

LET US WORSHIP GOD!

August 30, 2026—10:30 AM

14TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

A HYBRID WORSHIP EXPERIENCE IN-PERSON AND ONLINE

Today's worship team—Music Director: Jayne McDonough;
Worship Leader: George Nelson; Message: Rev. Virginia Scott, 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. Virginia Scott is with us this week with the message, "What Is Your Lot in Life?"



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MUSIC PREVIEW:

"Morning Has Broken" began as a 1931 poem by English author Eleanor Farjeon. Anglican priest and hymnologist Percy Dearmer asked Eleanor Farjeon to write a new poem about the start of the day for the 1931 hymnal Songs of Praise. Farjeon drew inspiration from the quiet beauty of the village of Alfriston in East Sussex. Her words were paired with "Bunessan," a traditional Scottish Gaelic tune from the Isle of Mull that shares its melody with the 19th-century Christmas carol "Child in a Manger". The lyrics reflect themes of rebirth and gratitude, using imagery from Genesis and John to frame each sunrise as a fresh creation of the world.

The hymn "*Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak*" was written by English poet and hymnwriter Frances Ridley Havergal on April 28, 1872. Havergal originally penned the text under the heading "A Worker's Prayer". The hymn centers on the idea that effective Christian service requires first listening to and receiving from God—being fed, taught, and led—before trying to lead, teach, or feed anyone else.

The classic hymn "*O Jesus, I Have Promised*" was written in 1866 by English clergyman John Ernest Bodefor the confirmation service of his own three children (a daughter and two sons). He told his children that the text contained the most vital truths he wanted them to remember throughout their lives. The hymn balances a human pledge of dedication with a humble plea for divine protection. The writer admits that the world is distracting and temptations are strong, so the singer must rely on Christ for grace rather than on self-reliance. While it is sung to a few different tunes, it is most famously paired with the tune, "Angel's Story", composed by Arthur Henry Mann.

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: Seek the Lord! Seek God in the wilderness.

Many: Seek God in the sanctuary.

One: Seek God in the burning bush.

Many: Seek God in the burning heart.

One: The Lord is here! This place is holy!

Many: We are standing on holy ground.

OPENING PRAYER: (UNISON)

Gracious and Holy God, As we turn aside from the wilderness of our busy lives, your presence meets us in unexpected places. Like Moses before the burning bush, we stand on holy ground. Kindle within us a fire of devotion that consumes our fear but does not destroy our spirit. Open our eyes to see your glory in our midst, and open our hearts to hear your call today. Direct our worship, quiet our distractions, and renew our strength as we praise your holy name. In Jesus Christ, our sustainer and guide, we pray. Amen.

GATHERING HYMN - #469 (BLUE) "*MORNING HAS BROKEN*"

- 1. Morning has broken like the first morning,
blackbird has spoken like the first bird.
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!
Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!**
- 2. Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven,
like the first dewfall on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,
sprung in completeness where God's feet pass.**
- 3. Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning
born of the one light Eden saw play!
Praise with elation, praise every morning,
God's recreation of the new day!**

CALL TO CONFESSION:

Sin casts us out into the cold, but the warmth of God's forgiveness welcomes us back. Trusting in God's love, let us confess our sins to God:

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (UNISON)

God of wonders, we confess that we do not understand why you call us when we are scared, clumsy, busy or flawed. We confess that we think we know better than you do who is qualified to do your work. Forgive our fears and excuses and self-doubts. Lend us your fire and your strength, as we go about the work of serving our neighbors, building up your church, loving your children, and tending to the scorched places of our world. Help us to burn for you, without burning up or burning out. Give us a purpose and the courage to pursue it. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

(Silent Reflection)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON: (RESPONSIVE)

One: Hear the good news! New life rises from the ashes. In Christ, your sins are dead and you are alive to all that is good.

Many: In Christ, we are made whole; in Christ, we are forgiven. Alleluia! 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:

**Divine Light, shine on these pages that the stories
may speak again to us today. Shine on our hearts
that we might know how to respond. Amen.**

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: PSALM 100 (RESPONSIVE)

- 1. Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.**
- 2. Worship the Lord with gladness;
come before him with joyful songs.**
- 3. Know that the Lord is God. It is he who made
us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep
of his pasture.**
- 4. Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his
courts with praise; give thanks to him and
praise his name.**
- 5. For the Lord is good and his love endures
forever; his faithfulness continues through all
generations.**

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: ACTS 1: 15-16, 21-26

In those days Peter stood up among the believers (a group numbering about a hundred and twenty)¹⁶ and said, “Brothers and sisters,[a] the Scripture had to be fulfilled in which the Holy Spirit spoke long ago through David concerning Judas, who served as guide for those who arrested Jesus. 21 Therefore it is necessary to choose one of the men who have been with us the whole time the Lord Jesus was living among us, 22 beginning from John’s baptism to the time when Jesus was taken up from us. For one of these must become a witness with us of his resurrection.” 23 So they nominated two men: Joseph called Barsabbas (also known as Justus) and Matthias.²⁴ Then they prayed, “Lord, you know everyone’s heart. Show us which of these two you have chosen²⁵ to take over this apostolic ministry, which Judas left to go where he belongs.” 26 Then they cast lots, and the lot fell to Matthias; so he was added to the eleven apostles.

MESSAGE: "WHAT IS YOUR LOT IN LIFE?"

Rev. Virginia Scott

Prayer and Silent Reflection

HYMN OF MEDITATION: #426 (BLUE) "LORD, SPEAK TO ME THAT I MAY SPEAK"

**1. Lord, speak to me, that I may speak
In living echoes of Thy tone;
As Thou hast sought, so let me seek
Thy erring children lost and lone.**

**2. O lead me, Lord, that I may lead
The wandering and the wavering feet;
O feed me, Lord, that I may feed
Your hungering ones with manna sweet.**

**3. O teach me, Lord, that I may teach
The precious things Thou dost impart;
And wing my words, that they may reach
The hidden depths of many a heart.**

**4. O fill me with Thy fulness, Lord,
Until my very heart o'erflow
In kindling thought and glowing word,
Thy love to tell, Thy praise to show.**

**5. O use me, Lord, use even me,
Just as Thou wilt, and when, and where;
Until Thy blessed face I see,
Thy rest, Thy joy, Thy glory share.**

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS:

With gratitude for all God has given us, let us return our offerings to God.

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 Blessings to:

Nicole Di Lossi ~ Sept. 1

Lynda McCartney ~ Sept. 3

Beverly Mate ~ Sept 4

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 "**Uncommon Ground: Living Faithfully in a World of Difference**" by **Timothy Keller and John Inazu**

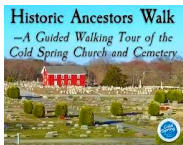
When: Tuesday, Sept. 22, 2026, 6:00 pm

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 following worship today!



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: Tricia McDonough-Rotella & family on the passing of her Mother, Patty Leisner on Aug. 24; Elaine Jordan having medical tests; comfort for family & friends of Ann Heap, who passed away Aug. 12; ; Beverly requests prayers for 12 yr. 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; 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.

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: #388 (BLUE) "O JESUS, I HAVE PROMISED"

1. O Jesus, I have promised

To serve Thee to the end;

Be Thou forever near me,

My Master and my Friend;

I shall not fear the battle

If Thou art by my side,

**Nor wander from the pathway
If Thou wilt be my Guide.**

**2. O let me feel Thee near me!
The world is ever near;
I see the sights that dazzle,
The tempting sounds I hear;
My foes are ever near me,
Around me and within;
But, Jesus, draw Thou nearer
And shield my soul from sin.**

**3. O let me hear Thee speaking
In accents clear and still,
Above the storms of passion,
The murmurs of self will;
O speak to reassure me,
To hasten or control;
O speak, and make me listen,
Thou guardian of my soul.**

**4. O Jesus, Thou hast promised
To all who follow Thee
That where Thou art in glory
There shall Thy servant be;
And, Jesus, I have promised
To serve Thee to the end;
O give me grace to follow,
My Master and my friend.**

Benediction:

Rev. Virginia Scott

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. *Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak*: Frances Ridley Havergal, Robert Schumann; CCLI Song #103391
5. *Doxology* - CCLI Song #18204
6. *O Jesus I Have Promised*: John Ernest Bode, Arthur Henry Mann; CCLI Song #3715095