



# Let's Worship!

March 10, 2024—10:30 AM

Fourth Sunday of Lent

A Hybrid Worship Experience, In-Person and Online

Today's worship team: Music Director Jayne McDonough,  
Worship Leader Robert Stiles; Message: Elder Norris Clark;

Production: Max Moran

## WORSHIP YOUR WAY!

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[www.coldspringworship.com](http://www.coldspringworship.com).

## SPRING AHEAD 1 HOUR TODAY!

## 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.

## WORSHIP PREVIEW

Elder Norris Clark continues his series "Tell the Truth" with the message "Tell the Truth About Ourselves".

## MUSIC PREVIEW

The opening hymn, *Open My Eyes That I May See*. Clara H. Scott (1841-1897) provides us with a hymn of consecration that has been sung for over 100 years. The text of "Open My Eyes" was written in 1895 shortly before Scott's death. Each stanza reveals an increasing receptiveness to the "Spirit divine." Open eyes lead to "glimpses of truth." Open ears lead to "voices of truth." An open mouth leads to sharing the "warm truth everywhere." An open heart leads to sharing "love to thy children."

Following the message we will sing, *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*, attributed to Englishwoman Dorothy A. Thrupp (1779-1847), is found in almost every Christian hymnal. According to the hymnology website, [www.hymnary.org](http://www.hymnary.org), "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us" appears in 1005 hymnals. It is one hymn that most church members can recognize across denominational lines. What may surprise most churchgoers to know, however, is that for such a well-known and loved hymn of the Christian faith, we know little about how it was written or who the true author was. Its past aside, however, we see that whoever penned these words had a deeply theological message to share.

Our closing hymn is *Lord Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing*.

This hymn is a petition to the Lord, that He might prepare His people for another journey on their pilgrimage through the world

Explaining what it means to be a stranger and a pilgrim, using the framework of sovereign grace as a backdrop. Each verse of the hymn highlights a separate petition

Verse 1—a petition for refreshment on our journey

Verse 2—a petition for growth on our journey

Verse 3—a petition for perspective on our journey

**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

(Psalm 107:1-3, 21-22)

O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good; for God's steadfast love endures forever.

**Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, those  
God redeemed from trouble and gathered in  
from the lands, from the east and from the  
west, from the north and from the south.**

Let them thank the Lord for God's steadfast love,  
for God's wonderful works to humankind.

**And let them offer thanksgiving sacrifices, and  
tell of the Lord's deeds with songs of joy.**

**MUSIC HYMN - OPEN MY EYES THAT I MAY SEE**

Blue Hymnal #324

**1. Open my eyes, that I may see  
Glimpses of truth Thou hast for me;  
Place in my hands the wonderful key  
That shall unclasp and set me free.  
Silently now I wait for Thee,  
Ready, my God, Thy will to see;  
Open my eyes illumine me,  
Spirit divine!**

**2. Open my ears, that I may hear  
Voices of truth Thou sendest clear;  
And while the wave notes fall on my ear,  
Everything false will disappear.  
Silently now I wait for Thee,  
Ready, my God, Thy will to see;  
Open my ears, illumine me,  
Spirit divine!**

**3. Open my mouth, and let me bear  
Gladly the warm truth everywhere;  
Open my heart, and let me prepare  
Love with Thy children thus to share.  
Silently now I wait for Thee,  
Ready, my God, Thy will to see;  
Open my heart, illumine me, Spirit divine!**

## CALL TO RECONCILIATION

The faithfulness of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. The mercies of God are new every morning. Beloved, confession of our sin before God is an act of trust in the goodness of God. In confession, we draw near to our maker in candor, knowing that nothing can be hidden from God. As we are honest with God and with one another about those places in our lives that stand in need of God's healing, we are opened to the mercies of God. So let us confess our sin, first in unison, and then in silence...

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (UNISON)

**Holy God, giver of all that is good, we rejoice that you are the source of all that is. The breath of life is a gift from your generous hand. The food we eat is grown in the world you sustain. The community that supports us is called into being by your saving activity. Everything we have is a gift from you. Why, then, do we complain as though the manna, raining down from heaven for us even now, is not enough? Why do we worry that your well of living water will someday run dry? It is surely our sin that causes us live as though we do not trust your goodness. Forgive us, we pray. Teach us again to put all our trust in your**

**promises that never fail. Remind us that we are always in your loving care. Fill us with grace, so that our lives might show forth the fullness of your love for all people...**

**SILENT REFLECTION:**

**HEAR THE WORDS OF ASSURANCE: (RESPONSIVELY)  
(HEBREWS 10:16-18)**

“This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the Lord:

**‘I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds,’**

and he adds,

**‘I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.’**

Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.”

**Believe the promise of the Gospel: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION : (PSALM 19:14)**

May the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable to you, O Lord, our rock and our redeemer. Amen.

**OLD TESTAMENT READING: PROVERBS 12:17-23**

An honest witness tells the truth,  
but a false witness tells lies.

The words of the reckless pierce like swords,  
but the tongue of the wise brings healing.  
Truthful lips endure forever,  
but a lying tongue lasts only a moment.  
Deceit is in the hearts of those who plot evil,  
but those who promote peace have joy.  
No harm overtakes the righteous,  
but the wicked have their fill of trouble.  
The Lord detests lying lips,  
but he delights in people who are trustworthy  
The prudent keep their knowledge to themselves,  
but a fool's heart blurts out folly.

### **GOSPEL READING: JOHN 8:31-39,41**

To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, “If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”

They answered him, “We are Abraham’s descendants and have never been slaves of anyone. How can you say that we shall be set free?”

Jesus replied, “Very truly I tell you, everyone who sins is a slave to sin. Now a slave has no permanent place in the family, but a son belongs to it forever. So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed. I know that you are Abraham’s descendants. Yet you are looking for a way to kill me, because you have no room for my word. I am telling you what I have seen in the Father’s presence, and you are doing what you have heard from your father.”

“Abraham is our father,” they answered.  
“If you were Abraham’s children,” said Jesus, “then you would do what Abraham did.  
You are doing the works of your own father.”  
“We are not illegitimate children,” they protested.  
“The only Father we have is God himself.”

**MESSAGE -PART 2 - TELL THE TRUTH ABOUT  
OURSELVES - NORRIS CLARK**

**PRAYER AND SILENT REFLECTION**

**MUSIC - SAVIOR, LIKE A SHEPHERD LEAD US**

Blue Hymnal #387

**1. Saviour, like a shepherd lead us,  
Much we need thy tender care;  
In thy pleasant pastures feed us,  
For our use thy folds prepare:  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,  
Thou hast bought us, Thine we are:  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,  
Thou hast bought us, thine we are.**

**2. Thou hast promised to receive us,  
Poor and sinful though we be;  
Thou hast mercy to relieve us,  
Grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free:  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,  
Early let us turn to thee;**

**Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,  
Early let us turn to thee.**

**3. Early let us seek thy favour;  
Early let us do thy will;  
Blessed Lord and only Saviour,  
With thy love our beings fill;  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,  
Thou hast loved us, love us still;  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,  
Thou hast loved us, love us still.**

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (FROM A BRIEF STATEMENT OF FAITH)**

**UNISON**

**In life and in death we belong to God.  
Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit,  
we trust in the one triune God,  
the Holy One of Israel,  
whom alone we worship and serve.  
We trust in Jesus Christ,  
fully human, fully God.  
Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:  
Preaching good news to the poor  
and release to the captives,  
teaching by word and deed  
And blessing the children, healing the sick**

**And binding up the brokenhearted,  
eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners,  
and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.  
Unjustly condemned  
for blasphemy and sedition,  
Jesus was crucified,  
suffering the depths of human pain  
and giving his life for the sins of the world.  
God raised this Jesus from the dead,  
vindicating his sinless life,  
breaking the power of sin and evil,  
delivering us from death to life eternal.**

**GIFTS OF GRATITUDE: (USHERS MAY COME FORWARD)**

From the providence of God, all that we need has been given to us, in sufficient abundance that we might share. Let us return our offerings as a sign of our commitment to follow the one who has loved us, even unto death.

**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

### Birthdays & Anniversaries



Happy Birthday to Jim  
McCaughey(3/13)

Order worship flowers or Easter flowers in memory or in honor of a loved one. For more information, contact Beverly Mate. Easter Lilly & Hydrangea order forms are available in the narthex.

### Donate 40 Things in 40 days

Lenten Challenge! Donate 40 Things in 40 Days. See the information card in the Narthex. Items can be dropped off at Price Hall weekdays between 9:00am & 1:00 pm.



The Lenten Bible Study of the gospel of Mark, continues this Monday, March 11 at 4:00 pm with Pastor Nicole Wilkinson, who will be leading the remaining Monday's. Join us Monday, March 11, at 4:00 p.m. at Cape May Presbyterian or on Zoom - and every Monday through March 25.

Join Zoom Meeting:

[https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84705891917?  
pwd=VmbasHaofRQawf67xZORaHgciLa1FJ.1](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84705891917?pwd=VmbasHaofRQawf67xZORaHgciLa1FJ.1)

Meeting ID: 847 0589 1917  
Passcode: 932899

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

Prayers for: Dale Myers in hospital, cardiac issues; Pastor Dave Wenker 's Father in hospice care; Jill Whipple, 3rd surgery for nasal problems; 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; Michael Drumgould, 9 yr old awaiting a heart transplant; for George Albanese recovering from shoulder surgery; comfort for Richard & the Mascaluso family, on the passing of Carol Mascaluso.

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 - BOB STILES

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

## MUSIC HYMN: LORD DISMISS US WITH THY BLESSING

Blue hymnal #538

**1. Lord dismiss us with Thy blessing;  
Fill our hearts with joy and peace;  
Let us each, Thy love possessing,  
Triumph in redeeming grace.  
O refresh us, O refresh us,  
Traveling through this wilderness.**

**2. Thanks we give and adoration  
For Thy gospel's joyful sound;  
May the fruits of Thy salvation  
In our hearts and lives abound.  
Ever faithful, ever faithful,  
To the truth may we be found.**

**3. So that when Thy love shall call us,  
Saviour, from the world away,  
Let no fear of death appall us,  
Glad Thy summons to obey.  
May we ever, may we ever  
Reign with Thee in endless day.**

**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!

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### Notes for Today's Worship:

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1. God Welcomes All: CCLI #7102394
2. Open My Eyes That I May See: Clara H. Scott; CCLI Song #68003
3. Savior, Like A Shepherd Lead Us: Dorothy Ann Thrupp/William Batchelder Bradbury: CCLI Song #24078
4. Doxology. CCLI #4255578
5. Lord Dismiss Us With Thy Blessing: John Fawcett; CCLI #1447393