

LET US WORSHIP GOD!

August 23, 2026—10:30 AM

13TH 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. Laurence Moyer, 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:

Rev. Larry Moyer joins us in the pulpit today

with the message "He Is There". Larry will also be singing a beautiful solo, for the Offertory.



***** A Message from our Deacons - Our canned goods closet in Price Hall is in need of replenishment for our food banks. Please think of bringing in a few cans to help those in need in our community!*****

MUSIC PREVIEW:

The hymn "*God of Grace and God of Glory*" was written in 1930 by Harry Emerson Fosdick, a prominent liberal pastor, for the opening

service of the newly built Riverside Church in New York City. Harry Emerson Fosdick wrote the hymn as a processional piece for the first service held in the new sanctuary on October 5, 1930. The song served as a bold, prayerful challenge to the church to actively confront the deep social and economic crises of its era. The world was caught between the aftermath of World War I—where Fosdick had served as a military chaplain and witnessed devastating human tragedy—and the heavy economic despair of the Great Depression. The hymn calls believers to step out of comfort and use Christ-like grace to fight for the freedom of others.

"He Is There" by Sally DeFord feat. Sarah Crowther Ziroll conveys a message of unwavering divine presence and support through life's trials and triumphs, using metaphors of light, healing, and constant companionship to illustrate this enduring love and care.

The beloved hymn **"O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee"** began in 1879 as a personal devotional poem titled "Walking with God" written by Washington Gladden, a prominent Congregational pastor and social reformer. It was not originally intended to be sung as a hymn. He originally published the poem in a religious editorial section called "The Still Hour" in the magazine *Sunday Afternoon* in Springfield, Massachusetts. A few years later, his friend Charles H. Richards recognized the deep spiritual power in the verses. Richards adapted the text for church worship use, reshaping the line structure and pairing it with a tune.

The hymn **"My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"** (also known as "The Solid Rock") was written in 1834 by Edward Mote, a cabinetmaker turned pastor who grew up in a non-religious home. While walking to work, the famous chorus about standing on the solid rock came to his mind. Days later, he used the verses to comfort a dying friend.

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: (RESPONSIVE)

One: Hear O Israel! I am calling! Are you listening?

Many: We are here and we are ready.

One: Beloved Children, who do you say that I am?

Many: You are our rock and our redeemer. Our trust is in you. Our hearts, minds and souls belong to you!

One: I created you, named you and have a calling for your life.

Many: We give thanks with our whole hearts for your steadfast love!

OPENING PRAYER: (UNISON)

Eternal God, our help and our rock, if the Lord had not been on our side, where would we be? You have rescued our lives from the raging waters and kept our feet from falling. As we gather in your presence this morning, open our ears to

hear your voice and open our hearts to your grace. Give us courage to offer our lives to you as a living sacrifice, bound together in one body with many gifts. Renew our spirits, O Lord, and let your steadfast love endure forever in our worship and in our service. In Jesus Christ, our rock and Redeemer, we pray. Amen.

GATHERING HYMN - #420 (BLUE) "GOD OF GRACE AND GOD OF GLORY", VERSES 1, 4, & 5

**1. God of grace and God of glory,
On Thy people pour Thy power;
Crown Thine ancient church's story;
Bring its bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
For the facing of this hour,
For the facing of this hour.**

**4. Set our feet on lofty places;
Gird our lives that they may be
Armored with all Christ-like graces,
Pledged to set all captives free.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
That we fail not man nor Thee!
That we fail not man nor Thee!**

**5. Save us from weak resignation
To the evils we deplore;
Let the gift of Thy salvation
Be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
Serving Thee whom we adore,
Serving Thee whom we adore.**

CALL TO CONFESSION:

You call out to us, Lord, but we struggle to listen.
As we come before you with our hearts open, quiet
the noise of the world, of our pressing thoughts
and fears, so that we may hear your Spirit fully.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (UNISON)

God of truth, like a moth that gnaws at wool, our
brokenness eats away at our souls. We allow the
cacophony of greed, selfishness, apathy and
ignorance to drown out your voice as you call us
to see the suffering in our world and respond to
the needs of your children. In our busy lives, we
convince ourselves that there is no time to help,
no space for prayer and no need for justice.
Forgive us. Remind us that only when we slow
down and breathe deeply of your Holy Spirit and
holy Word can our ears hear your voice. Inspire us
to greater love for you and for one another. Amen.
(Silent Reflection)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON: (RESPONSIVE)

(BASED ON ISAIAH 51:4 AND MATTHEW 16:19)

One: The prophet Isaiah wrote, “Listen to me, my people, and give heed to me.” Jesus promised, “I will give you the keys to the kingdom.” We know love and forgiveness because God first loved us and has been calling out to us forever, “You are my beloved!” May we respond to such abundant grace with deep gratitude for God’s unending forgiveness.

Many: God loves me, heals me, strengthens me and calls me by name. Through Jesus I am made whole! 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:

God of light, your wisdom is right here, speaking truth to us in love. We pray for you to open our eyes, our ears and our hearts so we may drink in all that you have for us to learn today.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: ROMANS 11: 1-2A, 29-32

Am I saying that God has turned his back on his people? Certainly not! I am one of the people of Israel, and I myself am a descendant of Abraham from the tribe of Benjamin. God did not turn his back on his chosen people. Don't you remember reading in the Scriptures how Elijah complained to God about the people of Israel? God doesn't take back the gifts he has given or disown the people he has chosen. At one time you Gentiles rejected God. But now Israel has rejected God, and you have been shown mercy. And because of the mercy shown to you, they will also be shown mercy. All people have disobeyed God, and that's why he treats them as prisoners. But he does this, so that he can have mercy on all of them.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: MATTHEW 15: 10-20

When He had called the multitude to Himself, He said to them, "Hear and understand: Not what goes into the mouth defiles a man; but what comes out of the mouth, this defiles a man." Then His disciples came and said to Him, "Do You know that the Pharisees were offended when they heard this saying?" But He answered and said, "Every plant which My heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. Let them alone. They are blind leaders of

the blind. And if the blind leads the blind, both will fall into a ditch.” Then Peter answered and said to Him, “Explain this parable to us.” So Jesus said, “Are you also still without understanding? Do you not yet understand that whatever enters the mouth goes into the stomach and is eliminated? But those things which proceed out of the mouth come from the heart, and they defile a man. For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies. These are the things which defile a man, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile a man.”

MESSAGE: "HE IS THERE"

REV. LAURENCE MOYER

PRAYER AND SILENT REFLECTION

HYMN OF MEDITATION: #357 (BLUE) "O MASTER, LET ME WALK WITH THEE"

- 1. O Master, let me walk with Thee
In lowly paths of service free;
Tell me Thy secret;
Help me bear the strain of toil,
The fret of care.**
- 2. Help me the slow of heart to move**

**By some clear, winning word of love;
Teach me the wayward feet to stay,
And guide them in the homeward way.**

**3. Teach me Thy patience; still with Thee
In closer, dearer company,
In work that keeps faith sweet and strong,
In trust that triumphs over wrong.**

**4. In hope that sends a shining ray
Far down the future's broadening way;
In peace that only Thou canst give,
With Thee, O Master, let me live.**

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS:

Paul wrote that we are the body with many members, each with a different function. Our gifts are myriad, yet our calling is common: to return to God that which we have received according to God's grace.

Offertory: "*He is There*" - *Larry Moyer*

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 Michele Albanese in memory of her Dad,
Richard H. Reeves**

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 Blessings to:

Melissa Arnott ~ Aug. 23

Wayne Dilks ~ Aug. 25

Mary Imperato ~ Aug. 29

Happy Anniversary to Rick & Mary Everett ~ Aug. 26

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 "One Thousand Gifts" by Ann Voscamp**

When: Tuesday, August 25, 2026, 6:30 pm

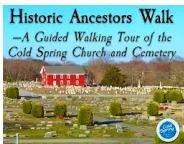
Where: Located here at Price Hall on 780 Seashore Road in Cold Spring.

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, please join us out front after worship!

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 - 29,
September - 12 & 26



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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: Elaine Jordan having medical tests on Aug. 18; comfort for family & friends of Ann Heap, who passed away Aug. 12; Jo Armstrong is experiencing complications following her surgery

and remains in the hospital; Beverly requests prayers for 12yr. old **Michael**, having his 4th heart surgery; **Barbara's Brother** who suffered a stroke; Comfort for family & friends of **Wesley Tomlin**, on the loss of her father; Comfort for the family and friends of **John Raimondi** who passed away Aug. 8, John was Brother in law of the late **Becca McCaughey**; **Jim Harveson's** friend **Dennis**, hospitalized due to a brain injury received in the Vietnam War; praise that **Linda Kaempf** was able to attend church so soon after hip replacement surgery August 7; ; **Ariana Palmer**, 23 year old awaiting heart transplant. **Patty** in the hospital with pneumonia & low blood cell counts.

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

**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: #379 (BLUE) "MY HOPE IS BUILT ON NOTHING LESS"

1. My hope is built on nothing less

**Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
But wholly lean on Jesus' name.
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand,
All other ground is sinking sand.**

**2. When darkness veils his lovely face,
I rest on His unchanging grace;
In ev'ry high and stormy gale,
My anchor holds within the veil.
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand,
All other ground is sinking sand.**

**3. His oath, His covenant, His blood
Support me in the whelming flood;
When all around my soul gives way,
He then is all my hope and stay.
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand,
All other ground is sinking sand.**

**4. When He shall come with trumpet sound,
O may I then in Him be found,
Dressed in His righteousness alone,
Faultless to stand before the throne.
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand,**

All other ground is sinking sand.

BENEDICTION: (BASED ON ISAIAH 51:7)

REV. LAURENCE MOYER

One: “Listen to me ... you people who have my teachings in your hearts,” wrote the prophet Isaiah. As you move out from this sacred space, may God’s Word guide you to the people you need to meet and the places you need to be. May the God of all creation bless you and keep you. May Jesus Christ make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you. May the Holy Spirit lift up her countenance upon you and bring you peace as all of God’s children say,
All: “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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1. *God Welcomes All* - CCLI Song #549555
2. *God of Grace and God of Glory:* Harry Emerson Fosdick, John Hughes ; CCLI Song #7051728
3. *Gloria:* Public Domain
4. *O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee: Washington Gladden, Henry Percy Smith.* ; CCLI Song #158243
5. *He is There:* Sally Deford; CCLI Song #464841
6. *Doxology* - CCLI Song #18204
7. *My Hope is Built on Nothing Less: Edward Mote, William Batchelder Bradbury;* CCLI Song #4159997