

LET US WORSHIP GOD!

July 19, 2026—10:30 AM

8TH 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. Gene Wilkins, 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:
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MESSAGE PREVIEW:

Please welcome Rev. Gene Wilkins to our pulpit this week.

Pastor Gene began pastoring on December 10, 1960. His early years of ministry, 1960-68, were spent among three separate Methodist churches in New Jersey. He was ordained at Philadelphia Gospel Temple and then left to complete his formal education. He graduated from Asbury College in 1977 and from Asbury Theological Seminary in 1980. In 1978, he became affiliated with the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. His credentials remained with this denomination until December of 1989, when he returned to the United Methodist Church and then retired in 2003. The subsequent years of ministry

have been among Community Churches and non denominational churches. He currently serves as a pastor on Staff at Landmark Church in Ocean City. He has been married to Suzanne Soto-Wilkins for sixteen years, sharing a blended family of six adult children, 11 grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren.

MUSIC PREVIEW:

"O Worship the King" was written by British colonial administrator Sir Robert Grant in the 1820s. Inspired by William Kethe's 16th-century poetic translation of Psalm 104, the hymn exalts the majesty, power, and tender providence of God. Sir Robert Grant (1780–1838) was a deeply religious lawyer who eventually served as the Governor of Bombay, India. Throughout his life, he contributed several beloved hymns to the Christian church, drawing heavily from the vivid, nature-centric imagery of the Psalms.

Written in 1851 by Irish Anglican minister George Croly, **"Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart"** is a deeply personal prayer for inner transformation. Instead of spectacular, mystical visions, Croly—who ministered in the impoverished slums of London—prayed for the Holy Spirit to remove his soul's dimness and make his heart an altar of love. He originally composed the lyrics to serve as a prayer for his own congregation. He published the text in 1851 under the title *Scenes from Scripture with other Poems*. Shortly after compiling his hymnbook, a fire broke out and destroyed nearly all the copies. Miraculously, this specific hymn survived the blaze, allowing it to be preserved and passed down through generations.

English poet Frances Ridley Havergal wrote **"Like a River Glorious"** in 1874 while recovering from a severe illness in Leamington, England. Inspired by Isaiah 48:18 ("Then had thy peace been as a river"), she crafted the text to reflect God's continuous, abounding peace. James Mountain composed the music, named "WYE VALLEY" after the river on the England-Wales border.

WELCOME:

LITURGIST: BEVERLY MATE

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: Surely the Lord is in this place, and we did not know it.

Many: We do not know when and where God's glorious presence will show up.

One: Surely we are the Body of Christ.

Many: We cannot say to one another, "I have no need of you."

One: Surely our God is a mystery that cannot be contained.

Many: Let us worship our unpredictable and uncontrollable God!

OPENING PRAYER: (UNISON)

Eternal and Almighty God, You search us out and know us intimately. As we gather in Your presence, we bring our divided hearts and

anxious spirits, trusting in Your unfailing grace. Open our eyes to the movement of Your Holy Spirit among us today. Sowing God, uproot the weeds of doubt and fear in our lives, and plant Your Word deep within our souls so that we may grow in faith, hope, and love. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

GATHERING HYMN - #476 (BLUE) "O WORSHIP THE KING, ALL GLORIOUS ABOVE"

**1. O worship the King, all glorious above!
O gratefully sing God's power and God's love;
Our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,
Pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.**

**2. O tell of God's might, O sing of God's grace,
Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space.
The chariots of heaven the deep thunderclouds
form,
And bright is God's path on the wings of the
storm.**

**3. The earth with its store of wonders untold,
Almighty, Thy power hath founded of old;
Established it fast by a changeless decree,
And round it hath cast, like a mantle, the sea.**

**4. Thy bountiful care what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;
It streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,
And sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.**

**5. Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
In Thee do we trust, nor find Thee to fail;
Thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end,
Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend.**

CALL TO CONFESSION:

Before a word is on our tongue, God knows it completely. Before we ask for forgiveness, God is at work to set things right. Let us therefore confess our sin and the sin of the world together:

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (UNISON)

Lord, you have searched us and found us wanting. You have known our inmost thoughts and called us to better things. You have set us in this world to love and serve you by loving and serving one another, to worship you by tending to those most vulnerable among us. When we fail, do not abandon us. When we go astray, call us back home. Search us O God, and know our hearts. Test us and know our thoughts. Root out

the wicked ways in us, and lead us in the way everlasting. Amen.

(Silent Reflection)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON: (RESPONSIVE)

One: Where can we go from God's spirit, or where can we flee from God's presence? Even if we take the wings of the morning or settle at the farthest limits of the sea, God's hand will find us and hold us fast. Proclaim the good news with me:

Many: Our God does not abandon us to sin or brokenness. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and called back home. 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:

Spirit who claims us and makes us your own, join us as we come to the Scriptures today. Reveal to us the Word within the words, that we might see Jesus and learn his way. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: PSALM 86:11-17

Teach me your way, Lord, that I may rely on your faithfulness, give me an undivided heart, that I may fear your name. I will praise you, Lord my God, with all my heart; I will glorify your name forever. For great is your love toward me; you have delivered me from the depths, from the realm of the dead. Arrogant foes are attacking me, O God; ruthless people are trying to kill me—they have no regard for you. But you, Lord, are a compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness. Turn to me and have mercy on me; show your strength in behalf of your servant; save me, because I serve you just as my mother did. Give me a sign of your goodness, that my enemies may see it and be put to shame, for you, Lord, have helped me and comforted me.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: ROMANS 8: 26-30

In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans. And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for God's people in accordance with the will of God. And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who

have been called according to his purpose. For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters. And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified.

MESSAGE: "THE NECESSARY PRAYER"

REV. GENE WILKINS

PRAYER AND SILENT REFLECTION

HYMN OF MEDITATION: #326 (BLUE) "SPIRIT OF GOD, DESCEND UPON MY HEART"

- 1. Spirit of God, descend upon my heart;
Wean it from earth, through all its pulses move;
Stoop to my weakness, mighty as Thou art,
And Make me love Thee as I ought to love.**

- 2. Hast Thou not bid us love Thee, God and King;
All, all Thine own; soul, heart, and strength, and
mind?
I see the cross, there teach my heart to cling,
O let me seek Thee, And O let me find!**

- 3. Teach me to feel that Thou art always nigh;
Teach me the struggles of the soul to bear,**

**To check the rising doubt, the rebel sigh;
Teach me the patience of unanswered prayer.**

**4. Teach me to love Thee as Thine angels love,
One holy passion filling all my frame;
The Baptism of the heaven descended Dove,
My heart an altar, and Thy love the flame.**

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS:

The creation groans with labor pains, waiting and longing for the children of God to be revealed. As God's people, called to be those children, let us give back a portion of what has been given to us as we receive the morning offering.

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.**

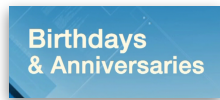
PRAYER OF DEDICATION

COMMUNITY NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS



The Flowers that beautify the Sanctuary are given by John Saalman in loving memory of his parents July 17th Wedding Anniversary and his Brother Bill's Birthday.

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:

Ted Lewis ~ July 19

Pam Smith ~ July 19

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.**

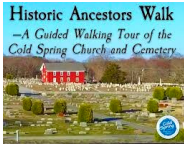
When: Tuesday, July 28, 2026, 6:30 pm

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 & CEMETERY 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: the Family & Friends of Dianne Reihl who passed away July 9, Dianne was the wife of the late Rob Reihl; **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; **Barbara's Cousin, Ruth Strauss** passed away, prayers for her Family and Friends; **Shawna Lowry** suffering from stage four colon cancer; **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: #47 (RED) "LIKE A RIVER GLORIOUS"

**1. Like a river glorious Is God's perfect peace,
Over all victorious In its bright increase;
Perfect, yet it floweth Fuller every day,
Perfect, yet it groweth Deeper all the way.
Stayed upon Jehovah, Hearts are fully blest;
Finding, as He promised Perfect peace and rest.**

**2. Hidden in the hollow Of His blessed hand,
Never foe can follow, Never traitor stand;
Not a surge of worry, Not a shade of care,
Not a blast of hurry Touch the Spirit there.
Stayed upon Jehovah, Hearts are fully blest;
Finding, as He promised Perfect peace and rest.**

**3. Every joy or trial Falleth from above,
Traced upon our dial By the sun of love.
We may trust Him fully All for us to do;
They who trust Him wholly Find Him wholly true.
Stayed upon Jehovah, Hearts are fully blest;
Finding, as He promised Perfect peace and rest.**

BENEDICTION:

REV. GENE WILKINS

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. *O Worship the King All Glorious Above:* Robert Grant, Johann Michael Haydn; CCLI Song #1486
3. *Gloria:* Public Domain
4. *Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart:* George Croly, Frederick Cork Atkinson; CCLI Song #7248263
5. *Doxology* - CCLI Song #18204
6. *Like a River Glorious:* Frances Havergal, James Mountain; CCLI Song #7077493