

# LET US WORSHIP GOD!

February 8, 2026—10:30 AM

## Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

A HYBRID WORSHIP EXPERIENCE IN-PERSON AND ONLINE

Today's worship team—Music Director: Jayne McDonough;  
Worship Leader: Robert Stiles; Message: Rev. Virginia Scott, 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](http://www.coldspringworship.com)

### MESSAGE PREVIEW:

Rev. Virginia Scott's message is

titled "A Sunday Frame of Mind"

### MUSIC PREVIEW:

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

*Jo Armstrong*

*Linda Hadrava*

*Beverly Mate*

*Janet Wenker*

*Connie Blocher*

*Linda Linhares*

*Ruth Rich*

*Marge Wetherill*

*Ann Fulginiti*

*Pat Mowry*

*Rev. David Wenker*

The handbell choir prelude selection "*Brethren We Have Met to Worship*" is a classic 19th-century American folk hymn, written by Methodist preacher George Atkins in 1819 during the Second Great Awakening. It was designed for camp meetings to encourage fervent prayer for the Holy Spirit's presence, often paired with the tune "Holy Manna".

Their Offertory selection "*Great Is the Lord*" was written in 1982 by Michael W. Smith and his wife, Debbie Davis, in Nashville, Tennessee, inspired by a shared, prayerful study of Scripture. Debbie wrote the lyrics while Michael composed the music during evening songwriting sessions, focusing on themes of God's holiness, power, and faithfulness.

"Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart" was written by Anglican theologian Edward Hayes Plumptre in May 1865 as a processional hymn for a choir festival at Peterborough Cathedral in England. Inspired by Psalm 20:5, it originally contained 11–12 stanzas to accompany the long procession of choirs, using the imagery of marching to represent the Christian journey.

"This Is My Father's World" originated as a 16-stanza poem by American Presbyterian pastor Maltbie D. Babcock, written around 1901 and inspired by his walks in Lockport, NY, where he'd say he was "going out to see my Father's world". Published posthumously in 1901, his friend Franklin L. Sheppard set three selected stanzas to music in 1915, using the tune "Terra Beata" (Blessed Earth) adapted from an old English folk melody, creating the beloved hymn we know today that celebrates God's presence in nature and His ultimate rule.

Written by Isaac Watts in 1714 (published 1719) as a metrical paraphrase of Psalm 90, "*Our God, Our Help in Ages Past*" was created to bring comfort during a time of national anxiety in England. The hymn was written as Queen Anne was dying and the country faced political uncertainty regarding the succession, promising that God remains an eternal, reliable refuge when human structures fail.

## **PRELUDE - "*BRETHREN WE HAVE MET TO WORSHIP*"**

**COLD SPRING COMMUNITY HANDBELL CHOIR,**

**DIRECTOR CAROLYN MELDRUM**

**WELCOME:**

**REV. VIRGINIA SCOTT**

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

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

## **THE CALL TO WORSHIP: (RESPONSIVE) (ADAPTED FROM PSALM 112)**

**ROBERT STILES, LITURGIST**

**One:** People of God, praise the Lord!

**Many:** Praise the Lord! Happy are those who fear the Lord, those who greatly delight in his commandments.

**One:** Their descendants will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed.

**Many:** Wealth and riches are in their houses, and their righteousness endures forever.

**One:** We who gather are broken yet holy; sinners at heart, yet fully redeemed. We are God's very own, called together here this day.

**Many:** Let us sing. Let us pray. Let us join together in worship. Praise the Lord!

## **OPENING PRAYER: (UNISON)**

**Eternal God, who calls us to be light in the darkness and salt in the world, we gather in your presence this morning. As we worship, illumine our hearts by your Holy Spirit.**

**Strengthen us to practice justice, share our bread with the hungry, and live as the faithful people you have called us to be. Shine through**

us, that our works may bring glory to you, our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer. Amen.

**GATHERING HYMN - #145 (BLUE) "REJOICE YE PURE IN HEART"**

**1. Rejoice, ye pure in heart!**

Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!

Your festal banner wave on high,

The cross of Christ your King.

Rejoice! rejoice! rejoice,

Give thanks, and sing!

**2. Yes, on through life's long path,**

Still chanting as ye go;

From youth to age, by night and day,

In gladness and in woe.

Rejoice! rejoice! rejoice,

Give thanks, and sing!

**3. At last the march shall end;**

The wearied ones shall rest;

The pilgrims find their Father's house

The pilgrims find their home at last,

Jerusalem the blest.

Rejoice! rejoice! rejoice,

Give thanks, and sing!

**4. Then on, ye pure in heart!**

**Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!  
Your festal banner wave on high,  
The cross of Christ your King.  
Rejoice! rejoice! rejoice,  
Give thanks, and sing!**

**CALL TO CONFESSION:**

The more we know God's holiness, the more we can sense our distance from our creator. The more we seek justice and faithful living, the more we understand our complicity in systems that oppress. With humble hearts, let us confess our brokenness, our selfishness and our sin.

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (UNISON)**

**Gracious God, we confess that it is harder to do than we expected, this life of faith. You call us to be salt of the earth and to live lives of justice and righteousness and love. But our lives become busy. Following what others do is just easier. And sometimes the cost for doing what is right seems too high. One day, perhaps, we will commit more fully, but the status quo works better for us right now. Forgive us, we pray. Startle our senses and disrupt our routines. Renew in us the passion for doing what is right in your eyes, and**

**inspire us to be sources of your light in the world. May we, like the prophets and the saints, act by faith no matter how high the cost.**

**Silent Reflection**

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

**One:** Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you; the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard.

**Many:** Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, ‘Here I am.’”

**One:** We are blessed to know that very light which breaks forth. We know God’s love and grace through Jesus Christ.

**Many:** Through Christ, our sins are forgiven, and we know new life. Thanks be to God! Amen.

**\*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:**

Gracious God, the words we read are ancient and true. On this day, may we hear them anew. Grant us hearts to discern your Spirit within them, and grant us courage to follow them in our lives this day. Amen.

## **FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: PSALM 13: 1-6**

How long, Lord? Will you forget me forever?

    How long will you hide your face from me?

How long must I wrestle with my thoughts

    and day after day have sorrow in my heart?

    How long will my enemy triumph over me?

Look on me and answer, Lord my God.

    Give light to my eyes, or I will sleep in death,  
and my enemy will say, “I have overcome him,”

    and my foes will rejoice when I fall.

But I trust in your unfailing love;

    my heart rejoices in your salvation.

I will sing the Lord’s praise,

    for he has been good to me.

## **SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: MARK 8: 34-36**

Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: “Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For whoever wants to save their life[a]will lose it, but whoever loses their life for

me and for the gospel will save it. What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul?

**MESSAGE: "A SUNDAY FRAME OF MIND"**

**REV. VIRGINIA SCOTT**

**PRAYER AND SILENT REFLECTION**

**HYMN OF MEDITATION : #293 (BLUE) "THIS IS MY FATHER'S WORLD"**

1. This is my Father's world,  
And to my listening ears  
All nature sings, and round me rings  
The music of the spheres.  
This is my Father's world:  
I rest me in the thought  
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas;  
His hand the wonders wrought.

2. This is my Father's world:  
Oh, let me ne'er forget  
That though the wrong seems oft so strong,  
God is the Ruler yet.  
This is my Father's world:  
The battle is not done;  
Jesus who died shall be satisfied,

**And earth and heaven be one.**

**OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS: (2 PETER 3:8-15)**

All that we know, and all that we have, comes from God. In gratitude for all that God has given us, let us give back to God what was God's to begin with in the form of our tithes and offerings.

**OFFERTORY - "GREAT IS THE LORD"**

**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**

**Birthday & Anniversary Blessings:**

**Happy Birthday Blessings to:**

**Bob Heinly ~ Feb. 13**

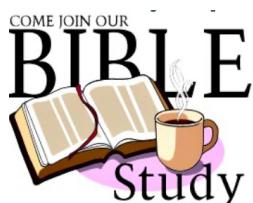
**Announcements:**

**\*\*\*The Congregational Annual Meeting will be held on today, Sunday February 8, after**

worship. It will include a covered dish luncheon, All are invited to attend.

~ The Deacons will meet on Tuesday, February 10, at 10:30 AM in Price Hall.

~ Session will be meeting on Tuesday, February 10, at 5:00 PM in Price Hall



Pastor Wenker will be starting a **Bible Study** on **Wednesday February 11** at **10:00 -11:30 a.m.** in Price Hall. It will meet weekly **for 7 weeks** before Easter.

We will be studying Psalm 23 using W. Phillip Keller's little study book, "A Shepherd Looks at Psalm 23". **Sign up in the Narthex** and indicate if you would like a book purchased for you for \$8.00.



**New for 2026! Cold Spring Suppers "Book Club" -**

**Why:** Good food for your heart, mind, body, and soul!

**How:** Participants will select, read, and discuss contemporary and classic books that stimulate the heart and mind, and enjoy a free dinner (pizza, salad, and drink). Book reading: "Secret of Secrets" by Dan Brown

**When:** Tuesday, March 24, 2026, 6:30 pm

**Where:** Located here at Price Hall on 780 Seashore Road in Cold Spring.



**NOTE:** Participants may request free copies of selected books in advance by emailing their request and mailing address to [norrisclark@me.com](mailto:norrisclark@me.com)

***The flowers that beautify the sanctuary are given by Jim McCaughey in memory of Rebecca's birthday on Feb. 4.***

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).

## **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:** **Cheryl Kurtz** diagnosed with cancer; **Jayne** having leg surgery Thursday; **Buddy Dehart** still not recovered from the flu; **Ric Volpe** is recovering from successful voice box surgery; Linda's nephew, **Brian**, 55 yrs old, diagnosed with prostate cancer; Bob Smith's neighbor, **Betty**, 90 yrs old needs prayers **for her son** who is having amputation of his leg; **Denise Shuler's sister** suffering kidney failure, **her granddaughter** is pregnant and needs hospital care, Denise's **daughter, Lori**, has received good news. Her cancer is in

remission; **Donna Anne's sister, Kathy**, continues to need prayers; **Carol Bostrum** has praise since her **daughter, Kersten's** home, is now in the pre-construction phase of building; **Linda's Aunt Rose**, dealing with a total loss of hearing; **Comfort for Pat Harris and family** on the passing of her Brother; **Baby Eleanor Miller**, born with an underdeveloped heart, is in Children's Hospital in Phila. for a lengthy stay; **Bob Hall** received a new pacemaker at a hospital in Phila.; **Rev. Jack Wright** starting treatment for cancer and will need our prayers; **Rev. Jim Shanley**, recuperating slowly; **Ariana Palmer**, 23 year old awaiting heart transplant;

*Continual prayer requested for: **Eileen Stalford** in nursing care; **Pastor Bob Sheidly** friend of Bob Heinly, as he battles multiple maladies of aging; Anna Sheidly is now receiving hospice care.*

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

***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 Sasso, Roseann Crook, Christa, Jackie, Diane, Charlotte Holman, Joe Paults, Gretchen, Ray, Carl, Robert, Patricia, Richard Beare and Rev. Jack Wright.***

## PASTORAL PRAYER

### FRESH EXPRESSION OF COMMUNITY

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

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

### SENDING HYMN: #210 (BLUE) "*OUR GOD, OUR HELP IN AGES PAST*"

**1. O God, our help in ages past,  
Our hope for years to come,  
Our shelter from the stormy blast,  
And our eternal home:**

**2. Before the hills in order stood,  
Or earth received her frame,  
From everlasting Thou art God,  
To endless years the same.**

**5. Our God, our help in ages past,  
Our hope for years to come,  
Be Thou our guard while troubles last,  
And our eternal home.**

**BENEDICTION:**

**POSTLUDE:**

**REV. VIRGINIA SCOTT**

**JAYNE McDONOUGH**

**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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1. Brethren We Have Met to Worship - Arr. By Kevin McChesney; CCLI #19052
2. *God Welcomes All* - CCLI Song #549555
3. Rejoice Ye Pure innHeart: Edward Hayes Plumtre, 1865/Arthur Henry Messiter, 1883 ; CCLI Song #85323
4. *Gloria*: Public Domaine
5. This is My Father's World: Malthee Davenport Babcock, Franklin L. Sheppard ; CCLI Song #5634239
6. Great Is the Lord; Michael W. Smith, arr. by Douglas E. Wagner; CCLI Song #
7. *Doxology* - CCLI Song # 1149
8. Our God, Our Help in Ages Past: Isaac Watts, 1719, alt. , Attr. William Croft, 1708; CCLI Song #43152