

LET US WORSHIP GOD!

July 26, 2026—10:30 AM

9TH 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. William Gaskill, 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. Bill Gaskill back to our pulpit. His message today is titled "What's It Like?"

MUSIC PREVIEW:

The hymn "Seek Ye First" was written in 1971 by Karen Lafferty. Struggling financially after quitting her entertainment job to teach guitar lessons, she faced the inability to make car payments. Inspired by a Bible study on Matthew 6:33 (the Sermon on the Mount), she returned home and composed the melody as a personal expression of faith and reliance on God's provision. The song quickly spread during the early 1970s Jesus Movement, becoming an international staple of contemporary worship. Its lyrics directly paraphrase the biblical message of prioritizing God.

"Be Thou My Vision" is a profoundly beloved Christian hymn rooted in ancient Irish monastic tradition. Its rich history traces back to a 6th-century Gaelic poem, "Rop tú mo baile," traditionally attributed to the Irish poet Dallán Forgaill. The hymn's journey from an Old Irish prayer to

a global classic took centuries. Irish scholar Mary Elizabeth Byrne translated the poem into English prose for the first time in 1905. Eleanor Henrietta Hull adapted Byrne's prose into the lyrical, rhyming verse sung today. In 1919, the lyrics were paired with "Slane," a traditional Irish folk melody named after the very hill where St. Patrick stood.

"Sent Forth by God's Blessing" was written in 1964 by Catholic choir director Omer Westendorf to celebrate the liturgical reforms of the Second Vatican Council (Vatican II). The council encouraged active congregational participation and sought to send worshippers into their daily lives equipped to share their faith.

PRELUDE

JAYNE McDONOUGH

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: PSALM 150 (RESPONSIVE)

One: Praise the Lord. Praise God in his sanctuary;
praise him in his mighty heavens. Praise him for
his acts of power; praise him for his surpassing
greatness. Praise him with the sounding of the
trumpet, praise him with the harp and lyre, praise
him with timbrel and dancing, praise him with the

strings and pipe, praise him with the clash of cymbals, praise him with resounding cymbals. Let everything that has breath praise the Lord.
Many: Praise the Lord!

OPENING PRAYER: (UNISON)

Almighty God, your steadfast love endures forever. As we gather on this day, open our hearts to the quiet whispers of your Spirit. Help us to recognize the hidden treasures of your kingdom and give us the wisdom to seek them above all else. Transform our worship into living service, that we may reflect your grace in all we do. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

GATHERING HYMN - #333 (BLUE) "*SEEK YE FIRST*"

**1. Seek ye first the kingdom of God
And His righteousness,
And all these things
Shall be added unto you.
Allelu, alleluia!**

**2. Ask and it shall be given unto you,
Seek and ye shall find,
Knock and the door
Shall be opened unto you.
Allelu, alleluia!**

CALL TO CONFESSION:

If we say we have no sin, the truth is not in us. We admit that we need to begin again for we have fallen short of the glory of God. So we come to the baptismal font seeking a fresh start. With confidence that God hears our prayers, let us confess our sins:

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: PSALM 32: 1-7 (UNISON)

Blessed is the one whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered. Blessed is the one whose sin the Lord does not count against them and in whose spirit is no deceit. When I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long. For day and night your hand was heavy on me; my strength was sapped as in the heat of summer. Then I acknowledged my sin to you and did not cover up my iniquity. I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the Lord.” And you forgave the guilt of my sin. Therefore let all the faithful pray to you while you may be found; surely the rising of the mighty waters will not reach them. You are my hiding place; you will protect me from trouble and surround me with songs of deliverance.

(Silent Reflection)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON: (RESPONSIVE)

One: Friends, hear these words, and listen to this good news; the empires of this world will rise and fall, but the mercy of the Lord will never end.

Many: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, 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:

Inspire us by your Holy Spirit that the words we read on the page might become living words in our hearts and lives as we encounter the grace, love and peace of Jesus Christ. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: ROMANS 8: 26-39

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. What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things? Who will bring any charges against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies. Who then is the one who condemns? No one. Christ Jesus who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? As it is written: “For your sake we face death all day long; we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered.” No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation,

will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: MATTHEW 13: 31-33, 44-52

He told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and planted in his field. Though it is the smallest of all seeds, yet when it grows, it is the largest of garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds come and perch in its branches.” He told them still another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed into about sixty pounds of flour until it worked all through the dough.” “The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field. “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls. When he found one of great value, he went away and sold everything he had and bought it. “Once again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was let down into the lake and caught all kinds of fish. When it was full, the fishermen pulled it up on the shore. Then they sat down and collected the good fish in baskets, but threw the bad away. This is how it will be at the end of the age. The angels will

come and separate the wicked from the righteous and throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. "Have you understood all these things?" Jesus asked. "Yes," they replied. He said to them, "Therefore every teacher of the law who has become a disciple in the kingdom of heaven is like the owner of a house who brings out of his storeroom new treasures as well as old."

MESSAGE: "WHAT'S IT LIKE"

REV. BILL GASKILL

PRAYER AND SILENT REFLECTION

HYMN OF MEDITATION: #339 (BLUE) "BE THOU MY VISION"

**1. Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, Save that Thou art --
Thou my best thought, By day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.**

**2. Riches I heed not, Nor vain empty praise,
Thou mine inheritance, Now and always;
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,
Great God of heaven, My treasure Thou art.**

**3. Be Thou my wisdom, Be Thou my true Word;
I ever with Thee And Thou with me, Lord;
Heart of my own heart, Whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.**

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS:

Out of gratitude for all that God has provided for us and with hope that as we invest ourselves and the gifts we have received, we will see the kingdom of heaven grow and flourish in this world, we bring our tithes and offerings for God's work among us in this time and place.

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).

**Happy Birthday Blessings to:
Nancy Kessler ~ July 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: This **Tuesday, July 28, 2026, 6:30 pm**

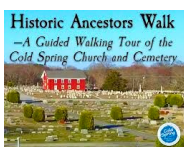
Where: Located here at Price Hall on 780 Seashore Road in Cold Spring.

NOTE: Participants may request free copies of selected books in advance by emailing their request and mailing address to norrisclark@me.com



- "Hospitality Under the Trees" fellowship continues today, through August. 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 - 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: Linda's cousin **Darlene Buddy**, going through a difficult time; **Wesley Myers** requests prayers for **Charles Fitzpatrick**; **Nicole Loughry**, Carol's friend; **Dennis McDonough, III**, Jayne's Grandson, prayers as he navigates life going through a separation & divorce; the Family & Friends of **Dianne Reihl** who passed away July 9, Dianne was the wife of the late Rob Reihl; **Tracy's** niece had successful surgery and needs prayers for her recovery; for those suffering from mental illness, may they find faith in the Lord to heal and help others; **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: "SENT FORTH BY GOD'S BLESSING"

(TUNE ONLY, BLUE #554)

Sent Forth by God's Blessing

1 Sent forth by God's bless-ing, Our true faith con-fess-ing,
2 With praise and thanks-giv-ing, To God ev-er-liv-ing,
The peo-ple of God from His dwell-ing take leave.
The tasks of our ev-'ry-day life we will face.
The Sup-per is end-ed. O now be ex-tend-ed
Our faith ev-er shar-ing, In love ev-er car-ing,
The fruits of this ser-vice in all who be-lieve.
Em-brac-ing His chil-dren of each tribe and race.
The seed of His teach-ing, Re-cep-tive souls reach-ing,
With Your feast You feed us, With Your light now lead us;
Shall blos-som in ac-tion for God and for all.
U-nite us as one in this life that we share.
His grace did in-vite us, His love shall u-nite us
Then may all the liv-ing With praise and thanks-giv-ing
To work for God's king-dom and an-swer His call.
Give hon-or to Christ and His name that we bear.

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**1. Sent forth by God's blessing,
our true faith confessing,
the people of God from his dwelling take leave.
The service is ended; oh, now be extended
the fruits of our worship in all who believe.
The seed of his teaching,
receptive souls reaching,
Shall blossom in action for God and for all.
His grace did invite us; his love shall unite us
to work for God's kingdom and answer his call.**

**2. With praise and thanksgiving to you ever living,
The tasks of our ev'ry day life we will face,
Our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring,
Embracing your children of each tribe and race.
With your feast you feed us;
with your light now lead us.
Unite us as one in this life that we share.
Then may all the living
with praise and thanksgiving
Give honor to Christ and his name that we bear.**

BENEDICTION:

REV. BILL GASKILL

POSTLUDE:

JAYNE McDONOUGH

Go in peace. See you next week!

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