

Let Us Worship God!

July 7, 2024–10:30 AM Seventh 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 Be involved in doing good, for at the proper

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 MESSAGE TITLE: A NEW PROMISE: GRACE

As human beings we long for love and acceptance. But we are caught in a culture of prove yourself worthy. Jesus offers acceptance love and grace. Jesus is the only way out of the insecurity of feeling we must prove ourselves to everybody and to God.

MUSIC PREVIEW:

The Gathering hymn is "Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above". In 1675 Schütz wrote this hymn because of the revival in the churches. His desire was to have the song proclaim the greatness of the Lord while emphasizing the nearness of a personal God.

The hymn of Meditation is "Beneath the Cross of Jesus", A beloved hymn which reminds us of the death that Christ died on the cross for us. The text was written by a Scottish orphan girl, Elizabeth Cecelia Douglas Clephane (1830-1869). It was written in 1868-69 but not published three years after her death, anonymously in *The Family Treasury*, a Scottish Presbyterian magazine, The lovely tune (St. Christopher) was composed for this text by the English Seventh Sunday after Pentecost Page 1 of 15 musician, Frederick Charles Maker. who was born in 1844 at Bristol in Gloucestershire, England.

The Sending hymn, "Grace Greater Than Our Sin". The hymn is dated to 1910. The lyrics express the unending grace of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. The lyrics express the dark, despairing world we live in until we accept the grace "where the blood of the Lamb was spilt." The hymn was written by Julia Harriette Johnston. She wrote over 500 hymns, including *Trust in Jesus, Praise the Redeemer* and *What Would Jesus Have You Do?*. She worked with various composers over the years to set music to her poems. *Grace Greater Than Our Sins* is her best known hymn.

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 121)

One: I lift up my eyes to the hills – Where does my help come from?

Many: My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth.

OPENING PRAYER (UNISON)

We are glad to be here today. In your presence is the love and peace our hearts long for. We are grateful for the sweet fellowship and love of this congregation. We open our hearts today with anticipation to receive the gifts you have planned for us in this time of worship. We pray in Jesus name, AMEN

*GATHERING HYMN: "SING PRAISE TO GOD, WHO REIGNS ABOVE", BLUE HYMNAL #483

 Sing praise to God, who reigns above, The God of all creation, The God of power, the God of love, The God of our salvation;
 With healing balm my soul is filled, And every faithless murmur stilled: To God all praise and glory!

What God's almighty power hath made, God's gracious mercy keepeth; By morning glow Or evening shade God's watchful eye ne'er sleepeth: Within the kingdom of God's might. Lo all is just and all is right: To God all praise and glory! 3. The Lord is never far away,
But through all grief distressing,
An ever-present help and stay,
Our peace, and joy, and blessing;
As with a mother's tender hand,
God gently leads his own his chosen band:
To God all praise and glory!

4. Thus all my gladsome way along,
I sing aloud Thy praises
That all may hear the grateful song
My voice unwearied raises.
Be joyful in the Lord, my heart,
Both soul and body bear your part:
To God all praise and glory!

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

When we gather to worship God, we must first be honest with ourselves. We are not who God has called us to be as a people. We have not cared for others in every instance. We have made many mistakes. Let us unburden ourselves and confess our sins, knowing that God awaits to forgive and renew.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)

We admit it is hard for us to confess to you honestly. Each time we do we feel the sweet freedom of releasing guilt and shame. Yet we still resist. Forgive our reluctance to dig deep and bring to you honestly the places we are holding onto shame and guilt. Forgive us when we hold onto resentment rather than forgive others. Help us today find the peace of forgiveness. AMEN

SILENT REFLECTION

HEAR THE WORDS OF ASSURANCE - (RESPONSIVE)

One: Friends hear the good news of the gospel. The grace of God overflows for us through Christ Jesus who came into the world to save sinners.

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

Loving God, open our hearts and minds to what you would say to us this day. Speak Lord, for your people are listening. **Amen**.

FIRST READING: JEREMIAH 31: 27-34

"The days are coming," declares the Lord, "when I will plant the kingdoms of Israel and Judah with the offspring of people and of animals. Just as I watched over them to uproot and tear down, and to overthrow, destroy and bring disaster, so I will watch over them to build and to plant," declares the Lord. "In those days people will no longer say, 'The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge.' Instead, everyone will die for their own sin; whoever eats sour grapes—their own teeth will be set on edge.

"The days are coming," declares the Lord, "when I will make a new covenant with the people of Israel and with the people of Judah. It will not be like the covenant I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to lead them out of Egypt, because they broke my covenant, though I was a husband to them," declares the Lord. "This is the covenant I will make with the people of Israel after that time," declares the Lord. "I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people. No longer will they teach their neighbor, or say to one another, 'Know the Lord,' because they will all know me, from the least of them to the greatest," declares the Lord. "For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more."

This is the Word of the Lord, thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: EPHESIANS 2: 1-10

Made Alive in Christ

As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient. All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our flesh and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature deserving of wrath. But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved. And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, in order that in the coming ages he might show the

incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God not by works, so that no one can boast. For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

Message: "A New Promise: Grace" Pastor David Wenker

Prayer and Silent Reflection

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - APOSTLES' CREED (UNISON)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

GIFTS OF GRATITUDE

All that we have and all that we are is a gift from God. Let us then give back a portion of that goodness to God's work in the world.

OFFERTORY -

*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

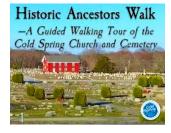
COMMUNITY NEWS:



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).



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.



Birthdays

& Anniversaries

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

The approximately 60-minute tour starts in front of the Red Brick Church at 10:00 AM with the cemetery walk. The tour concludes in the air-conditioned church building. There is no fee for the tour. For those who wish to support the community mission of Cold Spring Presbyterian Church, a basket is located in the church Narthex. Step into history with us. You'll be amazed!

Happy Birthday Blessings to:

July 7 ~ Robert Olivieri July 8 ~ John Stalford July 11 ~ Renie Greer July 12 ~ Beverly Greger

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: **Ruth Traber,** in the hospital, seriously ill; Pastor Dave & Janet's **Grandson, Joshua**,on a mission trip to Lima, Peru & Amazon jungle; comfort for **Saalman & Ferry families** on the passing of Joyce Ferry; **Pastor Sheivly & his wife, Anna** as they cope with multiple maladies of aging; Comfort for **Pat Harris & family** on the passing of her 19 1/2 yr old dog; praise & Joy for **Dr**

Regina receiving her 2nd confirmation diagnosis of cancer free!; **Jayne** for surgery 7/11; 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**; 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**, back in hospital with post-surgical infection.

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

*HYMN OF PREPARATION - "BENEATH THE CROSS OF JESUS" RED HYMNAL # 154

Beneath the cross of Jesus
 I fain would take my stand —
 The shadow of a mighty rock
 Within a weary land;
 A home within the wilderness,
 A rest upon the way,
 From the burning of the noontide heat,
 And the burden of the day.

2. Upon the cross of Jesus Mine eyes at times can see The very dying form of One Who suffered there for me; And from my smitten heart with tears Two wonders I confess — The wonder of redeeming love And my unworthiness.

3. I take, O cross, thy shadow
For my abiding place;
I ask no other sunshine than
The sunshine of His face;
Content to let the world go by,
To know no gain nor loss,
My sinful self my only shame,
My glory all the cross.

Invitation To ALL: COME To THE LORD'S TABLE! THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (RESPONSIVE) The Lord be with you. And also with you. Lift up your hearts. We lift them up to the Lord Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise. Blessed are you.....

.....as Jesus taught us to pray, saying, 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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION - REV. WENKER PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Fresh Expression of Community - John Saalman Once we were strangers,

Now we are neighbors. Once we were strangers,

Now we are friends.

*SENDING HYMN - "GRACE GREATER THAN OUR SIN", RED HYMNAL #38

Marvelous grace of our loving Lord
 Grace that exceeds our sin and our guilt
 Yonder on Calvary's mount outpoured
 There where the blood of the Lamb was spilt

Grace, grace, God's grace, Grace that will pardon and cleanse within; Grace, grace, God's grace, Grace that is greater than all our sin.

2. Sin and despair like the sea waves cold, Threaten the soul with infinite loss; Grace that is greater, yes, grace untold, Points to the refuge, the mighty Cross. Grace, grace, God's grace, Grace that will pardon and cleanse within; Grace, grace, God's grace, Grace that is greater than all our sin

3. Dark is the stain that we cannot hide, What can avail to wash it away? Look! there is flowing a crimson tide; Whiter than snow you may be today, Marvelous grace, infinite grace, Grace that will pardon and cleanse within; Marvelous grace, infinite grace, Grace that is greater than all our sin.

4. Marvelous, infinite, matchless grace,
Freely bestowed on all who believe;
All who are longing to see His face,
Will you this moment His grace receive?
Marvelous grace, infinite grace,

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BENEDICTION - PASTOR DAVID WENKER

POSTLUDE - JAYNE MCDONOUGH

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- 1. God Welcomes All: CCLI Song #549555
- Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above; Frances Elizabeth Cox/Johann J. Schultz; CCLI Song #7061649
- 3. Gloria: Public Domain
- 4. Beneath the Cross of Jesus: Elizabeth C. Clephane/Frederick C. Maker; CCLI Song #27927
- 5. Offertory
- 6. Doxology: CCLI Song #425557
- 7. Grace Greater Than Our Sun; Daniel Brink TownerJulia Harriette Johnston; CCLI Song #31690