me And now I onward go;
I know He'll take me thru
Tho I am weak and poor,
And I can't feel at home In this world anymore.
O Lord, You know I have no friend like You,
If heaven's not my home,
Then Lord what will, I do?
The angels beckon me
From heaven's open door,
And I can't feel at home In this world anymore.**

3. I have a loving Savior Up in glory land,
I don't expect to pause Until I with Him stand,
He's waiting now for me In heaven's open door,
And I can't feel at home In this world anymore.
O Lord, You know I have no friend like You,
If heaven's not my home,
Then Lord what will, I do?
The angels beckon me
From heaven's open door,
And I can't feel at home In this world anymore.

4. Just up in glory land We'll live eternally,
The saints on ev'ry hand Are shouting victory,
Their songs of sweetest praise
Drifts back from heaven's shore,
And I can't feel at home In this world anymore.
O Lord, You know I have no friend like You,
If heaven's not my home,
Then Lord what will, I do?
The angels beckon me
From heaven's open door,
And I can't feel at home In this world anymore.

BENEDICTION - NORRIS CLARK

POSTLUDE - JAYNE McDONOUGH

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