

# LET US WORSHIP GOD!

September 7, 2025 — 10:30 AM

**THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER**

**PENTECOST**

**COMMUNION SUNDAY**

A HYBRID WORSHIP EXPERIENCE IN-PERSON AND ONLINE

Today's worship team — Music Director: Jayne McDonough

Worship Leader: John Saalman ; Message: 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)

## **MESSAGE PREVIEW:**

**Rev. David Wenker's message is titled, "Fruit of the Spirit: Goodness"**

Are we becoming a compassion hardened society? We are inundated with disasters and pain every day. Wars in Ukraine. Starvation in Gaza. Children being shot while praying. Homelessness increasing. How do we dare to maintain soft compassionate hearts in the midst of it all? Where would that compassionate goodness come from? Let's consider it together.

## MUSIC PREVIEW:

The hymn "How Firm a Foundation" was first published in 1787 but has an unknown author, attributed only as "K—" in the collection *A Selection of Hymns from the Best Authors*, edited by John Rippon. While Robert Keene is a likely candidate for the author, his identity and the composer remain a mystery. The hymn's verses are largely paraphrases of biblical promises, which has made it a source of comfort and encouragement during times of trial, famously sung by American soldiers during the Spanish-American War and at the funerals of figures like President Andrew Jackson.

The hymn "My Jesus, I Love Thee" was written by Canadian teenager William Ralph Featherston around 1862, shortly after his conversion to Christianity. The poem was sent to his aunt, published anonymously in a British hymnal, and later found by American pastor A.J. Gordon, who set it to a melody in 1872. The hymn's sincere lyrics express a deep, personal love for Christ and have become a globally cherished expression of faith.

The hymn "To God Be the Glory" was written by blind lyricist Fanny J. Crosby and composer William H. Doane around 1875, emphasizing God's saving grace and redemption through faith in Jesus Christ. Though it was initially included in the collection *Brightest and Best* but wasn't an immediate hit, its popularity soared after being adopted by Billy Graham and Cliff Burrows for their British revivals in 1952, making it a staple of evangelical crusades. The hymn's message of God's profound love and provision of salvation, along with the hopeful anticipation of seeing Jesus, particularly resonated with Crosby, who was blind from infancy.

**PRELUDE:**

**JAYNE McDONOUGH**

**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: This is the day the Lord has made  
Many: We will rejoice and be glad in it.**

**OPENING PRAYER: (UNISON)**

**We have come to worship this morning in  
obedience to the prompting of your Spirit,  
even if we didn't recognize the prompting as  
you. We have come to worship this morning  
with a deep spiritual hunger for you, some of  
which we can't identify as spiritual hunger.  
Open us up spiritually this morning and draw  
from us the response you deserve and we  
need to give you, the response of love and  
surrender. We pray in the name of our Lord  
Jesus. AMEN**

**GATHERING HYMN - #301 (BLUE) HYMNAL “*How Firm A Foundation*”**

**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 sorrow shall not 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.**

**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**

### **CALL TO CONFESSION:**

In the very beginning, God made us in God's own image. And yet, in the most common of human actions, we stray from God's pure intentions for us. Let us return to our Lord, acknowledging our mistakes both individually and as a community.

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

**We admit we often compare ourselves to others who have more and we come to you asking for more. We feel insecure and believe that if we had more we would feel more secure. Forgive us for not believing that you are sufficient and you give us what we need. Give us courage to live in the gratitude of what you have provided rather**

**than complaining about what we feel we are lacking. Help us we pray. AMEN**

**SILENT REFLECTION**

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

One: Friends, the good news is this: God is not done with us. Our Creator is still forming and shaping us, forgiving us, and allowing us to grow. Hear 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**

Lord, allow our ears to be open to your Word, especially where there are questions or challenges. Allow us to be open to where you are speaking to us in our discomfort.

**FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: PSALM 34: 1-14**

I will extol the Lord at all times;  
his praise will always be on my lips.

I will glory in the Lord;  
let the afflicted hear and rejoice.  
Glorify the Lord with me;  
let us exalt his name together.  
I sought the Lord, and he answered me;  
he delivered me from all my fears.  
Those who look to him are radiant;  
their faces are never covered with shame.  
This poor man called, and the Lord heard him;  
he saved him out of all his troubles.  
The angel of the Lord encamps around those  
who fear him,  
and he delivers them.  
Taste and see that the Lord is good;  
blessed is the one who takes refuge in him.  
Fear the Lord, you his holy people,  
for those who fear him lack nothing.  
The lions may grow weak and hungry,  
but those who seek the Lord lack no good  
thing.  
Come, my children, listen to me;  
I will teach you the fear of the Lord.  
Whoever of you loves life  
and desires to see many good days  
keep your tongue from evil  
and your lips from telling lies.  
Turn from evil and do good;  
seek peace and pursue it.

## **SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: GALATIANS 6: 7-10**

Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. Whoever sows to please their flesh, from the flesh will reap destruction; whoever sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life. Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.

**MESSAGE: “*FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT: GOODNESS*”.**

**REV. DAVID WENKER**

## **PRAYER AND SILENT REFLECTION**

### **Profession of Faith - The 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;**



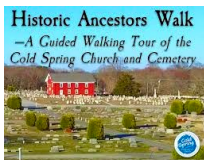
**the communion of saints;  
the forgiveness of sins;  
the resurrection of the body;  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

### **OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS**

God has formed us and continues to do so. With thanks for God's ever-present love for us, let us give back to God a portion of what God has given to us.

### **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 Dedication**

### **COMMUNITY NEWS**

### **BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES:**

**Birthday Blessings to:**

Dennis McDonough ~ Sept. 10

Ralph DiLossi ~ Sept. 11

***Flowers:*** If you'd like to donate flowers in memory, or in honor, of a loved one, contact Beverly Mate, 609-847-1530. (\$20/vase).

***Cold Spring Suppers - Tuesday, Sept. 23, at 6:30 pm. for free pizza, salad and drink, a short presentation and thoughtful discussion on spirituality from a Christian perspective. Sept. discussion topic: TBA Held in Price Hall***      ***Please RSVP at:***  
***[ColdSpringSuppers.com](http://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 - September - 6 & 20th



***Annual Cold Spring Presbyterian Church Picnic*** - will be after church service, on September 21st at Price Hall. Weather permitting, it will be outside. Hot dogs, hamburgers and beverages will be provided. There will be a sign-up sheet (or contact Elaine) for side dishes and/or desserts. You don't need to bring anything to attend.



**Cold Spring Community Handbell Choir -**  
**Rehearsals will begin Sept 4, 11 & 18th, the choir**  
**will play for worship on Sept. 21st.**

## **RECEIVING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS**

### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:**

Pray for: the family & friends of **Lillian Ridgeway**, on her passing; **Janice Lewis** recovering from surgery; **Ann Ferrari** receiving radiation treatment from diiicBarb Keister's family friend **Sal**, had his cancer surgery, came home and all went well; Praise & Joy for Grandson, **Joseph** who was baptized and took Jesus as his Lord & Savior, last Sunday; **Michelle Moyer**, Larry's niece, with a brain bleed & paralysis; **Beverly** had successful surgery and is home making progress with some pain; **Barbara & Elmer Cain** sold their home here, and miss everyone at Cold Spring Church; Linda Kaempf's **Aunt Rose**, her concussion has healed; **Ken Baldwin** & Family on the passing of his wife, **Mary Jane**, friends of Fred Ferrari; **Lori & Bob Fox**, Bob has a serious cancer diagnosis, they are Pastor Dave's friends at CMCH Methodist Church; Elaine's next door neighbor, **Liz Fox** passed away, prayers for her family & friends; Linda Kaempf's cousin, **Tom Buddy** with lung issues.

**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 now the caretaker for **Anna**, who is having more health difficulties. **Betty**, Beverly's mother in law suffering with dementia; Elaine's friend, **Doug** with a heart condition.

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

**Those undergoing cancer treatment:** Kiley Fulford; Bob Maher, Karen R., Keith, Todd, Brian, Gerri Mills, Robin B, Mike, Kim, Steve, Rickey, Lorraine, Candy, Donna, Liz, Joe, Jennifer, Lori, Ruth, Debbie, Mike Grecco Norma, Roseann Crook, Christa, Jackie, Diane, Charlotte Holman, Joe Paulits.

## **PASTORAL PRAYER**

**HYMN OF PREPARATION - #31 (RED) HYMNAL “My JESUS, I LOVE THEE” VERSES 1 & 2.**

**1. My Jesus I love Thee I know Thou art mine  
For Thee all the follies of sin I resign  
My gracious Redeemer my Savior art Thou  
If ever I loved Thee my Jesus 'tis now**

**2. I love Thee because  
Thou hast first loved me  
And purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree  
I love Thee for wearing  
the thorns on Thy brow  
If ever I loved Thee my Jesus 'tis now**

**Invitation To All: Come To The Lord's Table!**

**Rev. David Wenker**

**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,....  
... who 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**

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**FRESH EXPRESSION OF COMMUNITY**

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

**SENDING HYMN - #485 ( BLUE) "TO GOD BE THE GLORY"**

**1. To God be the glory,  
great things He has done!  
So loved He the world**

**that He gave us His Son,  
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin,  
And opened the life gate that all may go in.  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,  
Let the earth hear His voice!  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,  
Let the people rejoice!  
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,  
And give Him the glory; great things He hath  
done!**

**2. Great things He hath taught us,  
Great things He has done,  
And great our rejoicing  
through Jesus the Son;  
But purer, and higher, and greater will be  
Our wonder, our transport,  
when Jesus we see.  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,  
Let the earth hear His voice!  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,  
Let the people rejoice!  
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,  
And give Him the glory; great things He hath  
done!**

**BENEDICTION:**

**REV. DAVID WENKER**

Go in peace. See you next week!

So glad you've joined us. Please Like and Subscribe on our YouTube channel, Facebook, and Instagram. Worship at any time on YouTube. Invite others to join you next week.

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2. *God Welcomes All* - CCLI Song #5495557
3. *How Firm a Foundation*; *American folk melody*; CCLI Song #107816
4. *Gloria* Public Domain
5. *My Jesus I Love Thee*: Adoniram J. Gordon & William Featherstone ; CCLI Song #27817
6. *Doxology* - CCLI Song #425557
7. *To God Be the Glory*; Fanny Jane Crosby, William Howard Doane ; CCLI Song #23426