



Let Us Worship God!

May 26, 2024—10:30 AM

TRINITY SUNDAY



A Hybrid Worship Experience In-Person and Online

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

Pastor David Wenker is on vacation. Thank you to Elder

Norris Clark for leading our worship today. His message is:
Faith Moves Us and Mountains!

MUSIC PREVIEW

The Gathering Hymn is "Great Is Thy Faithfulness", a Christian hymn that originated in the United States. The lyrics were written by Thomas O. Chisholm, a Methodist minister from Kentucky. He wrote the poem in 1923 about God's faithfulness over his lifetime. The phrase "Great is Thy faithfulness" comes from the Bible, Lamentations 3:23, and is a declaration of God's constant presence and reliability. The phrase refers to God's steadfastness, commitment to his promises, and consistent character.

The Hymn of Meditation is Be Thou My Vision. Three centuries after St. Patrick, a monk named Dallan Forgaill wrote the Irish poem, "Rop tú mo Baile" ("Be Thou my Vision), to remember and honor the faith of St. Patrick. Forgaill was martyred by pirates, but his poetry lived on as a part of the Irish monastic tradition for centuries until, in the

early 20th century, Mary Elizabeth Byrne translated the poem into English, and in 1912, Eleanor Hull versified the text into what is now a well-loved hymn and prayer that at every moment of our lives, God would be our vision above all else.” The focus seems to be the unity between God and us, between the Father and his son. In fact, there’s some half-hidden Trinitarian theology going on here, since “Word” is a designation of Jesus, and one who is “dwelling” in us is the Holy Spirit. So after the first verse, which calls out to God, this second verse draws us into the relational dynamic of Trinitarian love and indwelling.

Beverly Mate will sing the offertory, God Bless America. This simple one-verse song became an overnight hit, and a hopeful song as war threatened. “It’s not a patriotic song,” composer Irving Berlin said in a 1940 interview, “but an expression of gratitude for what this country has done for its citizens, of what home really means.” Today, many Americans consider “God Bless America” an unofficial national anthem of the United States.

Our sending hymn is My Country, 'Tis of Thee. In 1831, Samuel Francis Smith, a 24-year-old Baptist seminary student at Andover Theological Seminary in Massachusetts, wrote the lyrics to "My Country, 'Tis of Thee" after being asked by composer Lowell Mason to translate German songbooks. Smith was inspired by a German song, "God Bless Our Native Land", and wrote an original patriotic song for America using the same melody as "God Save the King". Smith originally called the song "America", but it's now more commonly known as "My Country, 'Tis of Thee". A children's choir in Boston first performed the song on July 4, 1831.

Prelude: Jayne McDonough

WELCOME: ELDER NORRIS CLARK

God Welcomes All (sing in unison):

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

(10:30)

CALL TO WORSHIP - RESPONSIVE- BASED ON THE
MESSAGE'S TRANSLATION OF PSALM 29)

God's thunder sets the oak trees dancing.
A wild dance, whirling; the pelting rain strips
their branches.

We fall to our knees — we call out, “Glory!”

**Above the floodwaters is God's throne
from which power flows,
from which God rules the world.**

God makes people strong. God gives people
peace.

Let us worship God!

**GATHERING HYMN - “*GREAT IS THY
FAITHFULNESS*”, BLUE HYMNAL #276**

**1. Great is Thy faithfulness,
O God my Father,
There is no shadow Of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not,
Thy compassions they fail not;
As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.
Great is Thy faithfulness!
Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning New mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!**

**2. Summer and winter,
And springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon, and stars In their courses above
Join with all nature In manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, Mercy and love.
Great is Thy faithfulness!
Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning New mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!**

**3. Pardon for sin
And a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence
To cheer and to guide;
Strength for today
And bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine,
With ten thousand beside!
Great is Thy faithfulness!
Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning New mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!**

**CALL TO RECONCILIATION (BASED ON ROMANS
8:12-17)**

The separation we feel from God's Spirit is not our ultimate reality. Acknowledging those things that distract us from God's call on our lives can re-center our work, our play, and the flourishing of the community. Let us confess responsively that which we may need to acknowledge in order that we may live fully.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)

For times we embrace war when you call for peace.

Forgive us.

For times we dehumanize our neighbor instead of loving them.

Forgive us.

For times we serve powers and principalities rather than you, our Servant Savior.

Forgive us.

For times we domesticate you to our national or tribal identities.

Forgive us.

For selectively hearing your good news of grace for us without considering the same for others.

Forgive us.

For seeing ourselves less than the full person
you created in beauty with delight.

Forgive us and grant us peace.

SILENT REFLECTION

HEAR THE WORDS OF ASSURANCE (RESPONSIVE)

John 3:16-17)

“For God so loved the world that he gave his
only Son, so that everyone
who believes in him may not perish but may
have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the
Son into the world to condemn the world but in
order that the world might be saved through
him.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

THE GLORIA

**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 (BASED ON ROMANS 8)

May these words read be the soil from which
the mystery of your presence in our world and in
our lives may emerge. May your wisdom flower

within the yet still broken vessels of our flesh that, body and spirit, we may flourish with you in joy in order that the world, the very cosmos, may be born again.

FIRST READING: JAMES 2: 14-18

What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save them?

Suppose a brother or a sister is without clothes and daily food. If one of you says to them, “Go in peace; keep warm and well fed,” but does nothing about their physical needs, what good is it? In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead. But someone will say, “You have faith; I have deeds.” Show me your faith without deeds, and I will show you my faith by my deeds.

GOSPEL READING: MATTHEW 17: 14-20

When they came to the crowd, a man approached Jesus and knelt before him. “Lord, have mercy on my son,” he said. “He has seizures and is suffering greatly. He often falls into the fire or into the water. I

brought him to your disciples, but they could not heal him.” “You unbelieving and perverse generation,” Jesus replied, “how long shall I stay with you? How long shall I put up with you? Bring the boy here to me.” Jesus rebuked the demon, and it came out of the boy, and he was healed at that moment. Then the disciples came to Jesus in private and asked, “Why couldn’t we drive it out?” He replied, “Because you have so little faith. Truly I tell you, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, ‘Move from here to there,’ and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you.”

**Message: “Faith Moves Us and Mountains”
Elder Norris Clark**

PRAYER AND SILENT REFLECTION

**HYMN OF MEDITATION - “*BE THOU MY VISION*”,
BLUE HYMNAL #339**

**1. Be Thou my vision,
O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me,
Save that Thou art—**

**Thou my best thought,
By day or by night,
Waking or sleeping,
Thy presence my light.**

**2. Riches I heed not,
Nor vain empty praise,
Thou mine inheritance,
Now and always;
Thou and Thou only,
Be first in my heart,
Great God of heaven,
My treasure Thou art.**

**3. Be Thou my wisdom,
And Thou my true Word;
I ever with Thee
And Thou with me, Lord;
Heart of my own heart,
whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.**

GIFTS OF GRATITUDE

This is a time to pray and discern how God may be asking you to use the blessings of your life to build up God's kingdom on earth as it is in heaven. Those blessings may be your money, your time, or a skill you have worked to gain

over time. God gave us all these blessings. Would you consider sharing some part of these blessings for God's purpose in this world? Let us pray. Let us discern. Let us give.

OFFERTORY - "GOD BLESS AMERICA"

BEVERLY MATE

All join in the chorus, the 2nd time!

**God Bless America, land that I love.
Stand beside her and guide her
Through the night with a light from above.
From the mountains to the prairies,
To the oceans white with foam.
God bless America, my home sweet home.
God bless America, my home sweet home!**

The Doxology (10:58)

**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

Birthday Blessings to: Anne Ferrari (5/30)

**Congregational Luncheon - Sunday June 2, after worship service.
Sign up sheets for covered dishes are in the narthex.**



Angelus Community Singers (Angelus Chorus) Spring Concerts!!!

Wednesday, June 5, 7:00 PM - free concert - Church of the Resurrection, St Maximillian Kolbe Parish, 200 Tuckahoe Rd, Marmora

Thursday, June 6, 7:00 PM - free concert - St John Neumann Parish Hall at 800 Bayshore Rd, Villas.

Sunday June 9, 3:00 PM - fundraising concert for Cape Hope ministries with the homeless, featuring Linda Gentile and the Jersey Shore Pops!! Middle Township Performing Arts Center; Tickets are \$10.00, available online <http://www.angeluschorus.org> click on Purchase tickets, or from choir members or at the door. All tickets are general admission.

SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS -

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

Pray for: Ted Lewis, health is failing; Don's Dad, age 94 needs healing and salvation; Ruth Traber for wound healing; Pam Smith as delegate to United Methodist Conference; Linda Kaempf with a health crisis; Elaine's neighbor, Liz with pancreatic cancer; Eileen Stalford, confined to a nursing home. The family and Friends of Bob Fite on his passing. Pam & Tara's Methodist Church, in Bridgeton, NJ; Dale & Jonna Myers Grandson Dylan recovering from neuro-surgery on 4/26; Barbara Cain recovering from successful surgery.

Continual prayer requested for: Those on hospice care: Marty; John Stalford, Gertrude Hess, Celeste Bashaw.

Those undergoing cancer treatment: Keith, Todd, Brian, Gerri Mills, Robin B, Mike, Kim, Steve, Rickey, Lorraine, Grover, Glenn, Candy, Susan Craig, 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-Beverly Mate

Once we were strangers,

Now we are neighbors.

Once we were strangers,

Now we are friends.

SENDING HYMN - "MY COUNTRY, 'TIS OF THEE"

Blue Hymnal #561

1. My country 'tis of thee

Sweet land of liberty Of thee I sing

Land where my fathers died

Land of the pilgrims' pride

From every mountain side Let freedom ring

2. My native country thee

Land of the noble free Thy name I love

I love thy rocks and rills

Thy woods and templed hills

My heart with rapture thrills Like that above

3. Let music swell the breeze

And ring from all the trees

Sweet freedom's song

Let mortal tongues awake

Let all that breathe partake

Let rocks their silence break

The sound prolong

4. Our fathers' God to Thee

Author of liberty To Thee we sing

Long may our land be bright

With freedom's holy light

Protect us by Thy might Great God our King

BENEDICTION - ELDER NORRIS CLARK

POSTLUDE - JAYNE McDONOUGH

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2. *Great is Thy Faithfulness: Thomas Obediah Chisholm, William Marion Runyan; CCLI Song #18723*
3. *Gloria: Public Domain*
4. *Be Thou My Vision: Eleanor Henrietta Hull, Mary Elizabeth Byrne; CCLI Song #30639*
5. *God Bless America: Irving Berlin; CCLI Song #*
6. *Doxology: CCLI #425557*
7. *My Country, 'Tis of Thee; Henry Carey, Samuel Francis Smith; CCLI Song #46582*