

LET US WORSHIP GOD!

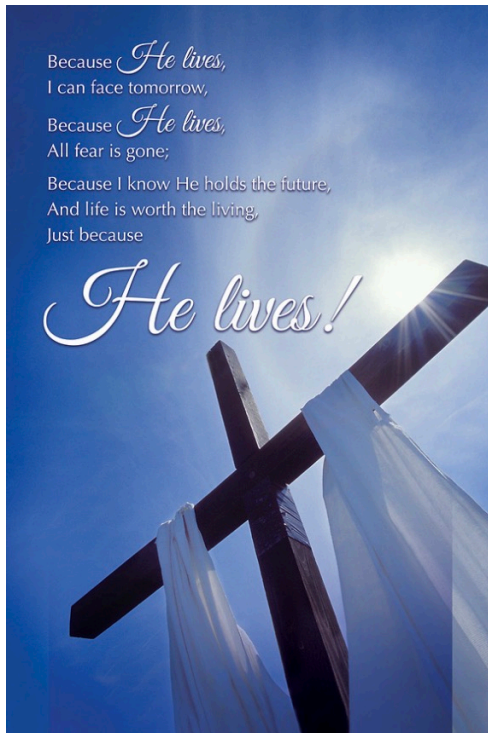
April 12, 2026—10:30 AM

Second Sunday of Easter



A HYBRID WORSHIP EXPERIENCE IN-PERSON AND ONLINE

Today's worship team—Music Director: Cheryl & Jim Kay;
Worship Leader: John Saalman; Message: Rev. David Wenker, 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

MESSAGE PREVIEW:

Rev. David Wenker's message is "Forgiveness".

Nothing is more freeing than finding and giving forgiveness. Nothing is more damaging to our hearts and spiritual lives than refusing to give forgiveness. We'll explore where we are with forgiveness in anticipation of receiving communion.

MUSIC PREVIEW:

We are so grateful to have Cheryl and Jim Kay playing and singing with us this morning! They will have a solo during the Offertory and will lead our hymns today! Thank you, Cheryl and Jim!

"How Great Thou Art" originated from a Swedish poem written by Carl Boberg in 1885 after experiencing a powerful thunderstorm. He was inspired by the beauty and awe of nature after the storm passed, and initially wrote it as a nine-verse poem. The poem was later matched with a Swedish folk melody and translated into German and Russian. English missionary Stuart K. Hine translated it

into English and added a fourth verse, and the hymn gained widespread popularity through Billy Graham's crusades.

"He Has Done Great Things" (popularized by Bethel Music/ Brian Johnson and similar to songs by Phil Wickham) is a worship anthem centered on Psalm 103, celebrating Jesus' sacrifice, the removal of sin, and God's immense love. The song emphasizes redemption, focusing on the "great things" of salvation, grace, and the resurrection.

Written in 1876 by Baptist pastor and professor Robert Lowry, **"Nothing but the Blood of Jesus"** focuses on the theological doctrine of salvation solely through Christ's atonement. It is a call-and-response hymn designed to emphasize that no human effort can wash away sin, only the blood of Jesus. Robert Lowry (1826–1899) wrote both the words and the music. He was known for his melodic, easy-to-sing hymns, which also included "Shall We Gather at the River" and "Christ Arose". It was introduced in the 1870s, with a noted, popular appearance at a camp meeting in Ocean Grove, New Jersey.

"Amazing Grace" was written in 1772 by John Newton, a former slave trader who found faith after a near-death storm at sea. The **"My Chains Are Gone"** addition is a modern chorus penned by Chris Tomlin to emphasize Newton's redemption, linking the hymn's 18th-century message of divine mercy to the 2007 film *Amazing Grace*.

PRELUDE

CHERYL KAY

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: JOHN SAALMAN

One: O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

Many: From the lips of children and infants you have ordained praise...

One: When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, what is man that you are mindful of him, ...You made him a little lower than the heavenly beings and crowned him with glory and honor.

Many: O, Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

OPENING PRAYER: (UNISON)

God of abundance we gather to give you thanks and worship you for your sufficiency. Your grace and mercy flows abundantly fresh and new each morning. You have provided for us physically and spiritually every day of our lives, even the days we could not see how we would get through. Open our eyes in fresh ways today to see you as the God who has all the resources of the universe at your disposal to bring to your children. We praise you in Jesus name AMEN

GATHERING HYMN - #467 (BLUE) "HOW GREAT THOU ART"

**1. O Lord my God! when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds Thy hand have made,
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
Thy power throughout the universe displayed;
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee,
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee,
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!**

**2. When through the woods and forest glades I
wander
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze;
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee,
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee,
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!**

**3. And when I think that God,
His Son not sparing,
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in;
That on the Cross, my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin;
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee,
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!**

**Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee,
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!**

**4. When Christ shall come
with shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,
And there proclaim,
my God, how great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee,
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee,
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!**

CALL TO CONFESSION:

The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. Let us confess our sin before God and one another, trusting in God's gracious promise of forgiveness in Jesus Christ.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (UNISON)

We admit our reluctance to let go of our resentment and anger. We are even reluctant to give it to you. We admit we justify holding onto our anger with the hurt we have received. We admit our decision to hold onto anger hurts others. Rather than serving and being a

blessing to others we dump our bad attitudes on them, sometimes not even realizing we are hurting others. Forgive us. Heal us. Grant us courage to surrender our hurts to you. We pray in Jesus name. AMEN

(Silent Reflection)

HEAR THE WORDS OF ASSURANCE: (RESPONSIVE)

One: Hear the Good News of the Gospel. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone and a new life has begun. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

Many's : 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:

Almighty God, we know that all Scripture is inspired by you and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to you may be proficient, equipped for every good work. As we hear the good news this Easter

season, may we come to believe more and more that Jesus is the Messiah, your Son and that through believing we may have life in his name. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING: MATTHEW 18: 21-35

Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, “Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Up to seven times?” Jesus answered, “I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times. “Therefore, the kingdom of heaven is like a king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. As he began the settlement, a man who owed him ten thousand bags of gold was brought to him. Since he was not able to pay, the master ordered that he and his wife and his children and all that he had be sold to repay the debt. “At this the servant fell on his knees before him. ‘Be patient with me,’ he begged, ‘and I will pay back everything.’ The servant’s master took pity on him, canceled the debt and let him go. “But when that servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred silver coins. He grabbed him and began to choke him. ‘Pay back what you owe me!’ he demanded. “His fellow servant fell to his knees and begged him, ‘Be patient with me, and I will pay it back.’ “But he refused. Instead, he went off and had the man

thrown into prison until he could pay the debt. When the other servants saw what had happened, they were outraged and went and told their master everything that had happened. “Then the master called the servant in. ‘You wicked servant,’ he said, ‘I canceled all that debt of yours because you begged me to. Shouldn’t you have had mercy on your fellow servant just as I had on you?’ In anger his master handed him over to the jailers to be tortured, until he should pay back all he owed. “This is how my heavenly Father will treat each of you unless you forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

MESSAGE: “FORGIVENESS” 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:

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. With glad and generous hearts, let us present our tithes and offerings.

OFFERTORY - "HE HAS DONE GREAT THINGS"

Soloist: Cheryl Kay

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).

Birthdays
& Anniversaries

ANNIVERSARY & BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS:

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO: TAYLOR RUGGE ~ APRIL 15

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO: NANCY & GUY KESSLER ~ APRIL 20

Donate
40 Things in
40 days

Lenten Challenge! Donate 40 Things in 40 Days. This project has been extended through the end of April. Continue to collect your items & bring them to church on Sunday or Price Hall during the week from 9:00 am-1:00 pm.



COLD SPRING SUPPERS BOOK CLUB "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). Next Book selection is "**Unbroken**", by **Laura Hillenbrand**.

When: *Tuesday, April 28, 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: comfort for the friends and family of **Pat Heller's daughter**, who passed away; **Dr. Ed Tinney**, the Dilk's dentist, with kidney cancer; **Paula Spence** with more heart problems; **Rick Beare** receiving cancer treatment; **Family members** safely home from **military service**; Norris's relative **Chase**, in the military service at the Strait of Hormuz. He is asking for prayers for **Chase and for his wife** at home with two small babies; **Rev. Jack Wright**, who led us in worship a few months ago, has passed away. Comfort for his family and friends. **Tracy Madden**, prayers for comfort for the family of her **husbands' cousin** who passed away; Praise that **Rev. Virginia Scott** is healing well enough to be with us for Easter and is planning to lead our service on April 19; **Mary Everett** is recovering from health issues; **Merryn Hawthorne**, Marge Wetherill's daughter, in Virginia is home from the hospital and recovering; **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 Michael Minor, Ashley, John Cervo, Madden family members.**

PASTORAL PRAYER

HYMN OF PREPARATION : #264 (RED) "NOTHING BUT THE BLOOD OF JESUS"

**1. What can wash away my sin?
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
What can make me whole again?
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.
O! precious is the flow
That makes me white as snow;
No other fount I know,**

Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

**2. For my pardon this I see --
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
For my cleansing, this my plea--
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.
O! precious is the flow
That makes me white as snow;
No other fount I know,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.**

**3. Nothing can for sin atone--
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
Naught of good that I have done--
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.
O! precious is the flow
That makes me white as snow;
No other fount I know,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.**

**4. This is all my hope and peace--
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
This is all my righteousness--
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.
O! precious is the flow
That makes me white as snow;
No other fount I know,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.**

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.o

Once we were strangers,
Now we are friends.

SENDING HYMN: "AMAZING GRACE (MY CHAINS ARE GONE)"

**1. Amazing grace how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost but now I'm 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
My chains are gone I've been set free
My God my Savior has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy rains
Unending love amazing grace**

**3. The Lord has promised good to me
His word my hope secures
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures
My chains are gone I've been set free**

**My God my Savior has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy rains
Unending love amazing grace
My chains are gone I've been set free
My God my Savior has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy rains
Unending love amazing grace**

**4. The earth shall soon dissolve like snow
The sun forbear to shine
But God who called me here below
Will be forever mine
Will be forever mine
You are forever mine**

BENEDICTION:

REV. DAVID WENKER

POSTLUDE:

CHERYL KAY

Go in peace. See you next week!

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1. *God Welcomes All* - CCLI Song #549555
2. *How Great Thou Art: Stuart Wesley Keene Hine*; CCLI #14181
3. *Gloria*: Public Domain
4. *He Has Done Great Things*: Phil Wickham and Jonas Myrin; CCLI Song #7242658
5. *Doxology* - CCLI Song # 1149
6. *Nothing But the Blood of Jesus*: Robert Lowry; CCLi Song #21332
7. *Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)*: Chris Tomlin, John Newton, Louie Giglio; CCLI Song #4768151