

Let Us Worship God!

June 30, 2024-10:30 AM Sixth Sunday After Pentecost



A Hybrid Worship Experience In-Person and Online Today's worship team—Music Director:Jayne McDonough; Worship Leader: John Saalman; Message: Pastor David Wenker: Production: Norris Clark



WELCOME!

WORSHIP YOUR WAY!

Involved

Galatians 6:9

Be involved in doing good, for at the proper time good things will result if we do not give up. 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 Dave's message today is "Have I Got a Plan for You!" Exile, like the people of Israel experienced at the hands of the Babylonians, is probably not something in our experience. But exile can be experienced in the many changes of life we go through, such as job changes, divorce, moving to a new location, a death of someone very close, or an illness. God takes those feelings very seriously and offers hope and help for coping with our "exile" experiences. It is in those "exile" experiences we will grow.

MUSIC PREVIEW

The gathering hymn today will be our 5th Sunday Hymn Sing! Blue or Red hymnal, have your selection number ready!

"My Hope is Built on Nothing Less" is the hymn of meditation following the message, was written by Edward Mote with the music composed by William Bradbury. Mote was a Baptist minister and, on his way to work one morning, had the idea to write on the "Gracious Experience of a Christian." He had written the four verses by the end of the day.

Later in the week, he visited a friend and his very sick wife. They did not have a hymnal, so he took out his new song and sang with them as support and encouragement. The woman was so touched by the music that she asked for a copy of it.

The closing hymn is "How Firm a Foundation". Though the author was unknown, the hymn survived through its great message. It was especially popular with men who felt the weight of the world on their shoulders, and many leaders in America chose it as their favorite hymn. Andrew Jackson requested it be sung at his deathbed, and Robert E. Lee and Theodore Roosevelt both requested it be sung at their funerals. During the American Civil War, both Northern and Southern soldiers could be heard singing it; a testament to how God bridges the gap between all men.

PRELUDE: JAYNE MCDONOUGH WELCOME: PASTOR DAVID WENKER

God Welcomes All (sing in unison):

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

CALL TO WORSHIP - (RESPONSIVE)

(PSALM 147, VARIOUS VERSES)

One: Praise the Lord.

Many: How good it is to sing praises to our God,

One: how pleasant and fitting to praise him!

Many: He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds. One: Great is our Lord and mighty in power; his understanding has no limit.

Many: the Lord delights in those who fear him, who put their hope in his unfailing love.

OPENING PRAYER

You are an awesome God full of grace and mercy. Your love is forever and you are quick to forgive and restore. You surround us with beauty and love. We gather today to give you thanks and worship you. Open our hearts and help us give you the praise you deserve with gratitude and love in our hearts. In Jesus name we pray, AMEN

*OPENING HYMN SING: CONGREGATIONS SELECTIONS

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

We call on the Lord from the depths of our pain. We wait for the Lord on the strength of our hope. Faithfully, let us confess our sins and trust in God to bring us new life and new ways of living.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)

We love the approval of others and at times will be deceptive to receive that praise and affirmation. Forgive us when our insecure hearts crave the approval of others. Forgive us when we are deceptive to others and even ourselves in our quest for approval. Help us to find the security we long for in your love for us. We pray in Jesus name. AMEN

SILENT REFLECTION

HEAR THE WORDS OF ASSURANCE - (RESPONSIVE)

One: Friends hear the good news of the gospel. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.

The old life has gone and a new life has begun.

Many: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

*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

Holy Lord, we seek for an understanding when we find none. Open our ears, our hearts, and our minds, and open us to our companions in faith. Teach us how to follow the path you are leading us on; assure us that we will be safe on this path and that we will always be welcome to follow you. **Amen**.

FIRST READING: JEREMIAH 29: 4-14

This is what the Lord Almighty, the God of Israel, says to all those I carried into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: "Build houses and settle down; plant gardens and eat what they produce. Marry and have sons and daughters; find wives for your sons and give your daughters in marriage, so that they too may have sons and daughters. Increase in number there; do not decrease. Also, seek the peace and prosperity of the city to which I have carried you into exile. Pray to the Lord for it, because if it prospers, you too will prosper."

Yes, this is what the Lord Almighty, the God of Israel, says: "Do not let the prophets and diviners among you deceive you. Do not listen to the dreams you encourage them to have. They are prophesying lies to you in my name. I have not sent them," declares the Lord.

This is what the Lord says: "When seventy years are completed for Babylon, I will come to you and fulfill my good promise to bring you back to this place. For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. I will be found by you," declares the Lord, "and will bring you back from captivity. I will gather you from all the nations and places where I have banished you," declares the Lord, "and will bring you back to the place from which I carried you into exile."

SECOND READING: ISAIAH 43: 1-7

Israel's Only Savior

But now, this is what the Lord says—he who created you, Jacob, he who formed you, Israel:"Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned; the flames will not set you ablaze. For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior; I give Egypt for your ransom, Cush and Seba in your stead. Since you are precious and honored in my sight, and because I love you, I will give people in exchange for you, nations in exchange for your life. Do not be afraid, for I am with you; I will bring your children from the east and gather you from the west. I will say to the north, 'Give them up!' and to the south, 'Do not hold them back.' Bring my sons from afar and my daughters from the ends of the earth-everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."

Message: "Have I Got a Plan for You!" -Pastor David Wenker

Prayer and Silent Reflection

*HYMN OF MEDITATION - *MY HOPE IS BUILT ON NOTHING LESS*, BLUE HYMNAL #379

 My hope is built on nothing less Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
 I dare not trust the sweetest frame, But wholly lean on Jesus' name.
 On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;
 All other ground is sinking sand,
 All other ground is sinking sand. 2. When darkness veils His lovely face,
I rest on His unchanging grace;
In every high and stormy gale,
My anchor holds within the veil.
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand,
All other ground is sinking sand.

3. His oath, His covenant, His blood
Support me in the whelming flood;
When all around my soul gives way,
He then is all my hope and stay.
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand,
All other ground is sinking sand.

4. When He shall come with trumpet sound,
O may I then in Him be found,
Dressed in His righteousness alone,
Faultless to stand before the throne,
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand,
All other ground is sinking sand.

GIFTS OF GRATITUDE

With gratitude for all God has given us, let us return our offerings to God.

OFFERTORY -

*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:



Flowers: Sign-up in the Narthex, or online, if you'd like to donate flowers in memory, or in honor, of a loved one. For more information, contact Beverly Mate, 609-847-1530. (\$20/vase).

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost



Hospitality table after the service, outside under the trees! Please join us for light refreshments! There is a sign up sheet in the narthex if you'd like to help one Sunday.

COLD SPRING CHURCH & CEMETARY TOUR DATES FOR 2024 - MEETS AT 10:00 AM IN FRONT OF THE RED BRICK CHURCH, APPROX



60 MINUTES. July - 13 & 27 August - 10 & 24 September - 7, 21 & 28

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Happy Birthday Blessings to: July 2 ~ Chris Rose July 4 ~ America!

Upcoming: July 7 ~ Robert Olivieri July 8 ~ John Stalford

SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS - PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

(If you'd like to add to our prayer list, please complete a green Let's Pray card.)

Pray for: Comfort for the friends & family of **Rev. Douglas Madden** on his passing; Comfort for friends & family of John DiGioia on his passing, he had been living for many years with a Donor heart; The Presbyterian General Assembly; for the pastor of the Cape May Beach Summer Church: Ted and Janice Lewis as Ted's health is failing; **Von George** cancer has spread; comfort for the family and friends of Gene Fanelli on her passing on 6/20; Eileen Stalford in nursing care; Julie Groob, her cancer has spread; Tabernacle **Methodist Church** as they change Pastor's; **Sue's Granddaughter** as she graduates high school and enters the Coast Guard Academy; Bev Mate recovering from knee replacement; Lisa Ryan with family problems.

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

Those undergoing cancer treatment: Keith, Todd, Brian, Gerri Mills, Robin B, Mike, Kim, Steve, Rickey, Lorraine, Candy, Susan Craig, Donna, Liz, Jennifer, Julie, & Lori Shuler.

Address for expressions of Sympathy on the passing of Rev. Douglas Madden:

Mrs Patricia Madden & family 10 Kingston Terrace Milford, De 19963

PASTORAL 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 - John Saalman

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

*SENDING HYMN - HOW FIRM A FOUNDATION BLUE HYMNAL #361

1. How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord, Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word! What more can He say than to you God hath said, To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

2. "Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,
For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
I'll strengthen thee, help thee,
And cause thee to stand,
Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.

3. "When through the deep waters I call thee to go, The rivers of grief shall not thee overflow;For I will be near thee, thy troubles to bless,And sanctify to thee thy deepest distress. 4. "When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie, My grace, all-sufficient, shall be thy supply; The flame shall not hurt thee; I only design Thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.

BENEDICTION - PASTOR DAVID WENKER POSTLUDE - JAYNE MCDONOUGH

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- 1. God Welcomes All: CCLI Song #549555
- 2. Congregation selections:
- 3. Gloria: Public Domain
- 4. My Hope is Built on Nothing Less: Edward Mote, William B. Bradbury; CCLI #25417
- 5. Offertory
- 6. Doxology: CCLI #425557
- 7. How Firm a Foundation; Holland Davis; CCLI #4639565