

LET US WORSHIP GOD!

November 9, 2025—10:30 AM

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



A HYBRID WORSHIP EXPERIENCE IN-PERSON AND ONLINE

Today's worship team—Music Director: Jayne McDonough; Worship Leader: Marjorie Wetherill; Message: Rev. David Wenker, Pulpit Supply; 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:

Rev. David Wenker's Message is titled
"Trusting in the God of Wonderful Surprises"

MUSIC PREVIEW:

We are thankful to have the Cold Spring Community Handbell Choir, directed by Carolyn Meldrum performing for our service today. KHandbell choir members are:

<i>Jo Armstrong</i>	<i>Bernadette Attwell</i>	<i>Connie Blocher</i>	<i>Ann Fulginiti</i>
<i>Linda Hadrava</i>	<i>Barb Kraemer</i>	<i>Linda Linhares</i>	<i>Pat Lowry - alt.</i>
<i>Beverly Mate</i>	<i>Jayne McDonough-alt.</i>		<i>Ruth Rich</i>
<i>Gretchen Sorenson</i>	<i>Janet Wenker</i>	<i>Marge Wetherill</i>	

The Handbell choir will perform "**For the Beauty of the Earth**", written by Folliot Sandford Pierpoint in 1864 after he was inspired by the natural beauty of the countryside near his home in Bath, England. Originally intended as a communion hymn the lyrics were later altered to a more general hymn of thanksgiving for creation and human love.

Their Offertory selection, "**Grace and Thanksgiving**", combines two hymn favorites, Amazing Grace and We Gather Together, which originated in the Netherlands in the late 16th century, written by Adrianus Valerius to celebrate the Dutch victory over Spanish forces and the end of religious persecution. Originally a Dutch folk tune, its lyrics were changed to reflect the freedom to worship openly after the Battle of Turnhout in 1597. The hymn was later translated into English and became associated with Thanksgiving in the United States, though its original meaning was about religious liberation rather than the American holiday itself.

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" was written by Martin Luther around 1527, and it became a key hymn of the Protestant Reformation. Based on Psalm 46, the hymn was intended to provide comfort and express confidence in God's power against the "world, the flesh, and the Devil".

The hymn **"'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus"** was written by Louisa M. R. Stead after a devastating tragedy: her husband drowned while trying to save a boy at Long Island Sound. Witnessing the event and being left a widow with a daughter to support, Stead found solace in her faith and later, when facing poverty, wrote the hymn after a miraculous provision of food and money was left on her doorstep. The hymn reflects her experience of trusting Jesus through immense loss and hardship.

"Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing" was written in 1758 by Robert Robinson at age 22, after a dramatic conversion experience. The hymn's history is linked to a pivotal moment when the young Robinson, a rebellious street youth, was deeply affected by a sermon from evangelist George Whitefield. The hymn reflects on themes of God's grace and mercy, and Robinson's personal struggle with a "wandering heart".

PRELUDE: "FOR THE BEAUTY OF THE EARTH"

COLD SPRING COMMUNITY HANDBELL CHOIR

UNDER THE DIRECTION OF 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)

LITURGIST: MARJORIE WETHERILL

One: The lord is compassionate and gracious

Many: Slow to anger and abounding in love

One: He will not always accuse.

Many: Nor will he harbor his anger forever

One: He does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities.

Many: For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him.

OPENING PRAYER: (UNISON)

We are honored to be called your people and invited to gather to worship you today. You blessed us, protected us and provided for us through the week and we are grateful. We give you this time to do what you need to do in us and through us to shape us into your people. We want to worship you, for you are worthy of our worship and love. We pray in Jesus Name, AMEN

GATHERING HYMN - #260 (BLUE) "A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR GOD"

- 1. A mighty fortress is our God,
A bulwark never failing;
Our helper He amid the flood
Of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe
Doth seek to work us woe;
His craft and pow'r are great,
And armed with cruel hate,
On earth is not his equal.**
- 2. Did we in our own strength confide,
Our striving would be losing;
Were not the right Man on our side,
The Man of God's own choosing.
Dost ask who that may be?
Christ Jesus, it is He, Lord Sabaoth His name,
From age to age the same, And He must win the battle.**
- 3. And tho' this world, with devils filled,
Should threaten to undo us,
We will not fear, for God hath willed
His truth to triumph thru us.
The prince of darkness grim,
We tremble not for him;
His rage we can endure,
For lo! his doom is sure,
One little word shall fell him.**
- 4. That word above all earthly powers,
No thanks to them abideth;
The Spirit and the gifts are ours
Thru Him who with us sideth;
Let goods and kindred go,
This mortal life also;
The body they may kill,
God's truth abideth still,
His kingdom is forever.**

CALL TO CONFESSION:

Though we are prone to wander, the spirit of God abides among us.
Trusting in God's persistent love and mercy, let us confess our sin.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (UNISON)

We confess we presume upon your grace. Because your gift of forgiveness is free we become casual about the sin in our lives. Open our eyes to see the damage our sin does to us and the people around us. Grant us the courage and strength to face ourselves honestly and come to you humbly, not only for forgiveness but also for healing and cleansing. We pray in Jesus name. AMEN

Silent Reflection

HEAR THE WORDS OF ASSURANCE: (RESPONSIVE)

One: If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. .

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

God of wisdom, open your word to your people today, and open the hearts of your people to your Word. Let us receive the truth that your Spirit is speaking to the church, trusting that it will nourish and strengthen us. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: PSALM 37:1-9

Do not fret because of those who are evil or be envious of those who do wrong; for like the grass they will soon wither, like green plants they will soon die away. Trust in the Lord and do good; dwell in the land and enjoy safe pasture Take delight in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart. Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him and he will do this: He will make your righteous reward shine like the dawn, your vindication like the noonday sun. Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for him; do not fret when people succeed in their ways, when they carry out their wicked schemes. Refrain from anger and turn from wrath; do not fret—it leads only to evil. For those who are evil will be destroyed, but those who hope in the Lord will inherit the land.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: JOHN 20: 19-32

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord. Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven." Now Thomas (also known as Didymus, one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!" But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe." A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe." Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!" Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

Message: ***"Trusting in the God of Wonderful Surprises"***

REV. DAVID WENKER

PRAYER AND SILENT REFLECTION

HYMN OF MEDITATION - #250 (RED) "TIS SO SWEET TO TRUST IN JESUS"

**1. 'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus,
Just to take Him at His word;
Just to rest upon His promise;
Just to know, "Thus saith the Lord."
Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him!
How I've proved Him o'er and o'er!
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus!
O for grace to trust Him more!**

**2. O how sweet to trust in Jesus,
Just to trust His cleansing blood;
Just in simple faith to plunge me
'Neath the healing, cleansing flood!
Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him!
How I've proved Him o'er and o'er!
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus!
O for grace to trust Him more!**

**3. Yes, 'tis sweet to trust in Jesus,
Just from sin and self to cease;
Just from Jesus simply taking
Life and rest, and joy and peace.
Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him!
How I've proved Him o'er and o'er!
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus!
O for grace to trust Him more!**

**4. I'm so glad I learned to trust Thee,
Precious Jesus, Savior, Friend;
And I know that Thou art with me,
Wilt be with me to the end.
Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him!
How I've proved Him o'er and o'er!
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus!
O for grace to trust Him more!**

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS:

Hear God's word from Haggai 2:6-9: "For thus says the Lord of hosts: Once again, in a little while, I will shake the heavens and the earth and the sea and the dry land, and I will shake all the nations, so that the treasure of all nations will come, and I will fill this house with splendor, says the Lord of hosts. The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, says the Lord of hosts. The latter splendor of this house shall be greater than the former, says the Lord of hosts, and in this place I will give prosperity, says the Lord of hosts." Trusting in God's abundant provision, let us offer our gifts with generosity.

OFFERTORY: "GRACE & THANKSGIVING"

COLD SPRING COMMUNITY HANDBELL CHOIR,
under the direction of 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
& Anniversaries

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES:

Anniversary Blessings to: Jayne & Dennis

McDonough ~ Nov. 12

The flowers that beautify the sanctuary are given by Laurie & Marge Magargal in loving memory of Joan Magargal, dear Aunt and friend



Flowers: To donate flowers in memory, or in honor, of a loved one, sign up in the narthex and/or contact Beverly Mate, 609-847-1530. (\$20/vase).



Wreaths Across America

Ceremony on Saturday, December 13 at noon. Order forms to sponsor or buy a wreath for a veteran's gravesite, are available in the narthex.



SAVE THE DATE: CHURCH DECORATING FOR ADVENT ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 10:00 a.m.

Please let Beverly Mate know if you are available to help!

Poinsettias for the church sanctuary for Advent & Christmas Eve-forms are in the narthex to purchase a poinsettia in honor or memorial of loved ones. \$20.00 per Poinsettia, you can take them home after the Christmas Eve Worship Celebration. Please return forms with payment by Dec. 7, in the collection plate or to the church office.

Seeking Readers for our Advent Candle Lightings, families, couples, friends, all welcome! See Pastor Dave for details.

Sunday, December 21st - 10:30 am Service - save the date to be here & bring your family & invite your friends for this special Musical Celebration of Christ's Birth through readings & music, "**Christmas Around the World**".

RECEIVING OF 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: Pray for: **James Dodd, Jr** recuperating at home after a serious illness and hospital stay; Comfort for friends and family of **Kenn Ross**, a veteran who passed away this week; **Rev. Jim Shanley**, his recuperation from a heart procedure is not going well; **Max Moran's Mother** who was recently diagnosed with breast cancer; **Denise's stepdaughter, Lori**, whose cancer has returned for the third time. She is receiving very serious treatment.

Paula Spence is through her heart procedure and doing well; Comfort for friends & family of **John Stroble**, a veteran who passed away; **Abby Carr** awaiting a lung transplant; **Marge Wetherill & her family** in the loss of her older **brother Fred**. **Claudia Kammer** being treated for Alzheimer's disease at Univ. of Penn.; **Wesley Tomlin**, had successful surgery and is doing well; Dee's classmate, **Josiah Peace & family** on the loss of their son in a tragic motorcycle accident; Bev's sister-in-law, **Kim Henry** is moving to a dementia care facility; Pam's neighbor, **Ed** grieving the loss of his daughter, who passed away; **Ariana Palmer**, 23 year old awaiting heart transplant.

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.

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

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, Gretchen, Ray, Carl & Ann Ferrari, Robert.**

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE 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

Once we were strangers,

Now we are neighbors.

Once we were strangers,

Now we are friends.

SENDING HYMN: #28 (RED) *"COME, THOU FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING"*

1. Come, Thou fount of every blessing,

Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;

Streams of mercy, never ceasing,

Call for songs of loudest praise.

Teach me some melodious sonnet,

Sung by flaming tongues above;

Praise His name-- I'm fixed upon it

Name of God's redeeming love.

2. Hither to Thy love has blest me;

Thou hast brought me to this place;

And I know Thy hand will me

Safely home by Thy good grace.

Jesus sought me when a stranger,

Wandering from the fold of God;

He, to rescue me from danger,

Bought me with His precious blood.

3. O to grace how great a debtor

Daily I'm constrained to be!

Let Thy goodness, like a fetter,

Bind my wand'ring heart to Thee.

Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,

Prone to leave the God I love;

Here's my heart, O take and seal it;

Seal it for Thy courts above.

BENEDICTION:

POSTLUDE:

REV. DAVID WENKER

JAYNE McDONOUGH

Go in peace. See you next week!

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2. For the Beauty of the Earth; Conrad Kocher, arr. by Sondra K. Tucker; CCLI Song #3964901
3. *God Welcomes All* - CCLI Song #5495557
4. A Mighty Fortress is Our God: Martin Luther, Frederick Henry Hedge; CCLI Song #42964
5. *Gloria* Public Domain
6. Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus: Don Chapman, Louisa M. R. Stead, William James Kirkpatrick; CCLI Song #5252381
7. Grace and Thanksgiving, inc. Amazing Grace & We Gather Together; John Newton, Edward Kremser, Theodore Baker, arr. by Anna Laura Page; CCLI Song #4755360 & #91678
8. *Doxology* - CCLI Song #4255578
9. Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing: John Wyeth, Robert Robinson; CCLI Song #108389