

LET US WORSHIP GOD!

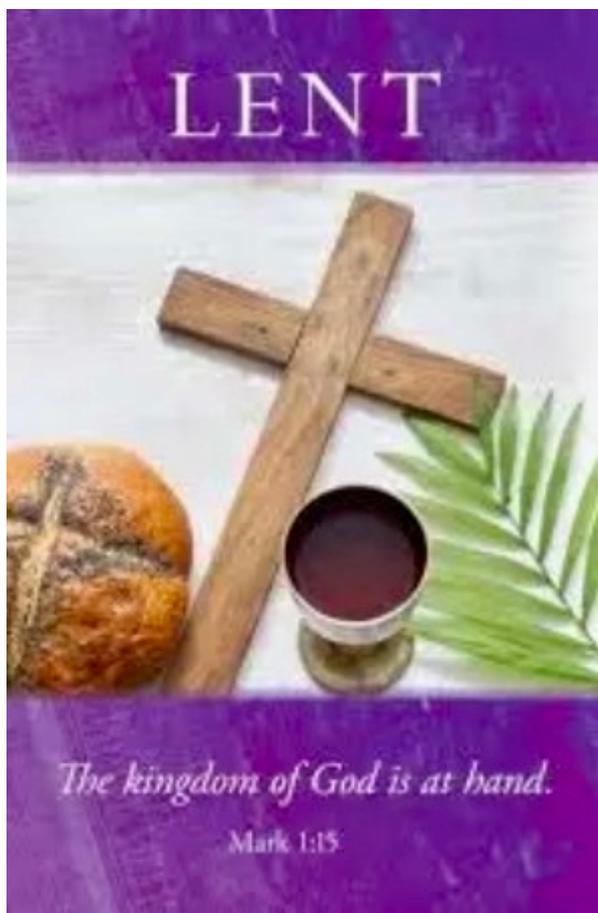
March 1, 2026—10:30 AM

Second Sunday in Lent



A HYBRID WORSHIP EXPERIENCE IN-PERSON AND ONLINE

Today's worship team—Music Director: Jayne McDonough;
Worship Leader: Beverly Mate; Message: Rev. Dr. Mueller-Bolton, 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. Dr. Meredith Mueller-Bolton will give the message "People of the Table"

The Reverend Dr. Merideth Mueller-Bolton is a retired Minister of the Word and Sacrament and a member of New Jersey's Highlands Presbytery. Merideth has served PC(USA) congregations Tuckerton, Lawrenceville, Mendham and Frenchtown New Jersey, as well as a church in the Lehigh Valley of

Pennsylvania. She's an active member of the National Response Team for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. Merideth and her husband, Michael, recently moved to Cape May, where she is pursuing her passions of birding, gardening, writing, and her two cats, Olivia and Hanna.

MUSIC PREVIEW:

"Amazing Grace" was written in 1772 by John Newton, a former English slave ship captain who found salvation after a violent storm at sea,

transforming from a defiant sinner into a devout abolitionist. The hymn reflects his personal journey of being "lost" and "found," providing a powerful message of redemption for the "wretch".

"Lord, We Have Come at your Own Invitation" This Eucharistic text was written in 1977, at Martin Ellis's request for a hymn for the confirmation service at Taunton School, Somerset. The French tune O QUANTA QUALIA first appeared in 1681 with the text "Fumeant Sabaeis," for the Feast of the Purification.

"Just As I Am, Without One Plea" was written in 1834 by British poet Charlotte Elliott (1789–1871) after a conversation with Dr. Cesar Malan, who told the struggling, invalid woman to come to Christ "just as you are". Confined at home, she penned the lyrics as a personal confession of faith and total reliance on grace.

PRELUDE

JAYNE McDONOUGH

WELCOME:

BEVERLY MATE

GOD WELCOMES ALL (UNISON)

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

THE CALL TO WORSHIP: (RESPONSIVE)

BASED ON PSALM 111

One: Praise the Lord! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart.

Many: I will give thanks to the Lord in the company of the faithful and the congregation.

One: Full of honor and majesty is the Lord's work;

Many: God's righteousness endures forever.

OPENING PRAYER: (UNISON)

Lord, we come to you this day with many things laying claim to our lives, our hearts, and our spirits. Open our ears and our hearts to hear your words of healing love. Prepare us to be faithful disciples for you. For we ask this in Jesus' Name. AMEN.

GATHERING HYMN - #280 (BLUE) "AMAZING GRACE", VERSES 1, 2, & 4

**1. Amazing grace, how sweet the sound,
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
Was blind, but now I see.**

**2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed!**

**4. The Lord has promised good to me,
His Word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures.**

CALL TO CONFESSION:

We need God's help. Therefore, let us approach God's throne of grace and honestly confess all that keeps us from right relationship.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (UNISON)

God of righteousness, we confess that we have not kept your commandments. We bow down before idols, declaring our allegiance to other powers and principalities. We take your name in vain, using it to justify our own prejudices and opinions. We do not make adequate time to rest and remember your goodness, nor to revel in the delight of family and friends. Forgive us, Lord, and enfold us in your grace. Amen.

Silent Reflection

HEAR THE WORDS OF ASSURANCE: (RESPONSIVE)

One: Hear these words from the Apostle Paul, "God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength."

Many: The grace of Christ is sufficient for us.

One: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Many: Thanks be to God.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION: (BOOK OF COMMON WORSHIP)

Loving God, fountain of every blessing, open us to your life-giving Word, and fill us with your Holy Spirit so that living water may flow through our hearts — a spring of hope for a thirsty world. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: MATTHEW 11: 16-19

“But to what shall I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to their playmates, “‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we sang a dirge, and you did not mourn.’ For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon.’ The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look at him! A glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is justified by her deeds.”

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: MARK 2: 14-20

As He passed by, He saw Levi the son of Alphaeus sitting at the tax office. And He said to him, “Follow Me.” So he arose and followed Him. Now it happened, as He was dining in Levi’s house, that many tax collectors and sinners also sat together with Jesus and His disciples; for there were many, and they followed Him. And when the scribes and

Pharisees saw Him eating with the tax collectors and sinners, they said to His disciples, “How is it that He eats and drinks with tax collectors and sinners?” When Jesus heard it, He said to them, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners, to repentance.” The disciples of John and of the Pharisees were fasting. Then they came and said to Him, “Why do the disciples of John and of the Pharisees fast, but Your disciples do not fast?” And Jesus said to them, “Can the friends of the bridegroom fast while the bridegroom is with them? As long as they have the bridegroom with them they cannot fast. But the days will come when the bridegroom will be taken away from them, and then they will fast in those days.

MESSAGE: “PEOPLE OF THE TABLE”

REV. DR. MUELLER-BOLTON

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 gives generously. Let us honor God by giving generously in return.

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

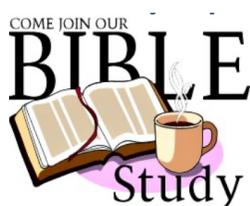


To donate flowers in memory, or in honor, of a loved one, sign up in the narthex and/or contact Beverly Mate, 609-847-1530. (\$20/vase).

Anniversary & Birthday Blessings:

Birthday Blessings to: Amy Myers ~ March 3

Buddy Dehart - March 7



Our **Bible Study** will continue to meet on **Wednesday March 4 at 10:00 -11:30** a.m. in Price Hall. It will meet weekly for **4 more weeks** before Easter. We are studying Psalm 23 using W. Phillip Keller's little study book, "A Shepherd Looks at Psalm 23".

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

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: **Barbara & Elmer Cain**, Elmer has been moved to a dementia unit, & Barbara is living alone now; **Larry Hume** has been in & out of hospital searching for a solution to a medical condition; friends & family of **Bill Thomas**, a friend of the Wenkers', on his passing; the **Mueller/Discepola family** on the passing of **Anne Mueller**; Ferrari's special needs granddaughter, **Jamie** turned 24, on Feb. 24; **Tracy Madden** for healing from anxiety, **her family members** going through cancer And personal health issues, and travel mercies for a **family member**; **Ukraine** marks four yrs of Russian invasion & suffering. Prayers for Peace; **Linda's nephew, Brian** having surgery for prostate cancer; **Nick Discepola**, in Cooper, Camden, with serious injury from head-on collision; **Guy Kessler** was in the hospital after falls and is now in Pelican Point for rehab; Nancy Kessler's sister, **Carol Davis** is in great pain from shingles she has had for over a year; **Baby Eleanor Mills**, now 40 days old, has gained enough weight to be able to go home, still

needs our prayers for her continued health concerns; **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 Paulits, Gretchen, Ray, Carl, Robert, Patricia, Richard Beare and Rev. Jack Wright.**

PASTORAL PRAYER

HYMN OF PREPARATION : #516 (BLUE) "LORD WE HAVE COME AT YOUR OWN INVITATION"

**1. Lord, we have come at Your own invitation,
Chosen by You, to be counted Your friends;
Yours is the strength that sustains dedication,
Ours a commitment we know never ends.**

**2. Here, at Your table confirm our intention,
Give it Your seal of forgiveness and grace;
Teach us to serve without pride or pretension,
Lord, in Your Kingdom, whatever our place.**

**3. When, at Your table, each time of returning,
Vows are renewed and our courage restored:
May we increasingly glory in learning
All that it means to accept You as Lord.**

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

Rev. Dr. Mueller-Bolton

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 (UNISON)

Gracious God, may we who have received this sacrament live in the unity of your Holy Spirit, that we may show forth your gifts to all the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

FRESH EXPRESSION OF COMMUNITY

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

SENDING HYMN: #370 (BLUE) "JUST AS I AM WITHOUT ONE PLEA"

**1. Just as I am, without one plea
But that Thy Blood was shed for me,
And that Thou biddest me come to Thee,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come!**

**2. Just as I am, though tossed about
With many a conflict, many a doubt,
Fightings and fears within, without,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come!**

**3. Just as I am, Thou wilt receive,
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
Because Thy Promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come!**

**4. Just as I am, Thy Love unknown
Hath broken ev'ry barrier down;
Now to be Thine, yes, Thine alone,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come!**

BENEDICTION:

REV. DR. MUELLER-BOLTON

POSTLUDE:

JAYNE McDONOUGH

Go in peace. See you next week!

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1. Amazing Grace: John Newton/ Edwin O. Excell; CCLI #22025
2. *God Welcomes All* - CCLI Song #549555
3. Lord, We Have Come At Your Own Invitation: Fred Pratt Green; CCLI Song #3157299
4. *Gloria*: Public Domaine
5. *Doxology* - CCLI Song # 1149
6. Just As I Am Without One Plea: Charlotte Elliott, William Batchelder Bradbury; CCLI Song #23206