

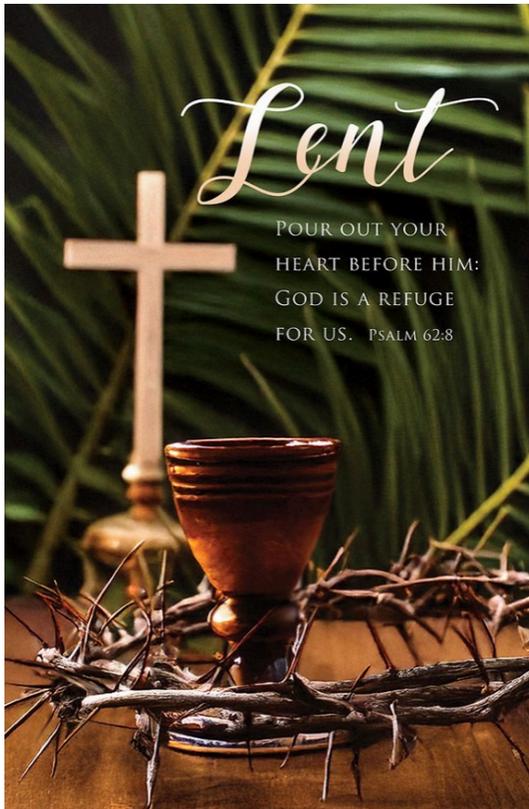
# LET US WORSHIP GOD!

March 22, 2026—10:30 AM

## Fifth Sunday in Lent

**A HYBRID WORSHIP EXPERIENCE IN-PERSON AND ONLINE**

Today's worship team—Music Director: Jayne McDonough;  
Worship Leader: John Saalman; Message: Ruling Elder Norris Clark,  
Pulpit Supply; Worship Production: Dee Sloan



### 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:

**Please welcome Ruling Elder Norris Clark, to the pulpit today with his Message titled: "What Happens When We Die?"**

### MUSIC PREVIEW:

**"Abide with Me"** was written in 1847 by Scottish clergyman Henry Francis Lyte as he was dying of tuberculosis at age 54. Feeling his life ebbing away, Lyte wrote the hymn as a personal plea for God's presence, basing it on Luke 24:29, "Abide with us, for it is toward evening". It was first sung at his funeral.

**"It Is Well With My Soul"** was written by Horatio Spafford in 1873 after his four daughters died in a tragic Atlantic shipwreck. Already ruined by the Great Chicago Fire, Spafford wrote the hymn while passing the spot where his children drowned, expressing profound peace and faith amidst overwhelming, immense tragedy.

**"What Wondrous Love Is This"** is a classic American folk hymn from the early 1800s, featuring haunting Appalachian melodies and themes of redemption. Its author is anonymous, likely stemming from oral traditions and camp meetings in the South during the Second Great Awakening. It was first published in 1811.

WELCOME:

RULING ELDER NORRIS CLARK

**GOD WELCOMES ALL (UNISON)**

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

**THE CALL TO WORSHIP: (RESPONSIVE) (PSALM 130)**

One: Out of the depths we call to you, O Lord.

**Many: Let your ears hear our supplication.**

One: We wait for you, O God. In your word is our hope.

**Many: We wait for you, O Lord, for with you there is mercy.**

One: Come. Let us worship God.

**OPENING PRAYER: (UNISON)**

**Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer. Enter into the depths, O Lord, to draw out those who wait for you, who hope and trust in your word. As we gather on this Fifth Sunday in Lent, we ask you to open the graves of our hearts, that we may arise and stand to praise your holy name. Come as Holy Light and lead us, come as Holy Power and enable us, that we may be your servants to**

**the world. We invite your Holy Spirit to guide our worship today, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.**

**GATHERING HYMN - #541 (RED) "ABIDE WITH ME"**

**1. Abide with me: fast falls the eventide;  
The darkness deepens; Lord with me abide!  
When other helpers fail, and comforts flee,  
Help of the helpless, O abide with me.**

**3. I need Thy presence every passing hour;  
What but Thy grace can  
foil the tempter's power?  
Who, like Thyself, my Guide and Stay can be?  
Through cloud and sunshine,  
Lord, abide with me.**

**5. Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes;  
Shine through the gloom  
and point me to the skies:  
Heav'n's morning breaks,  
And earth's vain shadows flee;  
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.**

## **CALL TO CONFESSION:**

Psalm 130 reminds us that our God is loving and merciful. Let us come before God now, together and then privately and silently, to confess our sin.

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

**God, we are a busy people. We become pre-occupied with the demands of work, our relationships, and our communities. We tend to focus on our own needs and fail to see the needs of those around us. We do that which we should not and fail to do that which we should. We ask for your forgiveness and for your guidance in following the path you have set before us. Hear us now as we humbly come before you silently and privately to confess our sin.**

## **(SILENT REFLECTION)**

## **HEAR THE WORDS OF ASSURANCE:**

### **(PSALM 130, THE MESSAGE)**

If you, God, kept records on wrongdoings, who would stand a chance? As it turns out, forgiveness is your habit, and that's why you're worshiped. Friends, through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

## **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION:**

Gracious God, we come before you now to worship you and listen to your Word. Open our ears to hear. May we understand your Word more fully and follow the path you have set before us. Amen.

## **FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: ECCLESIASTES 12: 1-7**

Remember your Creator in the days of your youth, before the days of trouble come and the years approach when you will say, “I find no pleasure in them” — before the sun and the light and the moon and the stars grow dark, and the clouds return after the rain; when the keepers of the house tremble, and the strong men stoop, when the grinders cease because they are few, and those looking through the windows grow dim; when the doors to the street are closed and the sound of grinding fades; when people rise up at the sound of birds, but all their songs grow faint; when people are afraid of heights and of dangers in the streets; when the almond tree blossoms and the grasshopper drags itself along and desire no longer is stirred. Then people go to their eternal home and mourners go about the streets. Remember him — before the silver cord is severed, and the golden bowl is broken; before the pitcher is shattered at the spring, and the wheel broken at the well, And

the dust returns to the ground it came from, and the spirit returns to God who gave it.

## **SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: LUKE 23: 36-46**

The soldiers also came up and mocked him. They offered him wine vinegar and said, "If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself." There was a written notice above him, which read: this is the king of the jews. One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at him: "Aren't you the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" But the other criminal rebuked him. "Don't you fear God," he said, "since you are under the same sentence? We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." Jesus answered him, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise."

### **The Death of Jesus**

It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, for the sun stopped shining. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Jesus called out with a loud voice, "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit." When he had said this, he breathed his last.

**MESSAGE: "WHAT HAPPENS WHEN WE DIE?"**

**RULING ELDER NORRIS CLARK**

**PRAYER AND SILENT REFLECTION**

**HYMN OF MEDITATION : #223 (RED) "IT IS WELL WITH MY SOUL"**

**1. When peace like a river Attendeth my way  
When sorrows like sea billows roll  
Whatever my lot Thou hast taught me to say  
It is well It is well with my soul**

**Chorus**

**It is well (it is well) with my soul, (with my soul),  
It is well, It is well with my soul.**

**2. Tho' Satan should buffet,  
Tho' trials should come,  
Let this blest assurance control,  
That Christ hath regarded My helpless estate,  
And hath shed His own blood For my soul.  
It is well (it is well) with my soul, (with my soul),  
It is well, It is well with my soul.**

**3. My sin-- O, the bliss Of this glorious thought,  
My sin-- not in part but the whole,  
Is nailed to the cross And I bear it no more,  
Praise the Lord, Praise the Lord, O my soul!**

**It is well (it is well) with my soul, (with my soul),  
It is well, It is well with my soul.**

**4. And, Lord, haste the day  
When the faith shall be sight,  
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll,  
The trump shall resound  
And the Lord shall descend,  
"Even so"-- it is well With my soul.  
It is well (it is well) with my soul, (with my soul),  
It is well, It is well with my soul.**

### **OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS:**

As the well-known hymn says, "Jesus paid it all, all to him I owe." Everything we have, we owe to the grace of God. Therefore, it is only right that we return a portion of those gifts to God, whether it be financial, our skills and talents, or our relationships. Let us take this moment to give these gifts to God.

### **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).



**\*\*\*\*Forms for Easter flowers for the sanctuary are in the narthex and can be turned in to Beverly Mate or the church office with the payment. Prices are on the forms.**

Birthdays  
& Anniversaries

**ANNIVERSARY & BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS:  
BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO:**

**PASTOR DAVID WENKER - MARCH 28**

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO:**

**TED AND JANICE LEWIS - MARCH 22**



Our **Bible Study** will continue to meet on **Wednesday March 18 at 10:00 -11:30** a.m. in Price Hall. It will meet weekly for **2 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](mailto:norrisclark@me.com)

***Thursday, April 2, 6:00 p.m. - Maundy Thursday Tenebrae Service at Cold Spring Presbyterian Church. A combined service with Cape May Presbyterian Church.***

## **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:* **Rev. Virginia Scott** fell & broke her hip, she had surgery and needs prayers for a full recovery; **Baby Natalie Rose**, born premature & now has an infection & may need surgery; June Batz, the accompanist for the Angelus Chorus, her daughter in law **Ashley** has acute leukemia and will be going in the hospital on March 22, for a bone marrow transplant from her Brother; **Michael**

**D'Alonzo** had his foot amputated due to diabetes, prayers for recovery; **Michael Minor** with cancer, friend of Chuck & Barbara McPherson; **Merryn Hawthorne**, Marge Wetherill's daughter, healing from surgery in Virginia. **Abby Carr** having lung transplant surgery on March 10; Blessing that **Larry Moyer** asked for prayers for his **Aunt Joan Johnson** suffering with cancer. Praise for his **Aunt Miriam** having her 97th Birthday, and planning a cruise for her 100th Birthday!; John Saalman's friend, **John Cervo** with prostate cancer; **Mary Everett** experiencing health issues; Linda's Cousin **Darlene**, having lung surgery; **Tracy Madden** for healing from grief and anxiety as she searches for support groups to help her recover; for **her family members** going through cancer and personal health issues, and travel mercies for **family member's**; **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; **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, John Cervo, Ashley, Michael Minor.**

## **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.o**

Once we were strangers,

**Now we are friends.**

**SENDING HYMN: #85 (BLUE) "WHAT WONDROUS LOVE IS THIS"**

**1. What wondrous love is this,  
O my soul, O my soul,  
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!  
What wondrous love is this  
That caused the Lord of bliss  
To bear the heavy cross  
For my soul for my soul, for my soul,  
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul!**

**2. To God and to the Lamb  
I will sing, I will sing,  
To God and to the Lamb, I will sing ;  
To God and to the Lamb  
Who is the Great I Am,  
While millions join the theme,  
I will sing, I will sing:  
While millions join the theme,  
I will sing!**

**3. And when from death I'm free,  
I'll sing on, I'll sing on,  
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on;  
And when from death I'm free,  
I'll sing and joyful be,  
And through eternity**

**I'll sing on, I'll sing on,  
And through eternity I'll sing on!**

**BENEDICTION:**

**RULING ELDER NORRIS CLARK**

**POSTLUDE:**

**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. *God Welcomes All* - CCLI Song #549555
2. *Abide With Me:* Harry F. Lyte, William H. Monk; CCLI #43190
3. *It Is Well With My Soul;* Horatio Spafford, Philip Bliss; CCLI Song #25376
4. *Gloria:* Public Domaine - not used during the Sunday's of Lent
5. *Doxology* - CCLI Song # 1149
6. *What Wondrous Love is This:* Amer. Folk hymn c. 1811, Walker's Southern Harmony 1835, Harm. Cantate Domino, 1980; CCLI Song #197297