

# LET US WORSHIP GOD!

May 17, 2026—10:30 AM

## SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



A HYBRID WORSHIP EXPERIENCE IN-PERSON AND ONLINE

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



*I will celebrate  
and rejoice in you;  
I will sing praises  
to your name,  
Most High.*

PSALM 9:2

### 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 ELDER NORRIS CLARK THIS MORNING. HIS MESSAGE IS "TURNING STRANGERS INTO NEIGHBORS".**

### MUSIC PREVIEW:

"Blest Be the Tie That Binds" was written in 1782 by English Baptist pastor John Fawcett to love upon departing, he chose community over wealth.

**"Let Us Break Bread Together"** is a renowned

African American spiritual originating among enslaved people in the American South, likely in 18th-century Virginia or coastal South Carolina. It served as a coded call to secret worship gatherings, symbolizing unity, spiritual resistance, and a longing for freedom under the guise of Holy Communion.

**"Take My Life and Let It Be"** was written by Frances Ridley Havergal in February 1874, born from a personal experience of total spiritual consecration. While visiting friends, she felt a profound urge to pray for the spiritual renewal of the ten people in the house, eventually leading to a night of overwhelming joy where she felt every part of her life was surrendered to God, resulting in the lyrics.

**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)**

**PSALM 68:7-10, 32)**

**One:** O God, when you went out before your people, when you marched through the wilderness, the earth quaked,

**Many:** the heavens poured down rain at the presence of God, the God of Sinai, at the presence of God, the God of Israel.

**One:** Rain in abundance, O God, you showered abroad; you restored your heritage when it languished; your flock found a dwelling in it; in your goodness, O God, you provided for the needy.

**Many:** Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; sing praises to the Lord.

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

**Almighty God, your Son Jesus prayed that we might be one, as you and He are one. On this Seventh Sunday of Easter, as we await the promise of your Holy Spirit, we gather in your presence. Through the reading of your Word, unite our hearts and strengthen us to witness your love to the ends of the earth. By your Spirit, quiet our minds and prepare our hearts to worship you in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## **GATHERING HYMN - #438 (BLUE) "*BLEST BE THE TIE THAT BINDS*"**

**1. Blest be the tie that binds  
Our hearts in Christian love:  
The fellowship of kindred minds  
Is like to that above.**

**2. Before our Father's throne  
We pour our ardent prayers;  
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one,  
Our comforts and our cares.**

**3. We share our mutual woes,  
Our mutual burdens bear,  
And often for each other flows  
The sympathizing tear.**

**4. From sorrow, toil, and pain,  
And sin we shall be free;  
And perfect love and friendship reign  
Through all eternity.**

**CALL TO CONFESSION:**

Too often in the season of Eastertide, we are quick to roll the stone back over the entrance to the tomb. Our hallelujahs are robust and loud on Easter Sunday, but a few weeks in, we begin to mistrust the promises of the resurrection.

Nonetheless, God stands always ready to restore us to wholeness. With the confidence of God's beloved, let us confess our sins, knowing that the God who hears us, loves us, and will forgive and renew us. Let us confess together — first in unison and then in silence.

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (UNISON)**

Eternal God, you have loved us from generation to generation. You have shown your faithfulness more often than we can recall. The Bible tells us of your steadfast mercy. You even pray for us. Yet we live holding on to past hurts; we are not open to your new creation. We prefer the safety of what we know to the excitement of discipleship. Forgive us, we pray, and make us

**again as you would have us be. We make all of our prayers in the name of Jesus Christ, Amen.**  
**(Silent Reflection)**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON: ( RESPONSIVE)**  
**(2 Corinthians 4:14-15)**

**One: We know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence.**

**Many: Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.**

**One: Believe the promise of the gospel:**

**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: (PSALM 19:14)**

**May the words of my mouth, and the meditations of all of our hearts, be acceptable, even pleasing in your sight, O Lord, our strength and redeemer.**

**Amen.**

## **FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: HEBREWS 13:1-2**

Keep on loving one another as brothers and sisters. Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it. Continue to remember those in prison as if you were together with them in prison, and those who are mistreated as if you yourselves were suffering.

## **SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: LUKE 10:25-37**

### **The Parable of the Good Samaritan**

On one occasion, an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. “Teacher,” he asked, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?” “What is written in the Law?” he replied. “How do you read it?” He answered, “ ‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind’; and, ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’” “You have answered correctly,” Jesus replied. “Do this and you will live.” But he wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?” In reply Jesus said: “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he was attacked by robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half dead. A

priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day, he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper. 'Look after him,' he said, 'and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have.' "Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?" The expert in the law replied, "The one who had mercy on him." Jesus told him, "Go and do likewise."

**MESSAGE: "TURNING STRANGERS INTO  
NEIGHBORS"**

**ELDER NORRIS CLARK**

**PRAYER AND SILENT REFLECTION**

## **HYMN OF MEDITATION: #513 (BLUE) "LET US BREAK BREAD TOGETHER"**

**1. Let us break bread together on our knees;  
Let us break bread together on our knees.  
When I fall on my knees,  
With my face to the rising sun,  
O Lord, have mercy on me.**

**2. Let us drink wine together on our knees;  
Let us drink wine together on our knees.  
When I fall on my knees,  
With my face to the rising sun,  
O Lord have mercy on me.**

**3. Let us praise God together on our knees;  
Let us praise God together on our knees.  
When I fall on my knees,  
With my face to the rising sun,  
O Lord have mercy on me.**

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

**In a time when affordability is top of mind for many people, it is often tempting to dwell on scarcity and to believe that there simply is not enough to go around, Christian faith offers a contrary word, an attestation that God has given us more than we can ever need, from the**

overflowing of God's love. Consequently, the people of God are invited to affirm that love with our own offerings, which will manifest the love of Christ to the world he died to save. The morning offering will now be received.

## 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



**The flowers that beautify the sanctuary are given by Nancy Kessler in loving memory of Guy Kessler, on his passing on May 6.**

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

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO:

**Carol Glacken (office) ~ May 18**

**Ann Griffith ~ May 21**

## 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). The **Next Book selection is "The Shack" by William Paul Young**

**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)

## 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:** A joy shared by **Linda Hadrava** as her **Father** celebrated his 101st Birthday; **Dale & Jonna's** son, **Greg Myers** has been diagnosed with cancer, complicated by his injuries from the previous auto accident; for **Nancy Kessler** and the family & friends of **Guy Kessler**, on his passing; **John Raimondi** is recovering from heart surgery, **McCaughey's** brother in law; **Ruth Rich** is receiving cancer treatment; **Josie Peterson** had surgery to replace her broken hip & is in rehab at Pelican Point; **Diane Reihl** with health issues,

taken to the hospital; Tracy Madden dealing with anxiety; Mary Everett is still in the hospital; 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.

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

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**

### **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: #391 (RED) "TAKE MY LIFE AND LET IT BE" , VERSES 1, 2, 3 & 6**

**1. Take my life, and let it be  
Consecrated, Lord to Thee.  
Take my moments and my days;  
Let them flow in ceaseless praise,  
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.**

**2. Take my hands, and let them move  
At the impulse of Thy love.  
Take my feet, and let them be  
Swift and beautiful for Thee,  
Swift and beautiful for Thee.**

**3. Take my voice, and let me sing,  
Always, only, for my King,  
Take my lips, and let them be  
Filled with messages from Thee,  
Filled with messages from Thee.**

**6. Take my love; my Lord, I pour  
At Thy feet its treasure store.  
Take myself and I will be  
Ever, only, all for Thee,  
Ever, only, all for Thee.**

**Benediction:  
POSTLUDE:**

**Elder Norris Clark  
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. *Blest Be the Tie That Binds:* Johann Georg Nageli, John Fawcett, arr. Lowell Mason; CCLI Song #25369
3. *Gloria:* Public Domain
4. *Let Us Break Bread Together;* African American Spiritual, William Farley Smith ; CCLI Song #3205952
5. *Doxology* - CCLI Song # 1149
6. *Take My Life and Let It Be:* Frances Ridley Havergal, H. A. Cesar Malan; CCLI Song #1390