

# LET US WORSHIP GOD!

April 26, 2026 — 10:30 AM

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



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

Today's worship team — Music Director: Jayne McDonough;  
Worship Leader: Marjorie Wetherill; Message: 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:

**Elder Norris Clark brings the message, "The Hope Effect".**

### MUSIC PREVIEW:

"**Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing**" is a Christian hymn written by the Baptist pastor and hymnodist Robert Robinson, who penned the words in 1757 at age 22. Later in life, he wandered from his faith. A young woman used this hymn to encourage him to return to the Lord.

Edward Mote wrote just one hymn in his lifetime. From what we know of his life, "**My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less**" was just as much an anthem of his own testimony as it has become for believers all over the world. Having grown up knowing nothing of God or His existence, Mote first attended church and became a Christian as a young adult. While still a new believer, he was compelled to try his hand at hymn writing. Thus, Mote wrote from a basic, yet profound understanding of his salvation. Later that same week, he visited a married couple at the wife's sickbed. Without a hymnal handy to lead them in a song of worship, Mote produced a folded-up piece of paper upon which he had worked out four verses and a chorus. Together, they sang the hymn now known as "My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less" for the first time, blessed by the truths of God's Word in the lyrics.

"**Here I Am, Lord**", also known by its first line, "I, the Lord of sea and sky", is a Christian hymn written by the American composer Dan Schutte in 1981. Its lyrics are inspired by the Bible verses Isaiah 6:8 and 1 Samuel 3 as this powerful song is a testament to Schutte's Godly devotion. The chorus speaks of his dedication stating, "I will go, Lord, if you lead me" emphasizing the motives of humility and a willingness to act in accordance with the Lord's will.

**PRELUDE**

**JAYNE MCDONOUGH**

**WELCOME:**

**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)**

**(ADAPTED FROM GLORY TO GOD #93)**

One: Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates!

**Many: Behold! The Savior of the world is risen!**

One: Fling wide the portals of your hearts:

**Many: Let us feel the presence of the God's  
grace and love!**

One: O Holy spirit, lead us on in worship;

**Many: Call us each by name, that we may give  
God glory!**

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

**Loving Shepherd, you call us by name and you call us as your own. When the world is chaotic, you gather us to yourself, that we might dwell secure in your green pastures. As we gather this Sunday in the season of Easter, we thank you for being our shepherd and our gate to the Most High. Quiet our souls, nourish us with your presence, and restore us by your love. Come, Holy Spirit, to open our hearts to your Word and our minds to your truth. Lead us in paths of righteousness, that we may reflect your goodness and mercy all the days of our lives. We pray this in the name of Jesus Christ, the Risen Shepherd. Amen.**

## **GATHERING HYMN - #356 (BLUE) "COME, THOU FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING" (TUNE #355)**

**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 the mount! I'm fixed upon it,  
Mount of Thy redeeming love!**

**2. Here I raise mine Ebenezer,  
Hither by Thy help I'm come;  
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure,  
Safely to arrive at home.**

**Jesus sought me when a stranger,  
Wand'ring from the fold of God;  
He, to rescue me from danger,  
Interposed His precious blood.**

**3. O to grace how great a debtor  
Daily I'm constrained to be!  
Let Thy grace now, like a fetter,  
Bind my wandering 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.**

### **CALL TO CONFESSION:**

Jesus said, “I am the Good Shepherd; I know my own, and my own know me” (John 10:14). In confession, we trust God to know us fully: the good and the bad, the faithful and the sinful. But we also know God’s faithfulness, God’s mercy, and God’s power to redeem us and lead us into new life. Trusting in this promise, let us confess our sins together.

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

**Gracious God, from before the foundation of the world, you called us by name and pledged your steadfast love. But like ornery sheep, we stray from the fold. You offer to lead us, but we prefer to lead ourselves. Christ laid down his life, yet we refuse to lay down our phones, our plans, our pride. Forgive us, O God. Call us back to the open gate of Christ's redeeming love that we may enter your Beloved Community and find restoration for our souls, reconciliation with our enemies and the glory of abiding with you forevermore. Amen.**

**(Silent Reflection)**

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

**One:** The proof God's amazing love is this: while we were yet sinners, Christ came to us; Christ died for us; and Christ rose from the dead so that the gates of hell and heaven may be thrown open wide and all of creation renewed. So believe the good news: in Jesus Christ, you are forgiven and restored to new, abundant life.

**Many: Alleluia! 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: (ADAPTED FROM HOWARD THURMAN, "GIVE ME THE LISTENING EAR" MEDITATIONS OF THE HEART)**

O God, give us the listening ear. Give us the listening ear that will not shrink from a word that corrects and admonishes; a word that challenges us to deeper consecration and higher resolve; a word that lays bare the needs that make our days uneasy; a word that seizes upon everything decent in our nature and channels it into paths of healing in the lives of others. Give us, O Lord, the listening ear. Amen.

### **FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: ISAIAH 40: 28-31**

“Do you not know? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding no one can fathom. He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak. Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; but those who hope in

the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.”

### **SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: 1 PETER 1: 3-9**

“Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you, who through faith are shielded by God’s power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time. In all this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. These have come so that the proven genuineness of your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, for you are receiving the end result of your faith, the salvation of your souls.”

**MESSAGE: "THE HOPE EFFECT"**

**ELDER NORRIS CLARK**

**PRAYER AND SILENT REFLECTION**

**HYMN OF MEDITATION : #379 (BLUE) "MY HOPE IS BUILT ON NOTHING LESS"**

**Verse 1**

**1. My hope is built on nothing less  
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,  
But wholly lean on Jesus' name.  
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;  
All other ground is sinking sand,  
All other ground is sinking sand.**

**2. When darkness veils His lovely face,  
I rest on His unchanging grace;  
In every high and stormy gale,  
My anchor holds within the veil.  
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;  
All other ground is sinking sand,  
All other ground is sinking sand.**

**3. His oath, His covenant, His blood  
Support me in the whelming flood;  
When all around my soul gives way,**

**He then is all my hope and stay.  
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;  
All other ground is sinking sand,  
All other ground is sinking sand.**

**4. When He shall come with trumpet sound,  
O may I then in Him be found,  
Dressed in His righteousness alone,  
Faultless to stand before the throne.  
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;  
All other ground is sinking sand,  
All other ground is sinking sand.**

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

Our savior, as the Good Shepherd, leads us to what nourishes, comforts and secures our living. When we reflect upon all that God provides, we see that our cup indeed runs over. In gratitude and in faith, may we practice Christlike generosity to support the living body of Christ that is this church. With joy and thanksgiving, let us offer what is precious to us 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).

Birthdays  
& Anniversaries

**ANNIVERSARY & BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS: NONE**

**LISTED**

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.



**BOOK CLUB**

**COLD SPRING SUPPERS "BOOK CLUB" TUES. APRIL 28, 6:30 PM**

**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](mailto: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:*** Pastor Bob Sheidly, the family and friends of **Anna Sheidly on her passing; Sue Klein** suffering from COPD; joy for the safe return of the **four astronauts; Monica Heinly** in icu with high blood pressure & potential renal artery blockage; For a peaceful & successful resolution to the **problems in the Middle East; two family members** of Tracy Madden suffering with cancer, **family traveling to Florida** & for **her Father** with many health issues; **Glenn Allison** with a broken hip while also facing Parkinson's disease; **Jim**, brother-in-law of Jim Kay having heart surgery; **Shaina** with heart issues; **Jim Kay** scheduled for cataract surgery; comfort for families and friends of **3 men who lost their lives** in the **Phila. Parking garage** construction collapse; **Rochelle**, Barb Keister's granddaughter, fell down stairs, broke her

ankle, surgery on Wednesday; **Guy Kessler** is home on hospice care; **Jim Paulits**, Brother of Joe, has lung disease; 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; **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, and the recent loss of Anna Sheidly.

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

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**

### **The Lord's Prayer (unison)**

**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: #525 (BLUE) "HERE I AM, LORD"**

**1. I, the Lord of the sea and sky,**

**I have heard my people cry.**

**All who dwell in dark and sin**

**My hand will save.**

**I who have made the stars of the night,  
I will make their darkness bright  
Who will bear my light to them?  
Whom shall I send?  
Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?  
I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.  
I will hold your people in my heart.**

**2. I the Lord of the snow and rain,  
I have born my people' pain.  
I have wept for love of them,  
They turn away.  
I will break their heart's of stone,  
Give them hearts for love alone.  
I will speak my word to them.  
Whom shall I send?  
Here I am, Lord. Is it I Lord?  
I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go Lord, if you lead me.  
I will hold your people in my heart.**

**3. I, the Lord of wind and flame,  
I will tend the poor and lame.  
I will set a feast for them,  
My hand will save.  
Finest bread I will provide  
Till their hearts be satisfied.**

**I will give my life to them.  
Whom shall I send?  
Here I am, Lord. Is it I Lord?  
I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go Lord, if you lead me.  
I will hold your people in my heart.**

**BENEDICTION:**

**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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