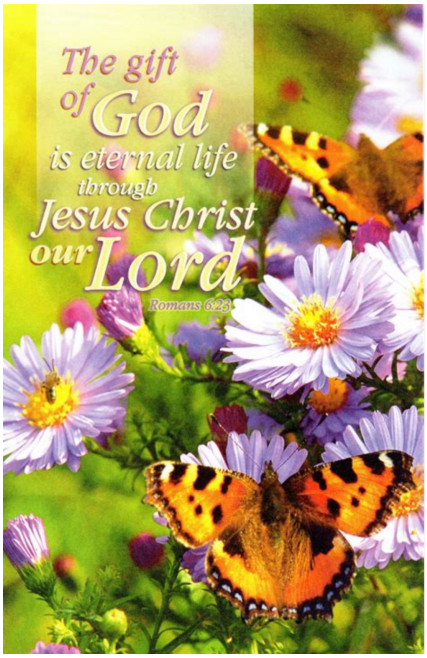
Let Us Worship God!

June 22, 2025—10:30 AM

Second Sunday of Pentecost

A Hybrid Worship Experience In-Person and Online

Today's worship team—Musicians: Cheryl & Jim Kay;
Worship Leader: Marjorie Wetherill; Message: Rev. William Gaskill;
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

Message Preview

Please welcome **Rev. William Gaskill** to our pulpit today!

Rev. William Gaskill has been an active Presbyterian Pastor for over 41 years in two church's, in Avondale, Pa for 16 yrs and Merchantville, NJ for 25 years. He retired in the Fall of 2019 and says he is "now a circuit riding preacher!" He and his wife Jean live in Cherry Hill where they enjoy their two surviving children (having lost their youngest son), and 7 grandchildren. He has also written several books.

Rev. William Gaskill's message today is titled "The Wild Man in the Graveyard"

Music Preview

We are so grateful to have Cheryl and Jim Kay playing and singing with us this morning! They will have a solo during the Offertory and will lead our hymns today! Thank you, Cheryl and Jim!

“How Great Thou Art" originated from a Swedish poem written by Carl Boberg in 1885 after experiencing a powerful thunderstorm. He was inspired by the beauty and awe of nature after the storm passed, and initially wrote it as a nine-verse poem. The poem was later matched with a Swedish folk melody and translated into German and Russian. English missionary Stuart K. Hine translated it into English and added a fourth verse, and the hymn gained widespread popularity through Billy Graham's crusades.

“Be Thou My Vision" is a beloved Christian hymn with roots in an ancient Irish poem. The poem, "Rop tú mo Baile," is traditionally attributed to St. Dallán Forgaill (6th century), though its exact origin is debated by scholars. The poem, which speaks of God as a guiding light and wisdom, was later translated into English in the early 20th century by Mary Byrne and adapted into hymn form by Eleanor Hull. The melody traditionally paired with the hymn is called "Slane," said to be named after the hill where St. Patrick defied a pagan king by lighting a fire.

“My Hiding Place" by Steven Curtis Chapman is a song that reflects his personal experience of finding refuge and strength in God during times of deep grief and loss. The song was written after the tragic accidental death of his adopted daughter, Maria Sue. It expresses the idea that even in the darkest moments, God is a source of comfort and hope, a place where one can find solace and protection.

“How Firm a Foundation" is a well-known Christian hymn, first published in 1787 in John Rippon's hymn collection "A Selection of Hymns from the Best Authors". The hymn's author is unknown, but it is attributed to "K" in the original publication. The hymn is based on biblical passages, particularly Isaiah 41:10, Isaiah 43:2,2 Corinthians 12:9, and Hebrews 13:5. It has been a popular hymn throughout American history, sung at significant events and by soldiers in wartime.

Prelude — Cheryl Kay, Pianist

Welcome: — Liturgist: Marjorie Wetherill

God Welcomes All (unison)

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

THE CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 150 (Unison)

Praise the Lord.
Praise God in his sanctuary;
praise him in his mighty heavens.
Praise him for his acts of power;
praise him for his surpassing greatness.
Praise him with the sounding of the trumpet,
praise him with the harp and lyre,
praise him with timbrel and dancing,
praise him with the strings and pipe,
praise him with the clash of cymbals,
praise him with resounding cymbals.
Let everything that has breath praise the Lord. Praise the Lord.

Gathering Hymn - #467 (Blue Hymnal)

"How Great Thou Art"

1. O Lord my God!
When I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds
Thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy pow'r thru'out The universe displayed;
Then sings my soul, My Savior God, to Thee,
How great Thou art, How great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, My Savior God, to Thee,
How great Thou art, How great Thou art!

2. When through the woods
And forest glades I wander
And hear the birds Sing sweetly in the trees;
When I look down
From lofty mountain grandeur
And hear the brook
And feel the gentle breeze;
Then sings my soul, My Savior God, to Thee,
How great Thou art, How great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, My Savior God, to Thee,
How great Thou art, How great Thou art!

3. And when I think
That God, His Son not sparing,
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in;
That on the cross, My burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died To take away my sin;

Then sings my soul, My Savior God, to Thee,
How great Thou art, How great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, My Savior God, to Thee,
How great Thou art, How great Thou art!

4. When Christ shall come
With shout of acclamation
And take me home,
What joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow In humble adoration,
And there proclaim,
My God, how great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, My Savior God, to Thee,
How great Thou art, How great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, My Savior God, to Thee,
How great Thou art, How great Thou art!

Call to Confession:

In the prophet Isaiah, God declares a readiness to be sought out, even by those who did not ask, and a willingness to be found, even by those who do not seek. With confidence in God's readiness to receive us however we are, let us boldly pray this prayer of confession.

Prayer of Confession: Isaiah 65: 1-3 (Unison)

"I revealed myself to those who did not ask for me; I was found by those who did not

seek me. To a nation that did not call on my name, I said, 'Here am I, here am I.' All day long I have held out my hands to an obstinate people, who walk in ways not good, pursuing their own imaginations— a people who continually provoke me to my very face, offering sacrifices in gardens and burning incense on altars of brick.

Silent Reflection

Hear the Words of Assurance: Isaiah 65: 16

Whoever invokes a blessing in the land will do so by the one true God; whoever takes an oath in the land will swear by the one true God. For the past troubles will be forgotten and hidden from my eyes.

* 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

God revealed in fire, earthquake, and silence, reveal yourself to us now in the reading of your holy Word. **Amen**.

Old Testament Reading: Psalm 22: 19-28 (Responsive)

One: But you, Lord, do not be far from me.
You are my strength; come quickly to help me.

Many: Deliver me from the sword, my precious life from the power of the dogs.

One: Rescue me from the mouth of the lions; save me from the horns of the wild oxen.

Many: I will declare your name to my people; in the assembly I will praise you.

One: You who fear the Lord, praise him! All you descendants of Jacob, honor him! Revere him, all you descendants of Israel!

Many: For he has not despised or scorned the suffering of the afflicted one; he has not hidden his face from him but has listened to his cry for help.

One: From you comes the theme of my praise in the great assembly; before those who fear you I will fulfill my vows.

Many: The poor will eat and be satisfied; those who seek the Lord will praise him- may your hearts live forever!

One: All the ends of the earth will remember and turn to the Lord, and all the families of the nations will bow down before him,

Many: for dominion belongs to the Lord and he rules over the nations.

New Testament Reading: Luke 8: 26-39

They sailed to the region of the Gerasenes, which is across the lake from Galilee. When Jesus stepped ashore, he was met by a demon-possessed man from the town. For a long time this man had not worn clothes or lived in a house, but had lived in the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell at his feet, shouting at the top of his voice, “What do you want with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, don’t torture me!” For Jesus had commanded the impure spirit to come out of the man. Many times it had seized him, and though he was chained hand and foot and kept under guard, he had broken his chains and had been driven by the demon into solitary places. Jesus asked him, “What is your name?”

“Legion,” he replied, because many demons had gone into him. And they begged Jesus repeatedly not to order them to go into the Abyss. A large herd of pigs was feeding there on the hillside. The demons begged Jesus to let them go into the pigs, and he gave them permission. When the demons came out of the man, they went into the pigs, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned. When those tending the pigs saw what had happened, they ran off and reported this in the town and countryside, and the people went out to see what had happened. When they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone out, sitting at Jesus’ feet, dressed and in his right mind; and they were afraid. Those who had seen it told the people how the demon-possessed man had been cured. Then all the people of the region of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them, because they were overcome with fear. So he got into the boat and left. The man from whom the demons had gone out begged to go with him, but Jesus sent him away, saying, “Return home and tell how much God has done for you.” So the man went away and told all over town how much Jesus had done for him.

Message: "The Wild Man in the Graveyard"

Rev. William Gaskill

Prayer and Silent Reflection

Hymn Of Meditation - #339 Hymnal

"Be Thou My Vision"

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

Offering of Our Gifts - (Ushers come forward)

After being healed of his affliction, Jesus told the man possessed by demons to return home and declare how much God has done for him. As a grateful testimony of what God has done for us, let us return a portion of our treasures.

Offertory - "*My Hiding Place*"

Jim & Cheryl Kay

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:

birthday Blessings to: Fred Ferrari ~ June 24

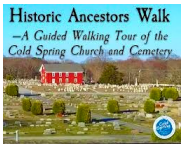
Janice Lewis ~ June 25

Happy Anniversary to Beverly & Kevin Mate~ June 28

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 volunteer to bring something for all to enjoy on any Sunday throughout the Summer. If you have any questions, please see Elaine Jordan.

Cold Spring Suppers - **Tuesday, June 24, at 6:30 pm.** ***for free pizza, salad and drink, a short presentation and thoughtful discussion on spirituality from a Christian perspective. June discussion topic: "Christian Communication"***
Please RSVP at: ColdSpringSuppers.com



Cold Spring Church & Cemetary tour dates for 2025 - Meets at ***10:00 AM*** in front of the Red Brick Church, approx 60 minutes.

Saturday's - June - 28th July - 12 & 26th
August - 9 & 23rd. September - 6 & 20th

Receiving of Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People:

(ask congregation, for joys and prayer concerns)

Pray for: **Glen Kaempf** with blood clots in lungs and heart Issues; **April Wilburn** with medical issues; **Linda Hall** admitted to hospital with viral pneumonia; the **Dodd family** experiencing employment issues; **John Stalford**, living with just one working lung and progressing heart disease; Joy for **Diane Dink,** with breast cancer, received positive news; prayers for all **those graduating**; prayers for the direction of **our country**; a joy for **two daughters graduating** with high honors; **Jo Armstrong's son**, on the sale of his house; **Joe Paulits,** diagnosed with colon cancer; **Christa Myers & Jackie Valerio,** both undergoing tests for ongoing cancer; Jo Armstrong's daughter, **Stacey Weir** with ongoing health issues; **Rachel** recovering from heart 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: **Charlie Keister, Marty, John Stalford, Gertrude Hess, Ted Lewis, James Palmisano.**

Those undergoing cancer treatment: **Kiley Fulford; 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, Roseann Crook.**

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 - # 361 Blue Hymnal,

"*How Firm a Foundation*"

1. How firm a foundation,
ye saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in God's excellent word!
What more can be said
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, I 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 sorrow 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 flames shall not hurt thee; I only design

Thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.

5. “The soul that on Jesus
hath leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake.”

BENEDICTION: **REV. WILLIAM GASKILL**

POSTLUDE: **CHERYL KAY**

Go in peace. See you next week!

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1. *God Welcomes All* - CCLI Song #5495557
2. *How Great Thou Art*: Stuart Wesley Keene Hine; CCLI Song #14181
3. *Gloria* Public Domaine
4. *Be Thou My Vision*: Eleanor Henrietta Hull, Mary Elizabeth Byrne; CCLI Song #30639
5. *My Hiding Place*: Stephen Curtis Chapman; CCLI Song #82003
6. *Doxology* - CCLI Song #425557
7. *How Firm a Foundation*: American Folk Melody; CCLI Song #107816