

Let Us Worship God!

Sept 6, 2026—10:30 AM

15th Sunday After Pentecost

A Hybrid Worship Experience In-Person and Online

Today's worship team—Music Director: Jayne McDonough;
Worship Leader: Robert Stiles; Message: Rev. David Wenker, 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. David Wenker brings the message "The Joy of Shared Ministry"

Music Preview:

"Rejoice, the Lord is King!" was written by Charles Wesley in 1744 as a triumphant declaration of Christ's sovereign rule amidst intense hardship and societal stress.

The hymn **"More Love to Thee, O Christ"** was written by author Elizabeth Prentiss in 1856 as a private, personal prayer born out of deep personal grief and family tragedy.

A simple but effective communion song by Joseph Martin and Mary Martin. **"Receive the Joy"** is an invitation to intimacy with the Savior. The congregational part allows all present to actively participate in this musical form of worship. Written for the 125th anniversary of the Locust Grove United Church of Christ in York, Pa.

The classic Christian hymn **"Make Me a Blessing"** began as a youth's forgotten poem before it was set to music decades later and launched into worldwide popularity.

Prelude
Welcome:

Jayne McDonough
Rev. David Wenker

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: This is the day the Lord has made
Many: We will rejoice and be glad in it.

Opening Prayer: (Unison)

We have come to worship this morning in obedience to the prompting of your Spirit, even if we didn't recognize the prompting as you. We have come to worship this morning with a deep spiritual hunger for you, some of which we can't identify as spiritual hunger. Open us up spiritually this morning and draw from us the response you deserve and we need to give you, the response of love and surrender. We pray in the name of our Lord Jesus. AMEN

***Gathering Hymn - #155 (Blue) "Rejoice, the Lord is King"**

**1. Rejoice, the Lord is King!
Your Lord and King adore!
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing,
And triumph evermore:
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!**

**2. God's kingdom cannot fail,
Christ rules o'er earth and heaven;
The keys of death and hell
Are to our Jesus given:
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!**

**3. Rejoice in glorious hope!
For Christ, the Judge, shall come
To glorify the saints
For their eternal home:
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!**

Call to Confession:

As we worship God, let us take time to honestly name the ways that we have fallen short, collectively and individually. Trusting in the gracious mercy of our Lord, let us confess, together.

Prayer of Confession: (Unison)

We admit we often compare ourselves to others who have more and we come to you asking for more. We feel insecure and believe that if we had more we would feel more secure. Forgive us for not believing that you are sufficient and you give us what we need. Give us courage to live in the gratitude of what you have provided rather than complaining about what we feel we are lacking. Help us we pray. AMEN

(Silent Reflection)

Assurance of Pardon: (Responsive)

**One: Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.
The old life has gone; a new life has begun.
Many: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

*** 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 Spirit, open our eyes and our ears, our minds and our hearts, that we may hear your Word, walk in your ways, and truly live. Amen.

First Scripture Reading: Acts 16: 11-15

From Troas we put out to sea and sailed straight for Samothrace, and the next day we went on to Neapolis. From there we traveled to Philippi, a Roman colony and the leading city of that district of Macedonia. And we stayed there several days. On the Sabbath we went outside the city gate to the river, where we expected to find a place of prayer. We sat down and began to speak to the women who had gathered there. One of those listening was a woman from the city of Thyatira named Lydia, a dealer in purple cloth. She was a worshiper of God. The Lord opened her heart to respond to Paul's message. When she and the members of her household were baptized, she invited us to her home. "If you consider me a believer in the Lord," she said, "come and stay at my house." And she persuaded us.

Second Scripture Reading: Philippians 1: 1-11

Paul and Timothy, servants of Christ Jesus,
To all God's holy people in Christ Jesus at Philippi,
together with the overseers and deacons:
Grace and peace to you from God our Father and
the Lord Jesus Christ. I thank my God every time I
remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I
always pray with joy because of your partnership in
the gospel from the first day until now, being

confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus. It is right for me to feel this way about all of you, since I have you in my heart and, whether I am in chains or defending and confirming the gospel, all of you share in God's grace with me. God can testify how I long for all of you with the affection of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ—to the glory and praise of God.

Message: "The Joy of Shared Ministry"

Rev. David Wenker

Prayer and Silent Reflection

Profession of Faith - The Apostles Creed (Unison)

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;**

**he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right
hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come
to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost;
the holy catholic church;
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Offering of Our Gifts: (Responsive)

**One: The Christian life – a life of following Jesus –
is a life of response. We respond freely to what the
God who reconciles all things has already done and
given to us, in Jesus Christ. All that we have
belongs to God.**

**Many: Let us give of God's own, with
thanksgiving and joy.**

**Offertory - "Receive the Joy", Cold Spring Singers
Congregation to join in chorus - see insert**

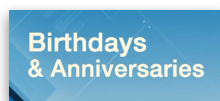
The Doxology

**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:

Dennis McDonough ~ Sept 10

Barbara Cain ~ Sept. 11

Ralph DiLossi ~ Sept 11

Add your name to our weekly e mail newsletter -

Visitors or elders can add people to our e-newsletter list by going to addchurchemail.com and entering their first / last name & email address.

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 - new time

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

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 - September - 12 & 26



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

September Fall Happenings at Cold Spring

Presbyterian - see insert in Congregation Worship Guide. Save it for home!

Pastor Wenker will be offering a **new members class** this Fall for anyone interested in joining Cold Spring Presbyterian Church. **Please see Pastor Dave** so the class can be scheduled at your convenience.

Pastor Wenker will be offering a **Bible Study class** from the book of Philippians, on **Wednesday**

mornings, September 30 to November 12. (The final class is on a Thursday to accommodate Veterans Day). Please sign up in the Narthex.

Cold Spring Community Handbell Choir will begin rehearsals on **Thursday, September 10, at 1:30 p.m.** They welcome new members, anyone interested should attend the rehearsals on Thursday, no experience necessary.

Cold Spring Singers Choir will be holding rehearsals on **Thursday's at 3:00 p.m. starting Sept 10.** And will be singing for the 2nd & 4th Sundays of each month beginning in October. **All are welcome** to join us on Thursday's at 3:00 p.m. Just bring your voice!

Sunday, September 20 will be Heritage Sunday - We are recognizing our history & inspired to look forward as well!

Tuesday, Sept. 22, 6:00 pm Cold Spring Book Club Meeting

AND - Our Church Picnic will be held on **Sunday, September 27, following Worship! Sign up sheet in narthex.**

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: Jim McCaughey's relative, **Roberta McCaughey** has inoperable brain tumors; **Bob's** friend has leukemia and is only 36 years old; **Pam** is grateful that a lengthy battle toward fair rental costs within her summer community has been resolved with favorable outcomes; Jim's friend **Dennis**, a Vietnam veteran is home from the hospital & doing better; for the **Dodd family** experiencing difficulties; **Jo Armstrong** is well enough to attend church and express her thanks for the meaningful signed letter of prayer we sent; **Elaine** is grateful for good medical test results; **Barbara** has also received good test results and is thankful for prayers; Jayne's Brother, **Edward McCue** passed away on August 31, prayers for his children & McCue family; Tricia McDonough-Rotella & family on the passing of her Mother, **Patty Leisner** on Aug. 24; **Jayne** for an infection in her leg & tests later this week; comfort for family & friends of **Ann Heap**, who passed away Aug. 12; ; **Beverly** advises 12 yr. old **Michael** came through his 4th heart surgery and is doing well; **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](#)

[Hymn of Preparation: #359 \(Blue\) "More Love to Thee, O Christ"](#)

1. More love to Thee, O Christ, more love to Thee!

Hear Thou the prayer I make on bended knee,
This is my earnest plea:

More love, O Christ, to Thee,

More love to Thee, more love to Thee!

2. Once earthly joy I craved, sought peace and rest;

Now Thee alone I seek, give what is best.

This all my prayer shall be:

More love, O Christ, to Thee,

More love to Thee, more love to Thee.

3. Then shall my latest breath whisper Thy praise;

This be the parting cry my heart shall raise,

This still its prayer shall be:

More love, O Christ, to Thee,

More love to Thee, more love to Thee!

Invitation To All: Come To The Lord's Table!

Rev. David Wenker

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving (Responsive)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Blessed are you,....

... who taught us to pray, saying,

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.

Words of Institution

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Fresh Expression of Community

**Once we were strangers,
Now we are neighbors
Once we were strangers,
Now we are friends.**

Sending Hymn: #477 (Red) "Make Me a Blessing"

**1. Out in the highways and byways of life,
Many are weary and sad;
Carry the sunshine where darkness is rife,
Making the sorrowing glad.**

Chorus

**Make me a blessing, make me a blessing,
Out of my life may Jesus shine;
Make me a blessing, O Savior, I pray,
Make me a blessing to someone today.**

**2. Tell the sweet story of Christ and His love,
Tell of His pow'r to forgive;**

**Others will trust Him if only you prove
True, every moment you live.
Make me a blessing, make me a blessing,
Out of my life may Jesus shine;
Make me a blessing, O Savior, I pray,
Make me a blessing to someone today.**

**3. Give as 'twas given to you in your need,
Love as the Master loved you;
Be to the helpless a helper indeed,
Unto your mission be true.
Make me a blessing, make me a blessing,
Out of my life may Jesus shine;
Make me a blessing, O Savior, I pray,
Make me a blessing to someone today.**

Benediction:

Rev. David Wenker

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. Rejoice, the Lord is King! : John by Darwell/ Charles Wesley ; CCLi Song #3901081
3. Gloria: Public Domaine
4. Receive the Joy: Mary Martin & William H. Martin; publ. Shawnee Press
5. Doxology - CCLI Song #18204
6. More Love to Thee, O Christ: Elizabeth Payson Prentiss/ William Howard Doane; CCLI Song #36750
7. Make Me a Blessing: Ira B. Wilson/ George S. Schuler; CCLI Song #11603