

Let Us Worship God!

Sept 13, 2026—10:30 AM

16th 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. Jim Shanley joins us in the pulpit this week with the message "The Demoniatic Meets the Divine"

Music Preview:

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God," often called the "Battle Hymn of the Reformation," was written and composed by Martin Luther between 1527 and 1529. He based the hymn on Psalm 46, which states, "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble". Luther wrote the hymn during a period of great personal and societal stress, marked by the threat of war, the plague hitting Wittenberg, and fierce religious persecution. Rather than a song of war, Luther intended the hymn to be an expression of deep faith and comfort for believers facing hardship and fear of the devil.

The hymn "Dear Lord and Father of Mankind" comes from an 1872 narrative poem called "The Brewing of Soma" by the American Quaker poet John Greenleaf Whittier. The story behind the hymn contains a striking irony: Whittier was a lifelong Quaker who actually disapproved of singing and elaborate ceremonies in worship, believing God was best approached through silent meditation. Ironically, a text written as a

polemic against noisy religious performance transformed into one of the Christian world's most cherished hymns of calm and quiet reflection.

The beloved hymn "I Love to Tell the Story" came from a massive 100-stanza poem about the life of Jesus written during a period of severe illness. Arabella Katherine Hankey (known as Kate) was an English evangelist and missionary born in London in 1834. She taught Sunday school, led Bible classes, and even volunteered as a nurse in Africa. While recovering from a serious illness (being bedridden for nearly nine months) in 1866, she used her time in bed to write a long poetic account of Jesus. She split her writing into two sections. Part one was a 50-stanza poem called "The Story Wanted" (finished January 29, 1866), and part two was another 50-stanza poem called "The Story Told" (finished November 18, 1866). Verses from the first part (The Story Wanted) were adapted in 1867 by Dr. William H. Doane into the popular hymn "Tell Me the Old, Old Story". "I Love to Tell the Story": Verses from the second part (The Story Told) were paired with a tune written by William G. Fischer, a music professor at Girard College in Philadelphia.

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: Behold, we have come to holy ground.

Many: We give thanks to the Lord

One: The strength and love of God's power meets us here.

Many: We are humbled

One: We are strong in spirit and in our love for one another. We persevere in prayer and overcome evil with good.

Many: We enter into worship to praise God, to rejoice in hope and take up the cross of Christ in our hearts. Amen!

Opening Prayer: (Unison)

Gracious and merciful God, you are our deliverer and our strength. As we gather on this Lord's day, we remember your mighty acts—how you lead us through the waters and turn what is meant for evil into good. Open our hearts to your Word and our spirits to your healing grace. Still the anxieties of our minds and quiet the noise of our busy lives so that we may rest in your presence and worship you in spirit and in truth. Amen.

***Gathering Hymn - #260 (Blue) "A Mighty Fortress is Our God"**

**1. A mighty fortress is our God,
A bulwark never failing;
Our helper He amid the flood
Of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe
Doth seek to work us woe;
His craft and pow'r are great,**

**And armed with cruel hate,
On earth is not his equal.**

**2. Did we in our own strength confide,
Our striving would be losing;
Were not the right Man on our side,
The Man of God's own choosing.
Dost ask who that may be?
Christ Jesus, it is He,
Lord Sabaoth His name,
From age to age the same,
And He must win the battle.**

**3. And though this world with devils filled,
Should threaten to undo us,
We will not fear, for God hath willed
His truth to triumph thru us.
The prince of darkness grim,
We tremble not for him;
His rage we can endure,
For lo! his doom is sure,
One little word shall fell him.**

**4. That word above all earthly power's,
No thanks to them, abideth;
The Spirit and the gifts are ours
Thru Him who with us sideth;
Let goods and kindred go,**

**This mortal life also;
The body they may kill,
God's truth abideth still,
His kingdom is forever.**

Call to Confession:

Before we can hear God's truth spoken in love, we must free ourselves from all that obstructs us from honestly acknowledging our wrongdoing. Let us examine our hearts and confess our sins to God.

Prayer of Confession: (Unison)

God of grace, we are totally dependent on you and your nurturing faith. We try, then fail; we seek, then forget; hope, then lose sight of your love for us. Forgive our hesitation, skepticism, and despair. Strengthen us for the journey that we may act for goodness over evil in all we do. Amen.

(Silent Reflection)

Assurance of Pardon: (Responsive)

One: The one who gave us life also sent us Christ, that by his sacrifice on the cross we are forgiven and cleansed of all our failings.

Many: We claim God's grace as our own and go forward in joy. 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:

Open us, Eternal God, to your Word read and proclaimed. Help us not to turn from your truth or avoid your message. Help us be receptive to the wisdom you offer. Amen.

First Scripture Reading: Proverbs 8: 13

To fear the Lord is to hate evil;
I hate pride and arrogance,
evil behavior and perverse speech.

Second Scripture Reading: Mark 5: 1-20

They went across the lake to the region of the Gerasenes. When Jesus got out of the boat, a man with an impure spirit came from the tombs to meet him. This man lived in the tombs, and no one could bind him anymore, not even with a chain. For he had often been chained hand and foot, but he tore the chains apart and broke the irons on his feet. No one was strong enough to subdue him. Night and day among the tombs and in the hills he would cry

out and cut himself with stones. When he saw Jesus from a distance, he ran and fell on his knees in front of him. He shouted at the top of his voice, “What do you want with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? In God’s name don’t torture me!” For Jesus had said to him, “Come out of this man, you impure spirit!” Then Jesus asked him, “What is your name?” “My name is Legion,” he replied, “for we are many.” And he begged Jesus again and again not to send them out of the area.

A large herd of pigs was feeding on the nearby hillside. The demons begged Jesus, “Send us among the pigs; allow us to go into them.” He gave them permission, and the impure spirits came out and went into the pigs. The herd, about two thousand in number, rushed down the steep bank into the lake and were drowned. Those tending the pigs ran off and reported this in the town and countryside, and the people went out to see what had happened. When they came to Jesus, they saw the man who had been possessed by the legion of demons, sitting there, dressed and in his right mind; and they were afraid. Those who had seen it told the people what had happened to the demon-possessed man—and told about the pigs as well. Then the people began to plead with Jesus to leave their region. As Jesus was getting into the boat, the man who had been demon-possessed

begged to go with him.¹⁹ Jesus did not let him, but said, "Go home to your own people and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and how he has had mercy on you." So the man went away and began to tell in the Decapolis how much Jesus had done for him. And all the people were amazed.

Message: "The Demoniac Meets the Divine"

Rev. Jim Shanley

Prayer and Silent Reflection

Hymn of Meditation: #345 (Blue) "Dear Lord and Father of Mankind"

**1. Dear Lord and Father of mankind,
Forgive our foolish ways;
Reclothe us in our rightful mind,
In purer lives Thy service find,
In deeper reverence praise.**

**2. In simple trust like theirs who heard,
Beside the Syrian sea,
The gracious calling of the Lord,
Let us, like them, without a word
Rise up and follow Thee.**

**3. O Sabbath rest by Galilee,
O calm of hills above,**

**Where Jesus knelt to share with Thee
The silence of eternity,
Interpreted by love.**

**4. Drop Thy still dews of quietness,
Till all our strivings cease;
Take from our souls the strain and stress,
And let our ordered lives confess
The beauty of Thy peace.**

Offering of Our Gifts: (Responsive)

**We are inspired to be generous by a generous God.
We are inspired to give by the greatest of givers. In
gratitude to God, let us present our tithes and
offerings.**

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:

Marcus DiLossi ~ Sept. 18

Lenore Bowne ~ Sept. 20

Happy Anniversary to:

Bob & Linda Hall ~ Sept. 14

Susan & Buddy DeHart ~ Sept. 15

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 -

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 rehearses on **Thursday's, 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 Wednesday's at 1:30 p.m.** And will be singing for the 2nd & 4th Sundays of each month beginning in October. **All are welcome** to join us. 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 the 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: Baby Eleanor Jean Mills is awaiting additional heart surgery. Her parents are Diane &

Steve; Bonnie's daughter, **Sabrina** is receiving radiation therapy to treat throat cancer; Praise that **Anne & Fred Ferrari** were able to attend our service today despite their transportation difficulties; 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; for the **Dodd family** experiencing difficulties; **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**; **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: #190 (Red) "I Love to Tell the Story"

**1. I love to tell the story Of unseen things above,
Of Jesus and His glory, Of Jesus and His love,
I love to tell the story Because I know 'tis true;
It satisfies my longings As nothing else can do.
I love to tell the story, 'Twill be my theme in glory,
To tell the old, old story Of Jesus and His love.**

**2. I love to tell the story, More wonderful it seems
Than all the golden fancies
Of all our golden dreams.
I love to tell the story, It did so much for me;
And that is just the reason I tell it now to thee.
I love to tell the story, 'Twill be my theme in glory,
To tell the old, old story Of Jesus and His love.**

**3. I love to tell the story, 'Tis pleasant to repeat
What seems, each time I tell it,
More wonderfully sweet,
I love to tell the story, For some have never heard
The message of salvation
From God's own holy Word.
I love to tell the story, 'Twill be my theme in glory,
To tell the old, old story Of Jesus and His love.**

**4. I love to tell the story,
For those who know it best**

**Seem hungering and thirsting
To hear it like the rest,
And when, in scenes of glory,
I sing the new, new song,
'Twill be the old, old story
That I have loved so long.
I love to tell the story, 'Twill be my theme in glory,
To tell the old, old story Of Jesus and His love.**

Benediction: (Responsive)

Rev. Jim Shanley

**One: As Christ set free the man from his demons,
He sets us free. As Christ took a broken soul and
made him whole, He makes us whole. As Christ
defeated the demons, He defeats ours so we can
live abundant lives now and forever.**

Many: 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
1. A Mighty Fortress is Our God: Martin Luther, trans. Frederick Henry Hodge; CCLI Song #42964
2. Gloria: Public Domain
3. Dear Lord and Father of Mankind: John Greenleaf Whittier/Frederick Charles Maker; CCLI Song #2645544
4. Doxology - CCLI Song #18204
5. I Love to Tell the Story: A. Catherine Hankey/ William G. Fischer; CCLI Song #29413