

LET US WORSHIP GOD!

May 31, 2026—10:30 AM

TRINITY SUNDAY



A HYBRID WORSHIP EXPERIENCE IN-PERSON AND ONLINE

Today's worship team—Music Director: Jayne McDonough; Worship Leader: Marjorie Wetherill; Message: Rev. Dr. Merideth Mueller-Bolton, Pulpit Supply; Worship Production: Norris Clark



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:

PLEASE WELCOME REV. DR. MERIDETH MUELLER-BOLTON BACK TO OUR PULPIT TODAY. HER MESSAGE IS "DIGGING FOR GOLD IN THE GOLDEN RULE"

MUSIC PREVIEW:

"Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing" is an 18th-century hymn penned by Robert Robinson in 1758. Born of poverty and orphaned at a young age, Robinson was once a rebellious youth who attended a

revival simply to mock the preacher. Instead, the sermon deeply convicted him. Three years after converting to Christianity, the 22-year-old Robinson wrote the hymn to accompany his sermon for Pentecost.

The hymn **"Open My Eyes That I May See"** was written and composed in 1895 by Clara H. Scott. It was deeply inspired by the biblical plea in Psalm 119:18, "Open my eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of your law." The hymn was born out of Scott's desire to focus on receptivity and spiritual mindfulness. She wanted to create a prayer that

encouraged believers to slow down, wait in silence, and open all their senses—eyes, ears, and heart—to God's teachings and will.

Written in 1961 by American clergyman Robert L. Edwards, "God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending" was crafted for a Hymn Society of America competition focused on Christian stewardship. The hymn reflects on how all human skills, time, and wealth are blessings meant to be shared in service to others.

PRELUDE

JAYNE McDONOUGH

WELCOME:

LITURGIST: MARJORIE WETHERILL

GOD WELCOMES ALL (UNISON)

God welcomes all,
strangers and friends;
God's love is strong
and it never ends.

THE CALL TO WORSHIP: (RESPONSIVE)

One: Gather us in, Lord, and hear our prayers.

Many: We have come to this place in need of healing and hope.

One: Gather us in, Lord, and heal our spirits.

Many: We come here seeking guidance and strength.

One: Gather us in, Lord, and open our hearts to receive your word.

Many: Open our hearts, our spirits, our souls to comprehend your word and follow you faithfully. AMEN.

OPENING PRAYER: (UNISON)

Lord of justice and mercy, we come to you this day seeking your healing and reconciling love. Help us to be open to your word, your presence, your compassion. Clear our hearts of those things which block your will. Keep us focused on your enabling power so that we, having been healed, may more fully serve you. In Jesus' Name, we pray. AMEN.

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

**1. Come, Thou fount of ev'ry 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,
Wandering 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:

God calls us, again and again, to turn from all that separates us from the Divine and to return to God's path. Let us, then, name the ways we have sinned in wandering from God, relying on God's mercy to forgive and renew us.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (UNISON)

Lord, sometimes we are confused. We hear the bad news continually shouted on TV, radio, and social media. The whole world seems to be

screaming in pain. We turn an indifferent ear to the cries of others, often because we are so overwhelmed by the needs and feel helpless in the face of such chaos. Help us to open our hearts and our eyes to see you, that we may be empowered to service rather than apathy. Forgive us, Lord. Make us ready to truly become your disciples. For we ask these things in Jesus' name. AMEN.

(Silent Reflection)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON: (RESPONSIVE)

One: Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Be at peace and know that you are forgiven.

Many: Thanks be to God!

***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:

Loving God, open our hearts and minds to what you would say to us this day. By your Spirit, we ask

that you would speak, as we, your people, are listening. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: 1 JOHN 3:16-18

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us-- and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help? Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: LUKE 10:25-37

The Parable of the Good Samaritan

Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus.

"Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" He answered, "You shall 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 your neighbor as yourself." And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live." But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went

away, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while traveling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.' 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: "DIGGING FOR GOLD IN THE GOLDEN RULE" REV. DR. MERIDETH MUELLER-BOLTON
PRAYER AND SILENT REFLECTION

HYMN OF MEDITATION: #324 (BLUE) "OPEN MY EYES THAT I MAY SEE"

**1. Open my eyes, that I may see
Glimpses of truth Thou hast for me;**

**Place in my hands the wonderful key
That shall unclasp and set me free.
Silently now I wait for Thee,
Ready, my God, Thy will to see;
Open my eyes, illumine me,
Spirit divine!**

**2. Open my ears, that I may hear
Voices of truth Thou sendest clear;
And while the wave notes fall on my ear,
Everything false will disappear.
Silently now I wait for Thee,
Ready, my God, Thy will to see;
Open my ears, illumine me,
Spirit divine!**

**3. Open my mouth, and let me bear
Gladly the warm truth everywhere;
Open my heart, and let me prepare
Love with Thy children thus to share.
Silently now I wait for Thee,
Ready, my God, Thy will to see;
Open my heart, illumine me,
Spirit divine!**

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS:

Having heard of God's love and grace to us all, let us give all that we are to God. Let us give too of what we have for God's work in the world.

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO:

Chuck McPherson ~ June 6

Happy Anniversary to Barbara & Elmer Cain ~

June 5

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 Skrewtape Letters", by C. S. Lewis**

When: Tuesday, June 23, 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

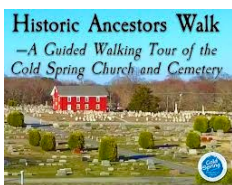
Church Luncheon Social at Bella Vida Restaurant, 406 N. Broadway, West Cape May. Today, Sunday, May 31, 2026, directly after the Worship Service. Please sign up in the narthex to give the Restaurant a count for seating.



Worship

-Our Summer Hospitality & refreshments will begin next week June 7, through Labor Day weekend.

There is a sign up sheet in the narthex for volunteers to host or co-host a week this summer.



COLD SPRING CHURCH & CEMETARY TOUR DATES FOR 2026 - MEETS AT 10:00 AM IN FRONT OF THE RED BRICK CHURCH, APPROX 60 MINUTES.

**Saturday's - June - 6 & 20, July - 4 & 18
August - 1, 15, & 29 September - 12 & 26**



Cold Spring Singers are looking for Singers, Summer or year around. No experience necessary,

all voice parts. If you'd like to sing with us, please see Jayne McDonough after worship or e mail her at music@coldspringchurch.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: Lelah Eppenbach, Terryl Chapman's Daughter, having surgery, pray for Dr's & her recovery following surgery; Carole Connelly prayer concern, "My Son needs a Summer job!"; Dylan Laser, 17 yr. Old in Chop suffering from severe malnutrition; Baby Elle (Eleanor Jean Mills) suffering birth defects but progressing nicely with a feeding tube; Josie Peterson will be coming home from rehab. On 5/28! ; Pam reports the United Methodist Conference was very productive; Norris Clark's Mother, Marianna Clark is bring treated for skin cancer on her cheek. she advises us to wear 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; Ariana Palmer, 23 year old awaiting heart transplant.

Continual prayer requested for: Mary Everett; 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, 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, Greg Myers.

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: #422 (BLUE) "GOD WHOSE GIVING KNOWS NO ENDING"

1. God whose giving knows no ending,
From Your rich and endless store,
Nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom,
Costly cross, grave's shattered door:
Gifted by You, we turn to You,
Offering up ourselves in praise;
Thankful song shall rise forever,
Gracious donor of our days.

2. Skills and time are ours for pressing
Toward the goals of Christ, Your Son:
All at peace in health and freedom,
Races joined, the church made one.
Now direct our daily labor,
Lest we strive for self alone;
Born with talents, make us servants
Fit to answer at Your throne.

