

LET US WORSHIP GOD!

May 24, 2026 — 10:30 AM

PENTECOST SUNDAY



A HYBRID WORSHIP EXPERIENCE IN-PERSON AND ONLINE

Today's worship team— Music Director: Jayne McDonough; Worship Leader: Beverly Mate; Message: Rev. David Wenker, Pulpit Supply; Worship Production: Norris Clark

PENTECOST
Sunday



And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting.

Acts 2:1-2 (KJV)

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 "NEW BEGINNINGS"

MUSIC PREVIEW:

Before becoming a prominent clergyman, William Maclagan served as a lieutenant in the British Army in India. After retiring from military service, he experienced a profound spiritual calling, attended Cambridge, and was ordained as an Anglican priest in 1856. He later became the Archbishop of York. In 1873, Maclagan was serving at St. Mary's Church in Newington, London. During this time, he wrote several hymns characterized by their simplicity and pastoral warmth, aiming to provide accessible, meaningful texts for congregational and mission use. "Holy Spirit, Lord of Love" was written for the sacrament of Confirmation to guide young believers—praying that the Holy Spirit would remain their guide from their baptism, help them conquer sin, and bestow His "sevenfold gifts of power" during the laying on of hands. The hymn was officially published a few years later in Mrs. C. Brock's Children's Hymn Book in 1884.

"Sweet, Sweet Spirit" was written in 1962 by acclaimed African-American gospel composer Doris Akers. The inspiration struck during a pre-service prayer meeting in Los Angeles with her Sky Pilot Choir, when Akers felt the Holy Spirit so profoundly that she wrote the hymn the very next day. The chorus, "Sweet Holy Spirit, Sweet heavenly Dove," was heavily inspired by the New Testament account of Jesus' baptism in Matthew 3:16, where the Spirit of God descends like a dove.

Samuel Francis Smith, a 24-year-old seminary student, penned the hymn **"My Country, 'Tis of Thee"** in 1831. While translating a German songbook, he was inspired by a melody, paired it with original American patriotic lyrics, and created a song that served as an unofficial U.S. national anthem for a century. Smith's lyrics blend natural beauty with spiritual devotion, concluding with a prayer to God, the "Author of liberty," to protect the country. The song was first performed in public on July 4, 1831, by a children's choir at the Park Street Church in Boston.

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 103 adapted)

One: Praise the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits.

Many: who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases,

**One: Who redeems your life from the it and crowns you with love and compassion,
Many: who satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed like the Eagle's.**

OPENING PRAYER: (UNISON)

Your gifts, blessings and benefits in our lives are more than we even realize. We gather to bring you our praise and worship because you are worthy. Open our hearts to fully participate in giving you what you deserve. Fill us with love and gratitude that we might humbly follow you into paths of obedient service. We praise you in Jesus name AMEN

GATHERING HYMN - #524 (BLUE) "*HOLY SPIRIT, LORD OF LOVE*"

**1. Holy Spirit, Lord of love,
Who descended from above,
gifts of blessing to bestow
on your waiting Church below,
once again in love draw near
to your servants gathered here.
From their bright baptismal day
You have led them on their way.**

**2. When the sacred vow is made,
when the hands are on them laid,
come in this most solemn hour
with your strengthening gift of power.
Give them light thy truth to see:
give them life Your own to be,
daily power to conquer sin,
patient faith, the crown to win.**

CALL TO CONFESSION:

God's Spirit is alive and at work among us,
gathering us for worship, calling us to return to God
through prayer, praise and confession. Let us pray
together.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (UNISON)

**We admit we are easily absorbed with our self.
We so focus on ourselves that we don't see what
you are doing in the people around us. We often
interpret our interaction with people through the
lenses of how they annoy us or not. Forgive us
and give us eyes to see people as Jesus does, full
of love and value. We pray in Jesus name.**

AMEN

(Silent Reflection)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON: (RESPONSIVE)

One: Friends hear the good news of the gospel. The grace of God overflows for us through Christ Jesus who came into the world to save sinners.

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:

Open our hearts and minds by the power of your Spirit, Holy God, that we might hear and receive the message you intend for us today. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: JOSHUA 1: 1-9

After the death of Moses the servant of the Lord, the Lord said to Joshua son of Nun, Moses' aide: "Moses my servant is dead. Now then, you and all these people, get ready to cross the Jordan River into the land I am about to give to them—to the Israelites. I will give you every place where you set your foot, as I promised Moses. Your territory will extend from the desert to Lebanon, and from the

great river, the Euphrates—all the Hittite country—to the Mediterranean Sea in the west. No one will be able to stand against you all the days of your life. As I was with Moses, so I will be with you; I will never leave you nor forsake you. Be strong and courageous, because you will lead these people to inherit the land I swore to their ancestors to give them. “Be strong and very courageous. Be careful to obey all the law my servant Moses gave you; do not turn from it to the right or to the left, that you may be successful wherever you go. Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful. Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.”

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: ACTS 2: 1-12

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to

speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them. Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken. Utterly amazed, they asked: “Aren’t all these who are speaking Galileans? Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!” Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, “What does this mean?”

MESSAGE: "NEW BEGINNINGS"

REV. DAVID WENKER

PRAYER AND SILENT REFLECTION

Reception of New Members:

Diana Reasin

Virginia Scott

Connie Starr

Shelly Van Dyke

HYMN OF MEDITATION: #398 (BLUE) "THERE'S A SWEET, SWEET SPIRIT IN THIS PLACE"

**1. There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place,
And I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord;
There are sweet expressions on each face,
And I know they feel the presence of the Lord.
Sweet Holy Spirit, Sweet heavenly Dove,
Stay right here with us,
Filling us with Your love;
And for these blessings
We lift our hearts in praise.
Without a doubt we'll know
That we have been revived
When we shall leave this place.**

**2. There are blessings you cannot receive
Till you know Him in His fullness and believe;
You're the one to profit when you say,
"I am going to walk with Jesus all the way."
Sweet Holy Spirit, Sweet heavenly Dove,
Stay right here with us,
Filling us with Your love;
And for these blessings
We lift our hearts in praise.
Without a doubt we'll know
That we have been revived
When we shall leave this place.**

MOMENT FOR MISSION: DEB JONES FROM THE ST. BARNABAS FOOD PANTRY

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS:

God's Spirit is among us making all things new. Let us participate in this new creation by offering our 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 & ANNOUNCEMENTS



The flowers that beautify the sanctuary are given by Denise Schuler in memory of her loving and generous husband Harley, who passed away one year ago today. He is missed.

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).

HAPPY BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO:

Ann Ferrari ~ May 30

Happy Anniversary to Robin & Bob Stiles ~May 28

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



Church Luncheon Social, at Bella Vida Restaurant, 406 N. Broadway, West Cape May. on Sunday, May 31, 2026, directly after the Worship Service. Please sign up in the narthex to give the Restaurant a count for seating.

- Our Summer Hospitality & refreshments will begin June 7, through Labor Day weekend. There is a sign up sheet in the narthex for volunteers to help set up, bake and/or supply snacks for each week this summer.

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: Pam asked for prayers regarding the **United Methodist's annual conference** meeting in Wildwood this week, praying they hear God and do as he says; **Norris Clark's Mother, Marianna Clark** is bring treated gor skin cancer on her cheek. she advises us to wesr a hat in the sunshine!; **Barb's friend James** is walking through challenges needing peace and strength; 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**, the family & friends of **Guy Kessler**, on his passing; **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.o
Once we were strangers,
 Now we are friends.

SENDING HYMN: #391 (RED) "MY COUNTRY, TIS OF THEE"

**1. My country 'tis of thee
Sweet land of liberty Of thee I sing
Land where my fathers died
Land of the pilgrims' pride
From every mountain side
Let freedom ring**

**2. My native country thee
Land of the noble free Thy name I love
I love thy rocks and rills
Thy woods and templed hills
My heart with rapture thrills
Like that above**

**3. Let music swell the breeze
And ring from all the trees
Sweet freedom's song
Let mortal tongues awake**

**Let all that breathe partake
Let rocks their silence break
The sound prolong**

**4. Our fathers' God to Thee
Author of liberty To Thee we sing
Long may our land be bright
With freedom's holy light
Protect us by Thy might
Great God our King**

**Benediction:
POSTLUDE:**

**Rev. David Wenker
JAYNE McDONOUGH**

Go in peace. See you next week!

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1. *God Welcomes All* - CCLI Song #549555
2. *Holy Spirit, Lord of Love:* William Dalrymple Maclagen, Jacob Hintze, harm. johann Sebastian Bach; CCLI Song #1699000
3. *Gloria:* Public Domaine
4. *There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit in this Place:* Doris Akers; CCLI Song #
5. *Doxology* - CCLI Song #18204
6. *My Country Tis of Thee;* Samuel Francis Smith; CCLI Song #46582