



Let's Worship!

March 17, 2024—10:30 AM

Fifth Sunday in Lent

A Hybrid Worship Experience, In-Person and Online
Today's worship team: Music Director Jayne McDonough,
Worship Leader Robert Stiles; Pastor, the Rev. David Wenker;
Message: Elder Norris Clark; Production: Max Moran



WORSHIP YOUR WAY!

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www.coldspringworship.com.

A LENTEN GIFT FOR YOU

We are providing a special downloadable **Lent Devotional Guide** for you, your friends, family, and neighbors to use. You can download the guide from our website, and share the love and light of Jesus, and the devotional, with others as we begin our journey! There are a few printed weekly copies available in the narthex today.

UPCOMING LENT & EASTER WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

PALM SUNDAY WORSHIP -

10:30 am, Sunday, March 24, 2024, Cold Spring Presbyterian Church

MAUNDY THURSDAY TENEBRAE SERVICE -

Joint service with First Presbyterian Church of Cape May, Thursday, March 28, 2024, 6:00 pm, in our Sanctuary, at Cold Spring Presbyterian Church.

EASTER SUNRISE AT SUNSET WORSHIP -

Sunday, March 31, 2024, 6:30 am, Sunset Beach Gift Shop area. 502 Sunset Blvd, Cape May

EASTER WORSHIP SERVICE

10:30 am Sunday, March 31, 2024, Cold Spring Presbyterian Church

WORSHIP PREVIEW

Elder Norris Clark concludes his message series "To Tell the Truth" with the message "To Tell the Truth About Others".

MUSIC PREVIEW

The opening hymn, Brethren We Have Met to Worship, is one of the oldest published American folk hymns. It comes out of the early 19th Century southern camp meeting experience where believers were invited to pray for new converts. The lyrics were written by George Atkins and first published in 1819. The traditional tune, Holy Manna, is a pentatonic melody in Ionian mode originally published by William Moore in Columbian Harmony, a four-note shape-note tunebook, in 1829. Like most shape-note songs from that century, it is usually written in three parts.

After the message we will sing Near to the Heart of God. This hymn was born out of tragic

circumstances. Cleland McAfee (1866-1944) suffered the loss of two infant nieces to diphtheria in 1903. McAfee was preacher and choir director of the campus Presbyterian church at Park College, Parkville, Mo. His daughter described the account in her book, *Near to the Heart of God*.

Our closing hymn is *Love Lifted Me*, a popular hymn written by James Rowe in 1912. The lyrics draw from the stories of Jesus and his disciples at sea from the book of Matthew. Rowe plays upon the idea of sinking in water to sinking in sin and that Jesus can lift us out of despair to salvation.

PRELUDE - JAYNE MCDONOUGH

WELCOME - NORRIS CLARK

GOD WELCOMES ALL (UNISON):

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

**CALL TO WORSHIP (RESPONSIVELY) - BOB STILES
(FROM PSALM 51)**

Have mercy on us, O God, according to your steadfast love;
According to your abundant mercy, blot out our transgressions.
You desire truth in our deepest selves, so teach our hearts wisdom.
**Let us hear your joy and gladness; let the bones that you have
crushed rejoice.**
Create in us clean hearts, O God; put new and right spirits within us.
**Sustain in us willing spirits and restore us to the joy of your
salvation. Let us worship God!**

MUSIC HYMN - BRETHREN WE HAVE MET TO WORSHIP

(Glory to God Hymnal #396)

**1. Brethren, we have met to worship
And adore the Lord our God.
Will you pray with all your power
While we try to preach the word?
All is vain unless the Spirit
Of the Holy One comes down.
Brethren, pray, and holy manna
Will be showered all around.**

**2. Sisters, will you join and help us?
Moses' sister aided him.
Will you help the trembling mourners**

**Who are struggling hard with sin?
Tell them all about the Savior.
Tell them that He will be found.
Sisters, pray, and holy manna
Will be showered all around.**

**4. Let us love our God supremely;
Let us love each other too.
Let us love and pray for sinners
Till our God makes all things new.
Christ will call us home to heaven;
At His table we'll sit down.
Christ will gird Himself and serve us
With sweet manna all around.**

CALL TO RECONCILIATION (JEREMIAH 31:33)

“The days are surely coming,” says the Lord, “When I will make a new covenant with my people. I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, ‘Know the Lord,’ for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest.” Friends, we are God’s people. Yet even as we strive to know our God and walk in God’s paths, we fall short. Trusting in God as a merciful covenant partner, let us confess our sin together:

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (UNISON)

Living Christ, with whom we journey to the cross, we confess that we are always looking for an easier way. We long for the fullness of life with you, but we are slow to abandon the comforts of the life we know. We seek the fruit of new life, but we are not willing to die to ourselves. You call us to life in community, but we stubbornly cling to “me and mine.” Yet you offer the grace of life abundant, even and especially when our best efforts fall short. Transform us, renew us, and free us from our attachment to what was, so that you might bring us into the glory of what will be. In Jesus’ name we pray, Amen.

SILENT REFLECTION:

HEAR THE WORDS OF ASSURANCE: (RESPONSIVELY)

Friends, hear the good news! We worship a God who forgives our iniquities and remembers our sins no more. Proclaim the good news with me:

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Thanks be to God! Amen.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION :

God of living water, pour out your Spirit and nourish your Word within us, that in its time, that Word may bear much fruit. Amen.

FIRST READING: PSALM 15: 1-5

Lord, who may dwell in your sacred tent?
Who may live on your holy mountain?
The one whose walk is blameless,
who does what is righteous,
who speaks the truth from their heart;
whose tongue utters no slander,
who does no wrong to a neighbor,
and casts no slur on others;
who despises a vile person
but honors those who fear the Lord;
who keeps an oath even when it hurts,
and does not change their mind;
who lends money to the poor without interest;
who does not accept a bribe against the innocent.
Whoever does these things will never be shaken.

NEW TESTAMENT READING: 1 JOHN 4: 17-21

God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them. This is how love is made complete among us so that we will have confidence on the day of judgment: In this world we are like Jesus. There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love. We love because he first loved us. Whoever claims to love God yet hates a brother or sister is a liar. For whoever does not love their brother and sister, whom they have seen, cannot love God, whom they have not seen. And he has given us this command: Anyone who loves God must also love their brother and sister.

MESSAGE - TO TELL THE TRUTH ABOUT OTHERS-
NORRIS CLARK
PRAYER AND SILENT REFLECTION

MUSIC - NEAR TO THE HEART OF GOD - BLUE HYMNAL #527

**1. There is a place of quiet rest,
Near to the heart of God,
A place where sin cannot molest,
Near to the heart of God.
O Jesus, blest Redeemer,
Sent from the heart of God,
Hold us, who wait before Thee,
Near to the heart of God.**

**2. There is a place of comfort sweet,
Near to the heart of God,
A place where we our Savior meet,
Near to the heart of God.
O Jesus, blest Redeemer,
Sent from the heart of God,
Hold us, who wait before Thee,
Near to the heart of God.**

**3. There is a place of full release,
Near to the heart of God,
A place where all is joy and peace,
Near to the heart of God.
O Jesus, blest Redeemer,
Sent from the heart of God,
Hold us, who wait before Thee,
Near to the heart of God.**

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (HEIDELBERG CATECHISM, Q.1)

What is your only comfort in life and in death?

That we are not our own, but belong – body and soul, in life and in death – to our faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. Because we belong to him, Christ, by the Holy Spirit, assures us of eternal life and makes us wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for God.

MOMENT FOR MISSION - BOB STILES

One Great Hour of Sharing

GIFTS OF GRATITUDE: (USHERS MAY COME FORWARD)

By the grace of Jesus Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit, our lives have borne much fruit. Let us now return thanks where it is due and offer the fruits of our labor back to the Lord. Let us receive the morning offering.

THE LENTEN DOXOLOGY

**Praise God throughout these forty days.
Praise Christ, our Lord, whom God did raise.
And praise the Spirit who imparts
God's love in Christ into our hearts. Amen.**

PRAYER OF GRATITUDE

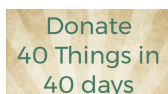
COMMUNITY NEWS



Happy Birthday to Larry Hume (3/20).
Happy Anniversary to Ted & Janice Lewis



Order worship flowers or Easter flowers in memory or in honor of a loved one. For more information, contact Beverly Mate. Forms for Easter Lily and Hyacinth are on the table in the narthex.



Lenten Challenge! Donate 40 Things in 40 Days. See the information card in the Narthex.



The Lenten Bible Study of the gospel of Mark, continues this Monday, March 18 at 4:00 pm with Pastor Nicole Wilkinson, who will be leading the remaining Monday's. Join us, at 4:00 p.m. at Cape May Presbyterian or on Zoom - and every Monday through March 25.

Join Zoom Meeting:

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

Prayers for: Pastor Dave & Janet Wenker & Family on the passing of his

Father; Anne Ferrari, knee surgery on 3/12; Dale Myers, a joy that he is home; Jill Whipple successful surgery; Mary Everett, heart surgery in Phila. (3/7); travel mercies for Anthony & Danielle coming home from Alaska with pets. Prayers of joy from the Ferrari's, granddaughter Jaime is seizure free, following recent brain surgery! And their son, Freddie, Jr is now cancer free, following many months of treatment. Jean Richardson, injuries from a fall; Todd A., cancer has returned; Beverly's Brother, Russell suffering from a medical condition.

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

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

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

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

MUSIC HYMN: LOVE LIFTED ME - RED HYMNAL #308

1. I was sinking deep in sin,
Far from the peaceful shore,
Very deeply stained within,
Sinking to rise no more;
But the Master of the sea
Heard my despairing cry,
From the waters lifted me,
Now safe am I.
Love lifted me! Love lifted me!
When nothing else could help,
Love lifted me!
Love lifted me! Love lifted me!
When nothing else could help,
Love lifted me!

**2. All my heart to Him I give,
Ever to Him I'll cling,
In His blessed presence live,
Ever His praises sing.
Love so mighty and so true
Merits my soul's best songs;
Faithful, loving service too
To Him belongs.
Love lifted me! Love lifted me!
When nothing else could help,
Love lifted me!
Love lifted me! Love lifted me!
When nothing else could help,
Love lifted me!**

**3. Souls in danger, look above, Jesus completely saves;
He will lift you by His love Out of the angry waves.
He's the Master of the sea, Billows His will obey;
He your Savior wants to be— Be saved today.
Love lifted me! Love lifted me!
When nothing else could help,
Love lifted me!
Love lifted me! Love lifted me!
When nothing else could help,
Love lifted me!**

BENEDICTION: NORRIS CLARK

POSTLUDE: JAYNE McDONOUGH

Go in peace!

So glad you've joined us.

Please share your joy and worship experience with others, including with your Facebook and Instagram friends. Subscribe to our YouTube channel where you may view worship any time. The best gift you can offer is to invite others to join you next week!

Notes for Today's Worship:

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1. God Welcomes All: CCLI Song #
2. Brethren We Have Met to Worship: George Atkinson/Alfred Fedak : CCLI Song

#420573

3. Doxology. CCLI #4255578
4. Near to the Heart of God: Cleland B. McAfee; CCLI Song #93700
5. Love Lifted Me: James Rowe/Howard E. Smith; CCLI #66926