



Let Us Worship God!

June 9, 2024—10:30 AM
Third Sunday After Pentecost



A Hybrid Worship Experience In-Person and Online

Today's worship team—Music Director: Jayne McDonough; Worship Leader: Robert Stiles;
Message: Pastor David Wenker; Production: Norris Clark



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.

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 Dave Wenker's message is Titled "Run With Horses".

Life is hard. The challenges will test our character and faith almost every day.

The question for today is how we respond when it gets hard. Will we wallow in self-pity, blame others, get angry at everyone, disconnect from life? Or will we grow to meet the challenge? A Guideposts article called 'Miracle' gets to the point. "Do not pray for easy lives; pray to be stronger...Do not pray for tasks equal to your powers; pray for powers equal to your tasks. Then the doing of your work shall be no miracle, but you shall be a miracle. Every day you shall wonder at yourself, at the richness of life which has come to you by the grace of God." Phillips Brooks

MUSIC PREVIEW

The gathering hymn is "I Sing the Mighty Power of God", written by Isaac Watts (1674-1748), an English Congregational minister, theologian, logician, and prolific hymn writer. The hymn was originally published as "Praise for Creation and Providence" and was intended to be sung by children. Watts believed that children would understand God's creation, providence, and love by singing the words repeatedly.

The hymn of meditation is "Today We All Are Called To Be Disciples".

This text placing stewardship in the context of faithful witness was written by a retired Presbyterian minister to be part of the 1986 stewardship campaign titled "Called to Be Disciples." The tune name recalls the Sussex village where the arranger first heard the melody.

The closing hymn is "God of Grace and God of Glory". Harry Emerson Fosdick, a prominent liberal preacher and Baptist minister, wrote "God of Grace and God of Glory" in 1930 for the dedication of Riverside Church in New York City. The hymn was first performed at the opening service on October 5, 1930 and again at the dedication on February 8, 1931. Fosdick wrote the hymn during the Great Depression, and it is a call to conscience that condemns social sins like war and greed.

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.**

(10:30)

CALL TO WORSHIP - RESPONSIVE- (PSALM 42)

One: As the deer pants for streams of water,

Many: so my soul pants for you, O God.

One: My soul thirsts for God, for the living God.

Many: When can I go and meet with God?

One: My tears have been my food day and night, while men say to me all day long, "Where is your God?"

Many: These things I remember as I pour out my soul; how I used to go with the multitude, leading the procession to the house of God

One: Why are you downcast, O my soul? Why so disturbed within me?

Many: Put your hope in God, for I will yet praise him, my Savior and my God.

OPENING HYMN: BLUE HYMNAL #288, "I SING THE MIGHTY POWER OF GOD"

**1. I sing the mighty power of God
That made the mountains rise;
That spread the flowin' seas abroad
And build the lofty skies.
I sing the wisdom that ordained
The sun to rule the day;
The moon shines full at God's command,
And all the stars obey.**

**2. I sing the goodness of the Lord
That filled the earth with food;
God formed the creatures with His word
And then pronounced them good.
Lord, how Thy wonders are displayed,
Where'er I turn my eyes;
If I survey the ground I tread,
Or gaze upon the skies!**

**3. There's not a plant or flow'r below
But makes Thy glories known;
And clouds arise, and tempests blow,
By order from Thy throne;
While all that borrows life from Thee
Is ever in Thy care,
And everywhere that man can be,**

Thou, God, art present there.

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

Jesus calls us to enter the joy of discipleship, the joy of following in his way. But sin clings closely, and we struggle to respond fully to Christ's invitation. Let us seek God's forgiveness so that we may know more deeply the joy God intends.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)

Forgive us when we fall into self-pity thinking we are the only ones who experience difficulties. Forgive us when we judge the difficulties of others as though they are to blame for them. Give us the grace to have compassion on ourselves and on others, that we might be instruments of your peace. We pray in Jesus name, AMEN.

SILENT REFLECTION

HEAR THE WORDS OF ASSURANCE

One: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel
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

Gracious God, illumine these words by your Spirit that we might hear what you would have us hear and be who you would have us be, for the sake of Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. Amen.

FIRST READING: JEREMIAH 12: 1-7

Jeremiah's Complaint

You are always righteous, Lord, when I bring a case before you. Yet I would speak with you about your justice: Why does the way of the wicked prosper? Why do all the faithless live at ease? You have planted them, and they have taken root; they grow and bear fruit. You are always on their lips but far from their hearts. Yet you know me, Lord; you see me and test my thoughts about you. Drag them off like sheep to be butchered! Set them apart for the day of slaughter! How long will the land lie parched and the grass in every field be withered? Because those who live in it are wicked,

the animals and birds have perished. Moreover, the people are saying, “He will not see what happens to us.”

God’s Answer

“If you have raced with men on foot and they have worn you out, how can you compete with horses? If you stumble in safe country, how will you manage in the thickets by the Jordan? Your relatives, members of your own family— even they have betrayed you; they have raised a loud cry against you. Do not trust them, though they speak well of you. “I will forsake my house, abandon my inheritance; I will give the one I love into the hands of her enemies.

GOSPEL READING: EPHESIANS 4: 1-7

Unity and Maturity in the Body of Christ

As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all. But to each

one of us grace has been given as Christ apportioned it.

Message: “Run with Horses” - Pastor David Wenker

PRAYER AND SILENT REFLECTION

HYMN OF MEDITATION - BLUE HYMNAL #434, TODAY WE ALL ARE CALLED TO BE DISCIPLES”

**1. Today we are all called to be
Disciples of the Lord,
To help to set the captives free,
Make plow-share out of sword,
To feed the hungry, quench their thirst,
Make love and peace our fast,
To serve the poor and homeless first,
Our ease and comfort last.**

**2. God made the world and at its birth
Ordained our human race
To live as stewards of the earth,
Responding to God’s grace.
But we are vain and sadly proud,
We sow not peace but strife,
our discord spreads a deadly cloud
That threatens all of life.**

**3. Pray justice may come rolling down
As in a mighty stream,
With righteousness in field and town
To cleanse us and redeem.
For God is longing to restore
An earth where conflicts cease,
A world that was created for
A Harmony of peace.**

**4. May we in service to our God
Act out the living word,
And walk the road the saints have trod
Till all have seen and heard.
As stewards of the earth may we
Give thanks in one accord
To God who calls us all to be
Disciples of the Lord.**

GIFTS OF GRATITUDE

With gratitude for God's faithfulness and with thanksgiving for all that we have received, let us bring our gifts to God.

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:

The Flowers that beautify our worship space today are given by Elmer and Barbara Cain in celebration of their 70th Wedding Anniversary, June 5.

Hospitality table after the service, begins today!
Sign up to assist with refreshments on the list in the narthex.

**Happy birthday Blessings to: Robin Stiles (6/10),
James Dodd, Jr (6/11)**

**Angelus Community Singers (Angelus Chorus)
Spring Concert Fundraiser Today!**

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 from choir members or at the door. All tickets are general admission.

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: Harley Shuler with Alzheimer's; Lori Shuler, her lymphoma has come out of remission and she's facing treatments again; Linda Kaempf awaiting diagnosis; Kathy diagnosed with dementia at 68 yrs old & her husband Bob; Mary Angelita's, knee surgery; Kim Boylan with facial pain disease; Julie Groob cancer surgery June 11; Ted Lewis, health is failing; Don's Dad, age 94 needs healing and salvation; Ruth Traber for wound healing; Eileen Stalford, confined to a nursing home.

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, Candy, Susan Craig, Donna, Liz, Jennifer & Julie.

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- Robert Stiles

Once we were strangers,

Now we are neighbors.

Once we were strangers,

Now we are friends.

SENDING HYMN - BLUE HYMNAL #420

1. God of grace and God of glory,
On Thy people pour Thy power;
Crown Thine ancient church's story;
Bring its bud to glorious flower.

Chorus

Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
For the facing of this hour,
For the facing of this hour.

2. Lo! the hosts of evil 'round us
Scorn Thy Christ, assail Thy ways!
From the fears that long have bound us
Free our hearts to faith and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
For the living of these days,
For the living of these days.

3. Cure Thy children's warring madness,
Bend our pride to Thy control;
Shame our wanton, selfish gladness,
Rich in things and poor in soul.

Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
Lest we miss Thy kingdom's goal,
Lest we miss Thy kingdom's goal,

4. Set our feet on lofty places;
Gird our lives that they may be
Armored with all Christ-like graces,
Pledged to set all captives free.
Grant us wisdom grant us courage
That we fail not them nor Thee!
That we fail not man nor Thee!

BENEDICTION - PASTOR DAVID WENKER

POSTLUDE - JAYNE McDONOUGH

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