



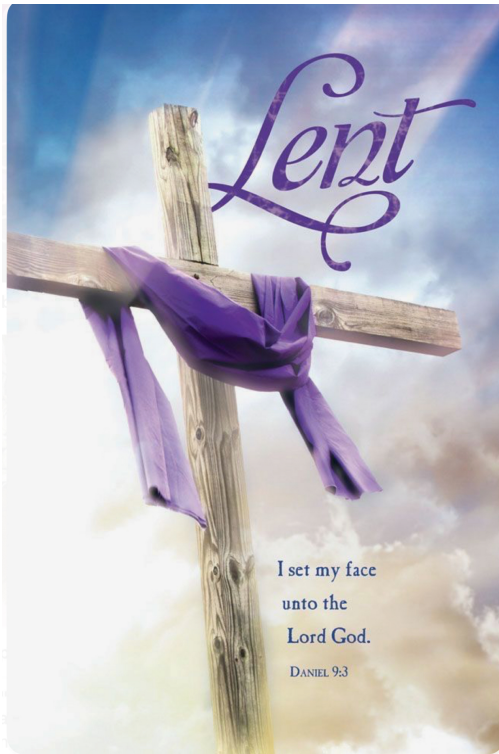
# LET US WORSHIP GOD!

March 23, 2025 – 10:30 AM

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

A HYBRID WORSHIP EXPERIENCE IN-PERSON AND ONLINE

Today’s worship team— Music Director: Jayne McDonough; Worship Leader: John Saalman; Message: Pastor, Rev. David Wenker; Worship 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](http://www.coldspringworship.com)

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## MESSAGE PREVIEW

Pastor David Wenker’s message is “Where Does Humility Arise in our Hearts?”

## MUSIC PREVIEW

We are grateful to have the Cold Spring Community Handbell Choir providing beautiful ringing music during the service today.

**Under the direction of Carolyn Meldrum -**

**Ringers : Jo Armstrong**

**Linda Hadrava**

**Linda Linhares.**

**Janet Wenker**

**Connie Blocher**

**Paula James**

**Beverly Mate**

**Marjorie Wetherill**

**Ann Fulginiti**

**Barb Kraemer**

**Ruth Rich**

**The prelude on Bells is “Morning Song of Praise” based on two hymn tunes, NICAEA and Laudes Domino.**

**The bell Offertory selection, Sunday School Ring-a-Long will have you humming along to well known tunes, ‘the B-I-B-L-E ‘ , ‘Down in My Heart’ & ‘Hallelu, Hallelujah!’.**

This hymn was originally titled “Come, Children, Join to Sing” and was published in 1843 by its author Christian H. Batemen in “Sacred Melodies for

Sabbath School and Families.” This collection of about 25 hymns was Scotland’s standard Sunday school songbook, with more than six million copies published by 1881. Adults also enjoyed singing it so much that the title was eventually changed to “Come, Christians, Join to Sing.”

The hymn "O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go" was penned by George Matheson, a Scottish minister who was becoming blind, on the evening before his sister's wedding in 1882, after a period of intense mental suffering. He later remarked that the hymn was completed in five minutes and required no editing. The hymn explores themes of God's love, light, joy, and the cross, offering solace and hope in times of difficulty.

"I don't remember writing the lyrics to that song." Those were the startling words of Ira B. Wilson to his friends. He held that position until his death, yet his song, "Make Me a Blessing," lives on in the hearts of millions of Christians in many lands. In 1924 George Shuler and Ira Wilson were roommates at Moody Bible Institute in Chicago, Illinois. They combined their efforts in giving to the world the wonderful Christian song, "Make Me a Blessing." Wilson wrote the lyrics and Shuler the musical setting. At first, the song was rejected by musical publishers. Not to be stopped, Shuler had 1,000 copies printed to distribute on his own. One copy fell into the hands of George Dibble, an outstanding singer who was the music director for the International Sunday School Convention in Cleveland, Ohio. Dibble asked permission to use the song, and it was granted. Soon people everywhere were singing it and publishers were wanting to distribute copies.

## **PRELUDE - “MORNING SONG OF PRAISE”**

**COLD SPRING COMMUNITY HANDBELL CHOIR,**

**DIRECTOR - CAROLYN MELDRUM**

**WELCOME:**

**REV. DAVID WENKER**

## **GOD WELCOMES ALL (UNISON)**

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

## THE CALL TO WORSHIP (RESPONSIVE)

One: Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.  
Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.

**Many: Know that the Lord is God. It is he who made us, and we are his, we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.**

One: Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise: give thanks to him and praise his name.

**Many: For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.**

## OPENING PRAYER PSALM 63: 1-8 (RESPONSIVE)

One: You, God, are my God, earnestly I seek you; I thirst for you, my whole being longs for you, in a dry and parched land where there is no water.

**Many: I have seen you in the sanctuary and beheld your power and your glory.**

One: Because your love is better than life, my lips will glorify you.

**Many: I will praise you as long as I live, and in your name I will lift up my hands.**

One: I will be fully satisfied as with the richest of foods; with singing lips my mouth will praise you.

**Many: On my bed I remember you; I think of you through the watches of the night. Because you are my help, I sing in the shadow of your wings. I cling to you; your right hand upholds me.**

**GATHERING HYMN "COME CHRISTIANS, JOIN TO SING" RED HYMNAL #23**

**1. Come Christians, join to sing  
Alleluia! Amen!**

**Loud praise to Christ our King;  
Alleluia! Amen!**

**Let all with heart and voice  
Before His throne rejoice  
Praise is His gracious choice  
Alleluia! Amen!**

**2. Come, lift your hearts on high,  
Alleluia! Amen!**

**Let praises fill the sky;  
Alleluia! Amen!**

**He is our Guide and Friend;  
To us He'll condescend;  
His love shall never end:  
Alleluia! Amen!**

**3. Praise yet our Christ again,**

**Alleluia! Amen!**  
**Life shall not end the strain;**  
**Alleluia! Amen!**  
**On heaven's blissful shore**  
**His goodness we'll adore,**  
**Singing forevermore,**  
**Alleluia! Amen!**

### **CALL TO CONFESSION (ISAIAH 55:6-7)**

The prophet Isaiah instructs us to seek and to call upon the Lord. The prophet pleads with the wicked to forsake their way, with the unrighteous to forsake their thoughts. The prophet invites them to return to the Lord that he may have mercy on them and assures them that our God will abundantly pardon. Let us seek God, let us call upon the Lord, knowing that we will be received with mercy and abundant forgiveness.

### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)**

**Every day you pour out your blessing upon our lives. Yet we cling to our stuff as if you will never bless us again, rather than being generous. Forgive us when we think we are owners of anything. We have only what you have given to us. Help us bless others with gifts of words, gifts of kindness and gifts of**

**generosity, because we are confident we are already blessed. We pray in Jesus name, AMEN.**

### **SILENT REFLECTION**

### **HEAR THE WORDS OF ASSURANCE (RESPONSIVE)**

One: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel

**Many: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

### **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

God of all times and places, be with us here and now. As we read from and reflect on Scripture, may your Holy Spirit move among us that we might hear your Word. In Jesus' name, **Amen.**

### **FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: PSALM 42: 1-8**

As the deer pants for streams of water,  
so my soul pants for you, my God.  
My soul thirsts for God, for the living God.  
When can I go and meet with God?  
My tears have been my food day and night,  
while people say to me all day long, "Where is your God?"  
These things I remember  
as I pour out my soul: how I used to go to the  
house of God under the protection of the  
Mighty One with shouts of joy and praise

among the festive throng. Why, my soul, are you downcast? Why so disturbed within me? Put your hope in God, for I will yet praise him, my Savior and my God.

## **SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: PHILIPPIANS 2: 5-11**

In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature[b] of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross! Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

**MESSAGE: "WHERE DOES HUMILITY ARISE IN OUR HEARTS".**                      **REV. DAVID WENKER**  
**PRAYER AND SILENT REFLECTION**

**HYMN OF MEDITATION -"O LOVE THAT WILT NOT  
LET ME GO" RED HYMNAL #26**

**1. O Love that wilt not let me go,  
I rest my weary soul in Thee;  
I give Thee back the life I owe,  
That in Thine ocean depths its flow  
May richer, fuller be.**

**2. O Light that followest all my way,  
I yield my flickering torch to Thee;  
My heart restores its borrowed ray,  
That in Thy sunshine's blaze its day  
May brighter, fairer be.**

**3. O Joy that seekest me through pain,  
I cannot close my heart to Thee;  
I trace the rainbow through the rain,  
And feel the promise is not vain  
That morn shall tearless be.**

**4. O Cross that liftest up my head,  
I dare not ask to fly from Thee;  
I lay in dust life's glory dead,  
And from the ground there blossoms red  
Life that shall endless be.**



## OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

The Confession of 1967 reminds us that “Life is a gift to be received with gratitude and a task to be pursued with courage.” God has given each of us and all of us a variety of gifts and we are grateful. As an act of worship, let us commit to returning those gifts to God and God’s service.

## OFFERTORY - “SUNDAY SCHOOL RING-ALONG”

**Cold Spring Community Handbell Choir**  
**Director - Carolyn Meldrum**

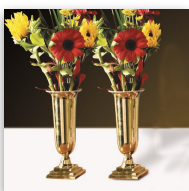
## THE DOXOLOGY

**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 DEDICATION

### COMMUNITY NEWS

**BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES: HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:  
REV. DAVID WENKER - MARCH 28**



***Flowers: Order Easter Flowers for dedications, Easter Lilly is \$18.00 each and Hyacinth at \$13.00 each. Order slips are on the table in the narthex, please complete***

*the form and attach your payment. Return in the offering plate, give to Beverly Mate or the Church office.*

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



Lenten Challenge! Donate 40 Things in 40 Days. See the information card in the Narthex.



Pick up the Lenten daily Bible readings schedule, from the Presbyterian Church USA, on the table in the narthex, for daily Lenten devotions and readings.

## RECEIVING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

Pray for: **Max Moran** and Family on the passing of his **Mother in law**; **Charlie Keister** is now recuperating at home with Barbara, **Barbara** cut her leg and has a sore leg; **James Palmisano**, Dee Sloan's Brother, is now in hospice care; The McCaughey Family, on the passing of Jim's Brother, **Ed McCaughey**, who has been on our hospice care list; **Kiley Fulford**, 17 yrs old recently diagnosed with MS, Chuck & Barbara McPherson's Niece; **Kevin**, John Saalman's son in law, with severe depression is doing better; **Jean Gaskill**, Rev. Bill Gaskill's wife, healing from brain surgery; **Deanna Taylor**, receiving

treatment for cancer; **Bob** post knee surgery pain and discomfort; **Carol Davis** with severe case of shingles; **Norma Sasso** in Cape Coral, Fla., undergoing radiation therapy after breast surgery.

**Continual prayer requested for:** **Eileen Stalford** in nursing care; **Pastor Bob & Anna Sheidly** friends of Bob Heinly, as they battle multiple maladies of aging; **Bob Sheidly** is improving and grateful for our prayers.

**Those on hospice care:** **Marty, John Stalford, Gertrude Hess, Ted Lewis, James Palmisano.**

**Those undergoing cancer treatment:** **Katrina Gonzalez, Bob Maher, Karen R., Keith, Todd, Brian, Gerri Mills, Robin B, Mike, Kim, Steve, Rickey, Lorraine, Candy, Donna, Liz, Jennifer, Lori, Ruth, Debbie, Mike Grecco Norma.**

### **PASTORAL PRAYER**

#### **The Lord's Prayer (unison)**

**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

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

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

## SENDING HYMN - "MAKE ME A BLESSING" *RED* HYMNAL #477

**1. Out in the highways and byways of life,  
Many are weary and sad;  
Carry the sunshine where darkness is rife,  
Making the sorrowing glad.  
Make me a blessing, make me a blessing,  
Out of my life may Jesus shine;  
Make me a blessing, O Savior I pray,  
Make me a blessing to someone today.**

**2. Tell the sweet story of Christ and His love,  
Tell of His pow'r to forgive;  
Others will trust Him if only you prove  
True, every moment you live.  
Make me a blessing, make me a blessing,  
Out of my life may Jesus shine;  
Make me a blessing, O Savior I pray,  
Make me a blessing to someone today.**

**3. Give as 'twas given to you in your need,  
Love as the Master loved you;  
Be to the helpless a helper indeed,  
Unto your mission be true.  
Make me a blessing, make me a blessing,  
Out of my life may Jesus shine;  
Make me a blessing, O Savior I pray,  
Make me a blessing to someone today.**

**BENEDICTION:** REV. DAVID WENKER

**POSTLUDE:** JAYNE McDONOUGH

Go in peace. See you next week!

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2. *God Welcomes All - CCLI Song #5495557*
3. *Come Christians Join to Sing: Christian Henry Bateman; CCLI #83253*
4. *Gloria Public Domaine*
5. *O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go: George Matheson/Albert L. Peace; CCLI Song #7116342*
6. *Sunday School Ring-A-Long; Sunday School Favorites Arr. By Bill Ingram; CCLI Song #*
7. *Doxology - CCLI Song #425557*
8. *Make Me a Blessing ; Ira B. Wilson/George S. Schuler ; CCLI Song #11603*