



Let's Worship!

February 4, 2024—10:30 AM
Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

A Hybrid Worship and Communion Experience, In-Person and Online
Today's worship team: Music Director - Jayne McDonough. Worship Leader-Beverly Mate
Pastor - Rev. David Wenker Worship Production- Norris Clark.

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

Pastor, Rev. David Wenker's. Message is Walking with Jesus: Just a Touch.

MUSIC PREVIEW

Our opening hymn is *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing*.

Robert Robinson was a troubled young man who was sent to London by his mother to be a barber's apprentice. He was saved sometime after hearing George Whitefield preach, and later went on to become a Baptist pastor. He wrote "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing" in 1757. However, the interesting part of the story is that Robinson was truly prone to wander, just as his song says. Late in his life, during a time when he was not walking with the Lord, he was confronted by the truth of "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing". A complete stranger shared the song with him, not knowing that he was the one who wrote it. Tradition says that he came back to the Lord after this encounter. Hymn of Preparation, *Jesus, The Very Thought of Thee* comes from a Latin text "Dulcis Jesus memoria." Generally ascribed to Bernard, the earliest manuscript containing the poem dates from the turn of the 12th century, when Bernard was a child.

Most of the early manuscripts do not indicate a use for the poem, but a 13th-century Augustinian missal places it among prayers for the preparations of communion. Other manuscripts use the poem as devotion on the name of Jesus. Eventually it was associated with the Feast of the Name of Jesus, first observed around 1500.

The closing hymn is *His Eye Is On The Sparrow*. This song had an unusual birth. It was authored by Civilla D. Martin, a Canadian lady who had been educated in the schools of Nova Scotia. She taught school for a short time before meeting and marrying Dr. William Martin, an evangelist and musician of sorts. Together, they enjoyed an itinerant ministry. Civilla, who wrote the lyrics, said this about her inspiration to write the song: "Early in the spring of 1905, my husband and I were sojourning in Elmira, New York. We developed a deep friendship for a couple by

the name of Mr. and Mrs. Doolittle - true saints of God. Mrs. Doolittle had been bedridden for nigh 20 years. Her husband was an incurable cripple who had to propel himself to and from his business in a wheel chair." Civilla continued, "Despite their afflictions, they lived happy Christian lives, bringing inspiration and comfort to all who knew them. One day, while we were visiting with the Doolittles, my husband commented on their bright hopefulness and asked them for the secret of it. Mrs. Doolittle's reply was simple: 'His eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me.' The beauty of this simple expression of boundless faith gripped the hearts and fired the imagination of Dr. Martin and me. The song 'His Eye Is on the Sparrow' was the outcome of that experience."

PRELUDE: JAYNE MCDONOUGH

Welcome: Rev. David Wenker

CALL TO WORSHIP - (PSALM 95: 1-2)

Come, let us Sing for joy to the Lord

Let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation

Let us come before him with thanksgiving

And extol him with music and song.

GOD WELCOMES ALL (PLEASE STAND & SING)

God welcomes all, strangers and friends;

God's love is strong and it never ends.

MUSIC - COME THOU FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING

RED HYMNAL #28

1. Come Thou fount of every blessing,

Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;

Streams of mercy, never ceasing,

Call for songs of loudest praise.

**Teach me some melodious sonnet,
Sung by flaming tongues above;
Praise His name- I'm fixed upon it
Name of God's redeeming love.**

**2. Hitherto Thy love has blessed me;
Thou hast brought me to this place;
And I know Thy hand will bring me
Safely home by Thy good grace.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
Wand'ring from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger,
Bought me with His precious blood.**

**3. Oh to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be!
Let Thy goodness, like a fetter,
Bind my wand'ring heart to Thee:
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
Prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart, O take and seal it;
Seal it for Thy courts above.**

CALL TO CONFESSION:

God our Creator knows us each by name and knows our hearts. Let us confess our sins to God, who desires to save us and set us free.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (UNISON)

We acknowledge our pride is greater than our humility. You have filled our lives with good and surrounded us with your mercy and grace. But we see what is missing, what we can't have and what has been taken from us. Teach us to humbly receive all the good in our lives with thankful hearts. We pray in Jesus name. AMEN

SILENT REFLECTION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON: (RESPONSIVE)

If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. .

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

THE GLORIA (PLEASE STAND & SING)

**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 (UNISON):

**Open us, Holy One,
to your Word and your Way.
Clear our minds of daily distractions.
Fill our hearts with the humility we need
to hear and receive the message
you intend for us today. Amen.**

FIRST READING: HEBREWS 11: 1-2, 8-12

Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see. This is what the ancients were commended for.

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.

GOSPEL READING: MARK 5 24-34

So Jesus went with him.

A large crowd followed and pressed around him. And a woman was there who had been subject to bleeding for

twelve years. She had suffered a great deal under the care of many doctors and had spent all she had, yet instead of getting better she grew worse. When she heard about Jesus, she came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, because she thought, "If I just touch his clothes, I will be healed." Immediately her bleeding stopped and she felt in her body that she was freed from her suffering.

At once Jesus realized that power had gone out from him. He turned around in the crowd and asked, "Who touched my clothes?"

"You see the people crowding against you," his disciples answered, "and yet you can ask, 'Who touched me?'"

But Jesus kept looking around to see who had done it. Then the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came and fell at his feet and, trembling with fear, told him the whole truth. He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has healed you. Go in peace and be freed from your suffering."

MESSAGE — *"WALKING WITH JESUS: JUST A TOUCH"* PASTOR, REV. DAVID WENKER
PRAYER AND SILENT REFLECTION

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - APOSTLES' CREED)

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,**

**suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand
of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come
to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost;
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

With joy and gratitude for all we have been given, let us offer our tithes and gifts to God.

THE DOXOLOGY

**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

COMMUNITY NEWS:



We are having a congregational meeting today, Sunday February 4, immediately after worship in Price Hall. Lunch will be served. This is a very important meeting as we look forward as a congregation to where God is leading us.



Happy Birthday to Rebecca McCaughey (2/4)



The flowers beautifying the chancel are a gift from Warren Nuessle in loving memory of Randy. There is a sign up sheet in the narthex, to donate flowers for the chancel, in memory, or in honor, of a loved one. For more information, contact Beverly Mate . (\$20 per vase).



The Deacons are holding a Soup-er Sunday collection for the food banks, from now through Feb. 11. Bring soups and place them on your winning team, SF 49ers or KC Chiefs, for the Super Bowl!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

Prayers for: The Fanelli family, on the passing of Katie; Boyajian family, on passing of Ron; Anne & Fred Ferrari's granddaughter, Jaime, having brain surgery. Pam Barsby's husband moved to Assisted Living; Trina, injuries from an accident. Prayers for Barbara Cain for surgery scheduled.

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

Those undergoing cancer treatment: Brian, Gerri Mills, Robin B, Mike, Kim, Steve, Rickey, Lorraine, Candy, and Donna.

PRAYER

**HYMN OF PREPARATION - JESUS THE VERY
THOUGHT OF THEE, RED HYMNAL #163, VERSES**

**1. Jesus the very thought of Thee
With sweetness fills my breast;
But sweeter far Thy face to see,
And in Thy presence rest.**

**2. Nor voice can sing, nor heart can frame,
Nor can the memory find
A sweeter sound than Thy blest name,
O Saviour of mankind!**

**INVITATION TO ALL: COME TO THE LORD'S TABLE!
THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING
(RESPONSIVE)**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, God of Hope, Breath of
peace, Giver of all life.....

as Jesus taught us to pray, saying,

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION - REV. WENKER
PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

FRESH EXPRESSION OF COMMUNITY - BEVERLY
MATE

Once we were strangers,
Now we are neighbors.
Once we were strangers,
Now we are friends.

MUSIC: *HIS EYE IS ON THE SPARROW, RED*
HYMNAL #278

1. Why should I feel discouraged,
Why should the shadows come,
Why should my heart be lonely
And long for heaven and home,
When Jesus is my portion? My constant Friend is He:
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me;
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me
I sing because I'm happy, I sing because I'm free
For His eye is on the sparrow,
And I know He watches me.

2. "Let not your heart be troubled,"
His tender words I hear,
And resting on His goodness, I lose my doubt and fears;
Tho' by the path He leadeth but one step I may see:
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me;
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me.
I sing because I'm happy, I sing because I'm free
For His eye is on the sparrow,
And I know He watches me.

Verse 3

Whenever I am tempted, whenever clouds arise,
When songs give place to singing,
When hope within me dies,
I draw the closer to Him, from care He sets me free;
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me;
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me.
I sing because I'm happy, I sing because I'm free
For His eye is on the sparrow,
And I know He watches me.

BENEDICTION: REV. DAVID WENKER

POSTLUDE: JAYNE McDONOUGH

So glad you've joined us. Please share your joy and worship experience with others, including your Facebook and Instagram friends. Subscribe to our YouTube channel where you may view worship any time. Inviting someone to join you next week is a great way to be a blessing!

Notes for Today's Worship:

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1. *God Welcomes All*: CCLI #7102394

2. Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing: Robert Robinson;
Traditional Melody: CCLI Song #6578947
3. *Gloria*: Public Domai
4. *Doxology*: CCLI #425557
5. Jesus the Very Thought of Thee; Bernard of Clairvaux; Edward
Caswell, John B. Dykes; CCLi song #1654997
7. His Eye is on the Sparrow: Civilla D. Martin; Charles H. Gabriel
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