

# LET US WORSHIP GOD!

July 12, 2026—10:30 AM

## 15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

A HYBRID WORSHIP EXPERIENCE IN-PERSON AND ONLINE

Today's worship team—Music Director: Jayne McDonough;  
Worship Leader: George Nelson; Message: Rev. James Shanley, 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](http://www.coldspringworship.com)

### MESSAGE PREVIEW:

***Rev. Jim Shanley is back in our pulpit this morning. His Message is titled "The Queen and the Lion". The message themes are God's providence, power, rescue, faithfulness and courage.***

### MUSIC PREVIEW:

***"Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus"*** was inspired by the dying words of a young Philadelphia preacher, Dudley Tyng, who was fatally injured by a corn-husking machine in 1858. Before he died, he sent a final message to his fellow ministers: "Tell them to stand up for Jesus."

English clergyman Augustus Toplady wrote the famous hymn ***"Rock of Ages"*** in 1776. Legend says that after being caught in a violent storm, he sought shelter in a rocky cleft in England. While hiding, he was inspired to write the lyrics, famously jotting them down on the back of playing cards.

*"I Sing the Almighty Power of God"* was written in 1715 by English minister  Isaac Watts. Originally titled "Praise for Creation and Providence", Watts penned it as a children's hymn after complaining to his father about the dull music of the era. Watts designed his Divine and Moral Songs for Children to be easily understood, breaking the strict tradition of singing only Psalms in church.

## **PRELUDE**

**JAYNE McDONOUGH**

## **WELCOME:**

**LITURGIST: GEORGE NELSON**

### **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:** We gather together for such a time as this.

**Many:** He has placed us here for a holy purpose.

**One:** Let us step out in faith and courage.

**Many:** We will worship and praise God with all our hearts!

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

Eternal and loving God, we gather this morning in  
Your presence, seeking the quiet of Your Spirit.  
Just as a sower scatters seed, You generously  
pour out Your grace and Your Word upon the

**world. We ask that you prepare our hearts to be good soil today. Soften the hardened places, clear away the worldly anxieties that choke our faith, and root us deeply in Your truth. As we hear Your scriptures, sing Your praises, and share in fellowship, may Your word take hold in our lives and yield a harvest of love, justice, and peace for Your kingdom. Open our ears to listen, and our spirits to receive, for it is in Your holy name we pray. Amen.**

**GATHERING HYMN - #470 (RED) "*STAND UP, STAND UP FOR JESUS*"**

**1. Stand up, stand up for Jesus,  
Ye soldiers of the cross,  
Lift high His royal banner,  
It must not suffer loss;  
From victory unto victory  
His army He shall lead,  
Till every foe is vanquished  
And Christ is Lord indeed.**

**2. Stand up, stand up for Jesus,  
The trumpet call obey;  
Forth to the mighty conflict  
In this His glorious day.  
"Ye that are men, now serve Him"**

**Against unnumbered foes;  
Let courage rise with danger,  
And strength to strength oppose.**

**3. Stand up, stand up for Jesus,  
Stand in His strength alone;  
The arm of flesh will fail you  
Ye dare not trust your own;  
Put on the gospel armor,  
Each piece put on with prayer;  
Where duty calls, or danger,  
Be never wanting there.**

**4. Stand up, stand up for Jesus,  
The strife will not be long;  
This day the noise of battle,  
The next, the victor's song;  
To him that over-cometh  
A crown of life shall be;  
He with the King of Glory  
Shall reign eternally.**

**CALL TO CONFESSION: ROMANS 3:23**

**" For all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of  
God." Let us confess our sins.**

### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (UNISON)**

**Creating and rescuing God, your power amazes us. Yet even in our amazement, we take too long to turn to you, forgetting you are the power that makes us, saves us and sustains us. Forgive our greed, control and scandals. Redeem us and transform us. Open our hearts and lives that we may become a doorway to your kingdom. Amen.**  
**(Silent Reflection)**

### **ASSURANCE OF PARDON: (RESPONSIVE)**

**One: God hears the prayers of the faithful. Be confident and courageous as we live out God's call in our lives, for God heals us and forgives us.**  
**Many: Amen.**

### **\*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:**

**Holy Creator, the earth is yours, and all that is in it. We give you thanks for the beauty of the earth, for**

the creatures that fill it, and for your providence, which stands beneath and above and within it all. Now grant us hearts open to your grace, eyes open to your wonders and ears open to your Holy Word. Let your Holy Spirit dwell with us, that we may be renewed in our commitment to the way, the truth and the life of Jesus Christ. Amen.

**FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 16: 13**

Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be courageous; be strong.

**SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: ESTHER 1: 1-12**

This is what happened during the time of Xerxes, the Xerxes who ruled over 127 provinces stretching from India to Cush: At that time King Xerxes reigned from his royal throne in the citadel of Susa, and in the third year of his reign he gave a banquet for all his nobles and officials. The military leaders of Persia and Media, the princes, and the nobles of the provinces were present. For a full 180 days he displayed the vast wealth of his kingdom and the splendor and glory of his majesty. When these days were over, the king gave a banquet, lasting seven days, in the enclosed garden of the king's palace, for all the people from the least to the greatest who were in the citadel of Susa. The

garden had hangings of white and blue linen, fastened with cords of white linen and purple material to silver rings on marble pillars. There were couches of gold and silver on a mosaic pavement of porphyry, marble, mother-of-pearl and other costly stones. Wine was served in goblets of gold, each one different from the other, and the royal wine was abundant, in keeping with the king's liberality. By the king's command each guest was allowed to drink with no restrictions, for the king instructed all the wine stewards to serve each man what he wished. Queen Vashti also gave a banquet for the women in the royal palace of King Xerxes. On the seventh day, when King Xerxes was in high spirits from wine, he commanded the seven eunuchs who served him—Mehuman, Biztha, Harbona, Bigtha, Abagtha, Zethar and Karkas—to bring before him Queen Vashti, wearing her royal crown, in order to display her beauty to the people and nobles, for she was lovely to look at. But when the attendants delivered the king's command, Queen Vashti refused to come. Then the king became furious and burned with anger.

# **MESSAGE: "*THE QUEEN AND THE LION*"**

**REV. JIM SHANLEY**

## **PRAYER AND SILENT REFLECTION**

### **HYMN OF MEDITATION: #332 (RED) "*ROCK OF AGES*", VERSES 1- 3**

**1. Rock of Ages, cleft for me,  
Let me hide myself in thee;  
Let the water and the blood,  
From thy riven side which flowed,  
Be of sin the double cure,  
Cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.**

**2. Not the labors of my hands  
Can fulfill thy law's demands;  
Could my zeal no respite know,  
Could my tears forever flow,  
All for sin could not atone;  
Thou must save and thou alone.**

**3. Nothing in my hand I bring,  
Simply to the cross I cling;  
Naked, come to thee for dress,  
Helpless, look to thee for grace;  
Foul, I to the fountain fly,  
Wash me, Savior, or I die!**

## OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS:

The God who is God demands nothing of us, but instead invites us to inhabit the infinite ocean of grace poured out through our savior, Jesus Christ. It is this generosity that gives us life, and it is in our own acts of generosity that we join in this larger life. So let us give joyfully, thanking God for the wonders of Christ's love.

## 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 & Anniversary Blessings to:**  
**Barbara McPherson ~ July 17**  
**John Stalford turned 97 years young on July 8**

## 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.

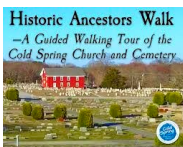
**When:** Tuesday, July 28, 2026, 6:30 pm

**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](mailto: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 - 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:** Tracy's niece, having surgery on Tuesday and for those suffering from mental illness, may they find faith in the Lord to heal and help others; the People of Venezuela, suffering losses of family, homes and jobs in the aftermath of the earthquake; Celeste Bashaw, Mother of Curtis Bashaw and Aunt of Norris Clark, 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 Lowry 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; Karen R., Todd, Brian, Gerri Mills, Robin B, Kim, Steve, Rickey, Lorraine, Candy, Donna, Liz, Joe, Jennifer, Lori, Debbie, Norma Sasso, Roseann Crook, Christa, Jackie, Diane, Joe Paulits, Gretchen, Ray, Carl, Robert, Richard Beare and Michael Minor, Ashley, John Cervo, Madden family members, Mary King, Greg Myers, Patty Leisner.**

### **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: #288 (BLUE) "I SING THE MIGHTY POWER OF GOD"**

1. I sing the mighty pow'r of God  
That made the mountains rise;  
That spread the flowing seas abroad  
And built the lofty skies.  
I sing the wisdom that ordained  
The sun to rule the day;  
The moon shines full at God's command,  
And all the stars obey.

2. I sing the goodness of the Lord  
That filled the earth with food;  
God formed the creatures with a word  
And then pronounced them good.  
Lord, how Thy wonders are displayed,  
Where'er I turn my eyes;  
If I survey the ground I tread,  
Or gaze upon the skies!

**3. There's not a plant or flow'r below  
But makes Thy glories known;  
And clouds arise, and tempests blow,  
By order from Thy throne;  
While all that borrows life from Thee  
Is ever in Thy care,  
And everywhere that we can be,  
Thou, God, art present there.**

**BENEDICTION:**

**REV. JIM SHANLEY**

**One: God has created us and rescued us from sin  
and suffering through Jesus Christ.**

**Many: We go into this week seeking to be on  
God's side.**

**One: The Holy Spirit empowers us to live  
courageous lives.**

**Many: We go boldly into the world proclaiming  
the kingdom of God. Amen!**

**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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3. *Gloria:* Public Domain
4. *Rock of Ages: Augustus M. Toplady, Thomas Hastings;* CCLI Song #40588
5. *Doxology* - CCLI Song #18204
6. *I Sing the Mighty Power of God: Isaac Watts, John Coates;* CCLI Song #4046512