

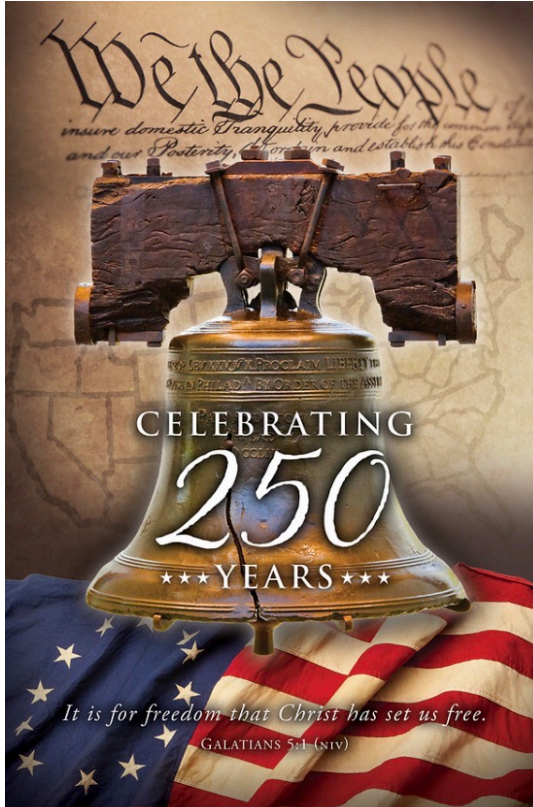
LET US WORSHIP GOD!

July 5, 2026 — 10:30 AM

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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



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 is with us today and his message is titled "How Shall We Honor 250 Years?"

MUSIC PREVIEW:

The Cold Spring Singers will perform the Communion Anthem, "Remember

Me", during the Offering. Singers are:

Linda Hadrava

Jim Harveson

Beverly Mate

George Nelson

John Saalman

Ginny Scott

Robin Stiles

Shelley Van Dyke

Janet Wenker

Rev. David Wenker

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness" was not born from a dramatic tragedy or a sudden spiritual awakening. Written in 1923 by Thomas O. Chisholm, an ordinary insurance agent and former Methodist minister struggling with lifelong health issues, the

lyrics reflect a steady, daily reliance on God's unchanging nature.

The beloved hymn "**My Jesus, I Love Thee**" began as a deeply personal poem penned in 1864 by a 16-year-old Canadian boy, William Featherston, shortly after his conversion to the Christian faith. He reportedly sent the poem to his aunt in California. Years later, the words were discovered by a prominent American Baptist pastor, Dr. Adoniram J. Gordon. Gordon set the anonymous verses to a melody, and published the completed song in 1876.

The Night the Stars Sang: The Story of "God of Our Fathers"

The year was 1876. America was a fractured but healing nation. The scars of the Civil War were still fresh, but the air buzzed with the energetic spirit of the Centennial—the 100th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence.

In the quiet, picturesque town of Brandon, Vermont, a local Episcopal rector and former Union soldier named Daniel C. Roberts sat at his desk. He had been tasked with writing a poem to anchor the town's patriotic July 4th celebration. He wanted something that went beyond simple flag-waving; he wanted a prayer. He wanted a hymn that recognized the majesty of the heavens, acknowledged the struggles of the nation, and pleaded for God to be its ultimate guide.

Looking out at the starlit sky over the Vermont hills, he imagined the cosmos as a grand, celestial orchestra. Roberts picked up his pen and began to write:

"God of our fathers, whose almighty hand
Leads forth in beauty all the starry band..."

He envisioned God's strong arm shielding the people from "war's alarms" and "deadly pestilence". He wove his own experiences on the battlefields of the Civil War into the words, transforming his memories of conflict into a petition for national peace and divine protection. Roberts' text captured exactly what the country needed: a sense of providence and unity.

The Missing Piece

For over 15 years, the text was recited by congregations, but it lacked a definitive musical companion. It wasn't until 1892 that the hymn found its sweeping, majestic voice.

At St. Thomas Episcopal Church in New York City, organist George W. Warren was preparing music for the General Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church. He stumbled upon Roberts' patriotic poem. As Warren read the lines, he heard a grand, booming melody in his mind. He quickly composed a soaring, trumpet-laced tune called "National Hymn".

When the congregation sang it for the first time, accompanied by the crashing of the great organ and the triumphant blast of brass, it was an emotional revelation. The music brought Roberts' verses to life, transforming a humble country poem into a soaring anthem of faith and patriotism.

Today, that same majestic blend of words and music endures, reminding generations to trust in God's guidance on life's "toilsome way"

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 147 VARIOUS VERSES)

One: Praise the Lord.

Many: How good it is to sing praises to our God,

One: how pleasant and fitting to praise him!

Many: He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.

One: Great is our Lord and mighty in power; his understanding has no limit.

Many: the Lord delights in those who fear him, who put their hope in his unfailing love.

OPENING PRAYER: (UNISON)

God of all glory, on the first day you began creation, bringing light out of darkness. On the first day of the week you began your new creation, raising Jesus from the darkness of death. On this first day grant that we, the people you create, may be joined with all your works in praising you for your great glory. We are glad to be here today. In Jesus name we pray, AMEN

GATHERING HYMN - #276 (BLUE) "GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS"

**1. Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father,
There is no shadow Of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not,**

**Thy compassions they fail not;
As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.
Great is Thy faithfulness!
Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning New mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!**

**2. Summer and winter,
And springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon, and stars In their courses above
Join with all nature In manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.
Great is Thy faithfulness!
Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning New mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!**

**3. Pardon for sin And a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence To cheer and to guide;
Strength for today And bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, With ten thousand beside!
Great is Thy faithfulness!
Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning New mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!**

CALL TO CONFESSION:

The apostle Paul wrote to the believers in Galatia, “For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.” With full assurance of God’s grace and mercy in Jesus Christ, let us confess our sin before God and our neighbor.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (UNISON)

We admit we are powerless to change our basic heart and character. We would like to believe we only need some minor adjustment and we will be acceptable. But you show us we need a radical rebirth and reshaping in your hands. We open ourselves to your refining work today. We surrender to your redeeming hand on our lives. Forgive us, heal us, renew us we pray, in Jesus name. AMEN

(Silent Reflection)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON: (RESPONSIVE)

One: Friends hear the good news of the gospel. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone and a new life has begun.

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:

Eternal God, in your Word we read, “For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope.” As your Word is read and proclaimed, give us ears and hearts to hear that we might be encouraged and have hope as your children. In Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: 2 CHRONICLES 7: 11-16

The Lord Appears to Solomon

When Solomon had finished the temple of the Lord and the royal palace, and had succeeded in carrying out all he had in mind to do in the temple of the Lord and in his own palace, the Lord appeared to him at night and said: “I have heard your prayer and have chosen this place for myself as a temple for sacrifices. “When I shut up the heavens so that there is no rain, or command

locusts to devour the land or send a plague among my people, if my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land. Now my eyes will be open and my ears attentive to the prayers offered in this place. I have chosen and consecrated this temple so that my Name may be there forever. My eyes and my heart will always be there.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: PHILIPPIANS 1: 3-11

Thanksgiving and Prayer

I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus. It is right for me to feel this way about all of you, since I have you in my heart and, whether I am in chains or defending and confirming the gospel, all of you share in God's grace with me. God can testify how I long for all of you with the affection of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that you may be able to discern what is

best and may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ—to the glory and praise of God.

MESSAGE: "*HOW SHALL WE HONOR 250 YEARS?*"

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:

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever. With glad and generous hearts, let us return to God our tithes and offerings with thanksgiving and gratitude for all God has done for us in Jesus Christ.

OFFERTORY - "*REMEMBER ME*" ~

COLD SPRING SINGERS

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 Elaine Jordan in memory of her parents on their July 4th Wedding Anniversary

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 & ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS

TO: JOHN STALFORD ~ JULY 8

TOM & MARY IMPERATO ~ JUNE 30



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 Five People You Meet in Heaven" by Mitch Albom.**

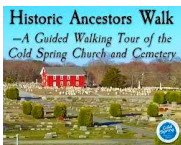
When: Tuesday, July 28, 2026, 6:30 pm

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:* Celeste Bashaw Clark, Mother of Curtis Bashaw and Aunt of Norris Clark, who passed away, services were held on Wednesday, prayers for the Family and Friends; Barbara's Cousin Ruth Strauss passed away, prayers for her Family and Friends; Shawna Lowery suffering from stage four colon cancer; 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; 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, Patty Leisner.**

PASTORAL PRAYER

HYMN OF PREPARATION: #31 (RED) "MY JESUS, I LOVE THEE", VERSES 1 & 2

**1. My Jesus, I love Thee, I know Thou art mine;
For Thee all the follies of sin I resign;
My gracious Redeemer, my Savior art Thou;
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.**

**2. I love Thee, because Thou hast first loved me,
And purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree;
I love Thee for wearing the thorns on Thy brow;
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.**

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: #547 (RED) "GOD OF OUR FATHERS"

**1. God of our fathers, whose almighty hand
Leads forth in beauty all the starry band
Of shining worlds in splendor through the skies,
Our grateful songs before Thy throne arise.**

**2. Thy love divine hath led us in the past;
In this free land by Thee our lot is cast;
Be Thou our Ruler, Guardian, Guide and Stay,
Thy Word our law, Thy paths our chosen way.**

**3. From war's alarms, from deadly pestilence,
Be Thy strong arm our ever sure defense;
Thy true religion in our hearts increase,
Thy bounteous goodness nourish us in peace.**

**4. Refresh Thy people on their toilsome way;
Lead us from night to never ending day;
Fill all our lives with love and grace divine;
And glory, laud, and praise be ever Thine.**

BENEDICTION:

REV. DAVID WENKER

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. *Great is Thy Faithfulness:* Thomas Obediah Chisholm, William Marion Runyan; CCLI Song #18723
3. *Gloria:* Public Domaine
4. *Remember Me:* words & music Dana Mengel CCLI Song #7024759
5. *Doxology* - CCLI Song #18204
6. *My Jesus I Love Thee:* William R. Featherstone, Adoniram J. Gordan; CCLI Song #27817
7. *God of Our Fathers:* Daniel C. Roberts, George W. Warren; CCLI Song #5203457