

LET US WORSHIP GOD!

June 28, 2026—10:30 AM

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

A HYBRID WORSHIP EXPERIENCE IN-PERSON AND ONLINE

Today's worship team— Music Director: Jayne McDonough; Worship Leader: John Saalman ; Message: Rev. Virginia Scott, 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

MESSAGE PREVIEW:

Rev. Virginia (Ginny) Smith brings her message, "Gone to the Enemy" from the pulpit today!

MUSIC PREVIEW:

Written in 1864 by English poet Foliott S. Pierpoint, "For the Beauty of the Earth" was inspired by the lush, rolling countryside surrounding his hometown of Bath, England. Originally a Eucharistic hymn, it remains one of the Christian church's most enduring expressions of gratitude for creation and human love. At 29 years old, Pierpoint was taking a walk through the countryside near the River Avon. Captivated by the natural splendor of the spring day, he penned a poem called "The Sacrifice of Praise". He wanted to create a comprehensive hymn of thanksgiving that recognized the earth, human relationships, and the church.

"America the Beautiful" began as a poem written by English professor Katharine Lee Bates after a breathtaking trip to the summit of Pikes Peak in Colorado in 1893. It was later set to an 1882 church hymn by composer Samuel A. Ward. The two writers never actually met.

"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" (also known as "Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer") is a classic pilgrim's hymn. Its story bridges 18th-century Welsh

Methodism, a preacher's personal struggles, and biblical imagery. The Writer: It was written in 1745 in Welsh by William Williams, a lay preacher affectionately known as the "sweet singer of Wales". Williams spent 43 years traveling over 100,000 miles on horseback across rugged Welsh terrain, enduring exhaustion and harsh conditions. During an intense period of self-doubt and spiritual awakening, he poured his feelings of being lost into this hymn, using the wilderness wanderings of the Israelites in the Old Testament as an allegory.

PRELUDE

JAYNE McDONOUGH

WELCOME:

LITURGIST: JOHN SAALMAN

GOD WELCOMES ALL (UNISON)

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

THE CALL TO WORSHIP: (RESPONSIVE)(BASED IN PSALM 89)

One: Let us sing of God's steadfast love forever;

Many: With my mouth I will proclaim God's
faithfulness to all generations.

One: Let us declare that God's steadfast love is
established forever;

Many: God's faithfulness is as firm as the
heavens.

OPENING PRAYER: (UNISON)

Almighty and everlasting God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. As we gather this morning, we ask that you pour out your Holy Spirit upon us. Open our hearts to your Word, that we might see our own faults and recognize the grace that frees us from the power of sin. Strengthen us to walk in newness of life, welcoming the prophets and the righteous in your name. May our worship be a reflection of your steadfast love and a testament to the peace of your kingdom. In the mighty name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

GATHERING HYMN - #473 (BLUE) "*FOR THE BEAUTY OF THE EARTH*"

**1. For the beauty of the earth,
For the glory of the skies,
For the love which from our birth
Over and around us lies,
Lord of all, to Thee we raise
This our hymn of grateful praise.**

**2. For the wonder of each hour
Of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale, and tree and flower,**

**Sun and moon, and stars of light,
Lord of all, to Thee we raise
This our hymn of grateful praise.**

**3. For the joy of ear and eye,
For the heart and mind's delight,
For the mystic harmony
Linking sense to sound and sight,
Lord of all, to Thee we raise
This our hymn of grateful praise.**

**4. For the joy of human love,
Brother, sister, parent, child
Friends on earth, and friends above,
For all gentle thoughts and mild,
Lord of all, to Thee we raise
This our hymn of grateful praise.**

**5. For Thy church that evermore
Lifteth holy hands above,
Offering up on every shore
Her pure sacrifice of love,
Lord of all, to Thee we raise
This our hymn of grateful praise.**

CALL TO CONFESSION:

We have been called to love our God with all our heart, mind, strength and soul and to love our neighbor as ourselves, but our lives are constricted and self-consumed. We have failed to love God, our neighbor and ourselves as we should. Let us make the good confession before God and others.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (UNISON)

God of the risen Christ, you broke the power of sin and evil. And yet we still live in the tombs of forgetfulness, anxiety and fear. We have failed to love you as we should. We have neglected to love our neighbor. Indeed, we have even failed to love ourselves. Release us from the tombs that terrify us, so that we can see your image in one another and in your good creation. Indeed, free us from the graves of self-hatred, so that we can see ourselves as your children. Amen.

(Silent Reflection)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON: (RESPONSIVE)

One: The mercy of the Lord is sure. In Christ, we are forgiven and set free from the chains that bind us so that we can be your people.

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:

Savior God, your Word is a lamp to our feet on this discipleship road. Walk with us. Guide us with your wisdom and grace. Open us to discerning your will and your way. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: PSALM 8 (RESPONSIVE)

1. Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory in the heavens.

2. Through the praise of children and infants you have established a stronghold against your enemies, to silence the foe and the avenger.

3. When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place,

4 what is mankind that you are mindful of them, human beings that you care for them?

5 You have made them a little lower than the angels and crowned them with glory and honor.

6 You made them rulers over the works of your hands; you put everything under their feet:

7 all flocks and herds, and the animals of the wild,

8 the birds in the sky, and the fish in the sea, all that swim the paths of the seas.

9 Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: JOHN 1: 1-14

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. There was a man sent from God whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all might believe. He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light. The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. He was in the world, and

though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God. The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

MESSAGE: "GONE TO THE ENEMY"

REV. VIRGINIA SCOTT

PRAYER AND SILENT REFLECTION

HYMN OF MEDITATION: #564 (BLUE) "AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL"

**1. O beautiful for spacious skies,
For amber waves of grain,
For purple mountain majesties
Above the fruited plain!
America! America! God shed His grace on thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood
From sea to shining sea!**

**2. O beautiful for pilgrim feet,
Whose stern, impassioned stress
A thoroughfare for freedom beat
Across the wilderness!
America! America! God mend thine ev'ry flaw,
Confirm thy soul in self control,
Thy liberty in law!**

**3. O beautiful for heroes proved in liberating
strife,
Who more than self their country loved,
And mercy more than life!
America! America! may God thy gold refine
Till all success be nobleness
And ev'ry gain divine!**

**4. O beautiful for patriot dream
That sees beyond the years
Thine alabaster cities gleam,
Undimmed by human tears!
America! America! God shed His grace on thee
And crown thy good with brotherhood
From sea to shining sea!**

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS:

**The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof.
God has given us life and resources for it, so let us
give in return.**

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 Beverly and Kevin Mate in celebration of their 46 years of marriage, today, June 28!

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 ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS TO:

SCOTT AND TRACY MADDEN ~ JUNE 27

BEVERLY AND KEVIN MATE ~ JUNE 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**

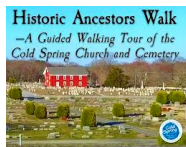
When: Tuesday, July 28, 2026, 6:30 pm

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



-Our Summer "Hospitality Under the Trees" fellowship continues today, 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 - July - 4 & 18, August - 1, 15, & 29,
September - 12 & 26

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: Norris Clark's Aunt, **Celeste Bashaw** is in end stage hospice care, prayers for her, Curtis and family; Donna asking for prayers for **Chris, Desiree and Daniel**; Barb Smiths' daughter, **Lorrie** dealing with spine deterioration; **Claudia**, a bicyclist involved in a car crash, having surgery Sunday, 6/21; Remember **Scott, Jo and**

James. Praise for Buddy DeHart, retiring after 56 years of service in the West Cape May Fire Department; the family & friends of Don, a part of Pam's Bridgeton church, who passed away suddenly; Jackie Barns of Stone Harbor, a friend of the Stile's, facing breast cancer; a joy shared by Rick Everett as his Mother, Patricia, celebrated her 101st birthday; Patty Leisner, Jayne's friend starting chemo this week for small cell carcinoma in her lungs; 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: #281 (BLUE) "GUIDE ME, O THOU GREAT JEHOVAH"

1. Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah,
Pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but Thou art mighty;
Hold me with Thy pow'rful hand;
Bread of heaven, Bread of heaven,
Feed me now and ever more,
Feed me till I want no more.

**2. Open now the crystal fountain,
Whence the healing stream doth flow;
Let the fiery cloudy pillar
Lead me all my journey through;
Strong Deliverer, strong Deliverer,
Be Thou still my strength and shield,
Be Thou still my strength and shield.**

**3. When I tread the verge of Jordan,
Bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death, and hell's destruction,
Land me safe on Canaan's side;
Songs of praises, songs of praises
I will ever give to Thee,
I will ever give to Thee.**

BENEDICTION:

REV. VIRGINIA SCOTT

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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1. *God Welcomes All* - CCLI Song #549555
2. *For the Beauty of the Earth:* Folliott Sandford Pierpoint/ Conrad Kocher; CCLI Song #43200
3. *Gloria:* Public Domaine
4. *America the Beautiful:* Katherine Lee Bates, Samuel Augustus Ward; CCLI Song #33368
5. *Doxology* - CCLI Song #18204
6. *Guide Me, O Thou Grest Jehovah:* William Williams, Peter Williams, John Hughes; CCLI Song #1448