

# LET US WORSHIP GOD!

May 3, 2026— 10:30 AM

## FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



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

Today's worship team—Music Director: Jayne McDonough; Worship Leader: Marjorie Wetherill; Message: Rev. David Wenker, Pulpit Supply; Worship Production: Rick Demczyk



## 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:

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## A NEW MEMBER CLASS IS MEETING ON SUNDAY, MAY

3 & SUNDAY MAY 10, AT 9:30 A.M.

BEFORE WORSHIP, IN THE SANCTUARY

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### MESSAGE PREVIEW:

## Rev. David Wenker's Message is "Trials and Temptations"

We will be thinking about the phrase "lead us not into temptation" from the Lord's prayer this week. The word for trials and temptations is the same word in the Bible in the original greek. Sometimes the Lord's prayer is even translated with that idea and reads, "Save us from the time of trial". Trials and temptations are a routine part of every human's life on earth. Learning to recognize them, decide what to do in the midst of them and understand their purpose in our spiritual lives will be the focus of our thinking this week.

## **MUSIC PREVIEW:**

"There's a Wideness in God's Mercy" was written by Frederick William Faber, an English theologian and hymnwriter who converted from Anglicanism to Roman Catholicism, reflecting his deep conviction that God's love is far more expansive, kind, and less restrictive than human judgment. Written around 1854, the hymn was originally part of a longer poem titled "Souls of Men, Why Will Ye Scatter?" designed to reassure believers of God's immense love.

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus" was written as a poem in 1855 by Irishman Joseph Scriven to comfort his mother during a time of illness, shortly after his own fiancée tragically drowned on their wedding eve. Originally titled "Pray Without Ceasing," it was set to music by Charles Converse in 1868, becoming a beloved hymn.

Thomas Troeger, composer of "Let All Who Pray the Prayer Christ Taught", (1945-2022), professor of Christian communication at Yale Divinity school, was a well known preacher, poet, and musician. He was a fellow of Silliman College, held a B.A. from Yale University; B.D. Colgate Rochester Divinity School; S.T. D. Dickinson College, and was awarded an honorary D.D. from Virginia Theological Seminary. He was ordained in the Presbyterian Church in 1970 and the Episcopal Church in 1999, and remained dually aligned with both traditions. He wrote this hymn lyric in 1985. Troeger led conferences and lectures in worship and preaching throughout North America, as well as in Denmark, Holland, Australia, Japan, and Africa. He served as national chaplain to the American Guild of Organists, and for at least three years he hosted the Season of Worship broadcast for Cokesbury. He was president of the Academy of Homiletics as well as Societas Homiletica. He wrote more than 22 books in the areas of preaching, poetry, hymnody, and worship. Many of his hymn texts are found in New Hymns for the Lectionary (Oxford, 1992), and God, You Made All Things for Singing (Oxford, 2009).

## **PRELUDE**

**JAYNE McDONOUGH**

## **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) PSALM 118: 24**

One: This is the day the Lord has made;  
**Many: let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

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

**God of all glory, on this first day you began creation bringing light out of darkness. On this first day you began your new creation, raising Jesus Christ from the darkness of death. On this Lord's Day grant that we, the people you create by water and the Spirit, may be joined with all your works in praising you for your great glory. We pray in Jesus name, AMEN**

## **GATHERING HYMN - #298 (BLUE) "THERE'S A WIDENESS IN GOD'S MERCY"**

**1. There's a wideness in God's mercy,  
Like the wideness of the sea;  
There's a kindness in God's justice,  
Which is more than liberty.  
There is no place where earth's sorrows  
Are more felt than up in heaven;  
There is no place where earth's failings  
Have such kindly judgment given.**

**2. For the love of God is broader  
Than the measures of the mind;  
And the heart of the Eternal  
Is most wonderfully kind.  
If our love were but more faithful,  
We should gladly trust God's word;  
And our lives reflect thanksgiving  
For the goodness of our Lord.**

**CALL TO CONFESSION:**

We all err from doing God's justice. When we confess our sins, we tell the truth and admit our own power to enact injustice that harms others. Let us pray:

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (UNISON)**

**We confess we want our life to go the way we want it to go. When we don't get our way, we have all sorts of negative reactions that hurt others, your name, and us. We resist surrendering to you, believing our way is better. Forgive us. You alone are the way to life. We acknowledge you are working out our life out of love, in our best interest, for your glory and our good. Help us to trust you when we can't see it. We pray in Jesus name. AMEN**

**(Silent Reflection)**

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

One: Hear the good news of the gospel. If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

**Many: 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:**

Your Word, O God, is a source of refuge and guidance. Lead us, and inspire our hearts and souls as we engage holy Scripture with our minds and spirits. Amen.

## **FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 10: 12-13**

So, if you think you are standing firm, be careful that you don't fall! No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it.

## **SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: JAMES 1: 1-15**

James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, To the twelve tribes scattered among the nations: Greetings. Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything. If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you. But when you ask, you must believe and not doubt, because the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind. That person should not expect to receive anything from the Lord. Such a person is double-minded and unstable in all they do. Believers in humble circumstances ought to take pride in their high position. But the rich should take pride in their humiliation—since they will pass away like a wild flower. For the sun rises with scorching heat and withers the plant; its blossom falls and its beauty is destroyed. In the same way, the rich will fade away even while they go about their business. Blessed is the one who perseveres under trial because, having stood the test, that person will receive the crown of life that the Lord has promised to those who love him. When tempted, no one should say, “God is tempting me.” For God cannot

be tempted by evil, nor does he tempt anyone; but each person is tempted when they are dragged away by their own evil desire and enticed. Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, gives birth to death.

## **MESSAGE: "TRIALS AND TEMPTATIONS"**

**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:**

The psalmist calls God a source of refuge. In hope that the church can be a refuge for us and others, let us give our tithes and offerings 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 & ANNOUNCEMENTS**



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:**

**With apologies, Belated**

**Happy Birthday to Elaine Jordan- April 27**

**Happy Birthday Blessings to:**

**John Saalman- May 5**

**Happy Anniversary to:**

**Nicole & Ralph DiLossi - May 4**

**Jim & Amanda Dodd - May 4**

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**The Cold Spring Community Handbell Choir is rehearsing weekly, beginning Thursday May 7, at 1:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Anyone interested in participating should attend.**



## **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 TBA**

**When: Tuesday, May 26, 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)

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under the direction of Ruthann Waldie  
Invite you to their Spring Concerts celebrating  
"The American Spirit"



**Sunday, May 3rd - 3:00 PM**  
Saint Paul's Church,  
9910 Third Ave., Stone Harbor, NJ.

**Monday, May 4th - 7:00 PM**  
Tabernacle United Methodist Church,  
702 Seashore Rd. Cape May

**Thursday, May 7th- 7:00 PM**  
Resurrection Church,  
200 Tuckahoe Rd., Marmora, NJ

## 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:** **John Raimondi** is recovering from heart surgery, McCaughey's brother in law; **Merryn Hawthorne**, Marge's daughter, has been weak and is in & out of the hospital, Marge asks for prayers for hope; with gratitude, **Jim Kay** is recovering well from cataract

surgery, and his brother in law, **Jim**, is also doing well following heart surgery; **Ruth Rich** is receiving cancer treatment; Norris's nephew, **Chase**, in the military, An Admiral, who is a neighbor of their's, praised Chase on his military service in the Strait of Hormusz; **Josie Peterson** took a fall and has a severely broken hip, awaiting surgery at Cooper; **Diane Reihl** with health issues, taken to the hospital; **Monica Heinly** is home and doing well; **Tracy Madden** dealing with anxiety; **Mary Everett** is still in the hospital; **Mary King**, Jayne's cousin, recently diagnosed with stage 3 cervical cancer, having surgery May 4; Pastor Bob Sheidly, the family and friends of **Anna Sheidly** on her passing; **Sue Klein** suffering from COPD; two **family members** of Tracy Madden suffering with cancer, joy that her niece's cancer is improving, **family traveling to Florida** & for **her Father** with many health issues; **Glenn Allison** with a broken hip while also facing Parkinson's disease; **Shaina** with heart issues; 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, now recovering at home; **Guy Kessler** is home on hospice care; **Jim Paulits**, Brother of Joe, has lung disease; ; **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 Rich, 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, Mary King.

## **PASTORAL PRAYER**

### **HYMN OF PREPARATION: #100 (RED) "WHAT A FRIEND WE HAVE IN JESUS"**

**1. What a friend we have in Jesus,  
All our sins and griefs to bear!  
What a privilege to carry  
Everything to God in prayer!  
O what peace we often forfeit,  
O what needless pain we bear,  
All because we do not carry  
Everything to God in prayer!**

**2. Have we trials and temptations?  
Is there trouble anywhere?**

**We should never be discouraged,  
Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Can we find a friend so faithful  
Who will all our sorrows share?  
Jesus knows our every weakness,  
Take it to the Lord in prayer.**

**3. Are we weak and heavy laden,  
Cumbered with a load of care?  
Precious Savior, still our refuge--  
Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?  
Take it to the Lord in prayer;  
In His arms He'll take and shield thee,  
Thou wilt find a solace there.**

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

## **SENDING HYMN: #349 (BLUE) "LET ALL WHO PRAY THE PRAYER CHRIST TAUGHT"**

- 1. Let all who pray the prayer Christ taught  
First clear the cluttered heart,  
Make room to breathe the living thought  
Those well-worn words impart.**

2. **Dismiss the fear that this world drifts  
With no one in command,  
Your pulse and breath are signs and gifts  
From God's attentive hand.**
3. **Refine and test each passing aim  
Against this final one:  
Has your life hallwed heaven's name  
And has God's will been done?**
4. **Discard each vengeful hope that's fed  
The dreams of wars you'll win,  
Then freely ask for daily bread  
And pardon from your sin.**
5. **Examine how temptation breeds  
Inside the minds dark maze,  
Acknowledging that your life needs  
Deliverance from its ways.**
6. **By faithful discipline prepare  
An inward holy space  
That when you offer Jesus' prayer  
Your heart may fill with grace.**

**Benediction:**

**Rev. David Wenker**

**POSTLUDE:**

**JAYNE MCDONOUGH**

**Go in peace. See you next week!**

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