

Let Us Worship God!

Sept 27, 2026—10:30 AM

Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost



A Hybrid Worship Experience In-Person and Online

Today's worship team—Music Director: Jayne McDonough;
Worship Leader: Marjorie Wetherill; Message: Elder Norris Clark, Pulpit Supply
Worship Production: Dee Sloan



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:

Elder Norris Clark is in the pulpit this week with the message, "Seasons in the Sun".

****** Our Sunday, Sept 27th picnic after worship will be held inside Price Hall due to the weather.**

Music Preview:

George Beverly Shea (1909-2013), the famous Canadian-born singer of the Billy Graham Crusades, introduced the hymn "Great is Thy Faithfulness" to those attending the evangelistic meetings in Great Britain in 1954. It immediately became a favorite. Verse 1 speaks of God's faithfulness revealed in his Word, and is adapted from James 1:17. Verse 2 tells us of God's faithfulness revealed in creation. The seasons, the sun, moon, and stars all continue on their courses perfectly, orderly, quietly – guided by God's faithful hand, without any help from us. Verse 3 reminds us of God's faithfulness revealed in our lives. He pardons all our sins, fills us with his peace, assures of his presence, gives us strength, hope, and blessings to numerous to count!

"For the Beauty of the Earth" is a classic Christian hymn of thanksgiving written by English poet Folliott S. Pierpoint in 1864. Pierpoint was only 29 years old when he

wrote the text. He was inspired while sitting on a hilltop overlooking his native city of Bath, England.

The hymn, "Song of Hope" is a marvelous expression of hope, peace, justice and love. A musical blessing which sends us out into the world bringing light and hope to every land, the lyrics were originally written in 1984 in Spanish by Alvin Schutmaat, an American Presbyterian musician, theologian, and educator who taught in South America and Mexico. An educator, theologian and administrator, he used the arts to communicate the gospel.

Prelude

Welcome:

Jayne McDonough

Elder Norris Clark

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: Why do you come to this place?

Many: We seek the path of righteousness and truth.

One: Do you come ready to hear and learn giving attention to God's Word?

Many: We come with open hearts and minds seeking to learn from the one whose authority is founded on God's love.

One: Friends, lend your ears and open your hearts because this is God's house, built by love and sustained by hope, where God seeks to align our work and witness.

Opening Prayer: (Unison)

Gracious and ever-present God, you are the rock from which our living water flows and the authority under which we find our true peace. As we gather in your house on this Lord's day, we confess that our spirits are often thirsty and our patience is easily worn thin by the trials of this world. Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us now. Soften our hard hearts, quiet our anxious complaints, and wash away our doubts. Open our ears to hear your word, and align our minds with the humble, servant heart of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Meet us in our weariness, quench our deepest spiritual thirst, and transform our worship into a living witness of your unending grace. In Christ's holy name, we pray. Amen.

***Gathering Hymn - #276 (Blue) "Great is Thy Faithfulness"**

**1. Great is Thy faithfulness, O God our Father,
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not,
Thy compassions they fail not;
As Thou hast been Thou forever will be.
Great is Thy faithfulness!
Great is Thy faithfulness!**

**Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!**

**2. Summer and winter,
and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.
Great is Thy faithfulness!
Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!**

**3. Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!
Great is Thy faithfulness!
Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!**

Call to Confession:

What burdens your spirit? What regret or hurt do you carry today? Together, let us confess that which does not give us life and take up, instead, the love and grace of God.

Prayer of Confession: (Unison)

Eternal God, we come before you aware that you know the truth of our hearts before we can utter a word. You know when our good intentions exceed our capacity for gospel living. You know when we embrace the good news of liberation with our lips but don't change our actions. We imprison ourselves with the assumption that you will judge us as mercilessly as we often judge ourselves and one another. Forgive our shortcomings and the times we have failed to live the words we say. Restore us in the confidence of people who have heard good news and remind us that even when we arrive late, there is still work to be done. Amen.

(Silent Reflection)

Assurance of Pardon: (Responsive)

Friends, believe this good news, in Christ we are new creations. We are forgiven; we are set free; and we are made ready to live the living Word.

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:

God of life and light, illumine our hearts and spirits and attune us to the reading and hearing of your word. May our hearing be discerning and may this proclamation be faithful and, in all things, may we approach your word with joy and humility. Amen.

First Scripture Reading: Ecclesiastes 3: 1-13

“There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens: a time to be born and a time to die, a time to plant and a time to uproot, a time to kill and a time to heal, a time to tear down and a time to build, a time to weep and a time to laugh, a time to mourn and a time to dance, a time to scatter stones and a time to gather them, a time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing, a time to search and a time to give up, a time to keep and a time to throw away, a time to tear and a time to mend, a time to be silent and a time to speak, a time to love and a time to hate, a time for war and a time for peace. What do workers

gain from their toil? I have seen the burden God has laid on the human race. He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the human heart; yet no one can fathom what God has done from beginning to end. I know that there is nothing better for people than to be happy and to do good while they live. That each of them may eat and drink, and find satisfaction in all their toil—this is the gift of God.”

Second Scripture Reading: Philippians 4: 4-9

Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.

Message: "Seasons in the Sun"

Elder Norris Clark

Prayer and Silent Reflection

Hymn of Meditation: #276 (Blue) "For the Beauty of The Earth"

1. For the beauty of the earth,
For the glory of the skies,
For the love which from our birth
Over and around us lies,
Lord of all, to Thee we raise
This our hymn of grateful praise.

2. For the wonder of each hour
Of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale, and tree and flower,
Sun and moon, and stars of light,
Lord of all, to Thee we raise
This our hymn of grateful praise.

3. For the joy of ear and eye,
For the heart and mind's delight,
For the mystic harmony
Linking sense to sound and sight,
Lord of all, to Thee we raise
This our hymn of grateful praise.

4. For the joy of human love,
Brother, sister, parent, child,
Friends on earth, and friends above,
For all gentle thoughts and mild,
Lord of all, to Thee we raise
This our hymn of grateful praise.

5. For Thy church that evermore
Lifteth holy hands above,
Offering up on every shore
Her pure sacrifice of love,
Lord of all, to Thee we raise
This our hymn of grateful praise.

Offering of Our Gifts:

Friends, we are all in this together and it is only together that the work of Christ in this church is done. I welcome you to prayerfully and joyfully bring your tithes and offerings for the work of the church in the world.

Offertory

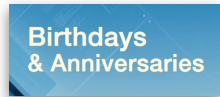
The Doxology

**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:
Tara Garton ~ Sept. 28

Happy Anniversary to:
Linda & Dan Hadrava ~ Oct. 3

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!

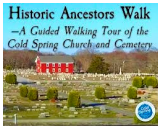
How: Participants will select, read, and discuss contemporary and classic books that stimulate the heart and mind, and enjoy

a free dinner (pizza, salad, and drink). The **Next Book selection is "Theo of Golden" by Allen Levi**

When: Tuesday, **October 27, 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



Cold Spring Church & Cemetery tour final date for 2026 - Meets at **10:00 AM** in front of the Red Brick Church, approx 60 minutes.

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A Message from our Deacons - The 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!

Pastor Wenker will be offering a **new members class** 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 at 10:00 a.m., starting 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 each **Thursday 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 rehearse regularly at 1:30 pm each Wednesday from Sept. 30 on. **All are welcome to join us.** Just bring your voice!



Our Church Picnic will be held on **Sunday, September 27, following Worship! All are welcome to come!**

St Barnabas By-The-Bay Episcopal Church, located at 13 West Bates Ave., Villas, is having a **Peace Service**, on the First Thursday of each month at 4:30 p.m.

And a **Healing Service**, on the Third Thursday of each month, also at 4:30 p.m. Both services are open to all denominations for those who would like to attend.

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: Barb's friend Terry; Julie Groob struggling with complications of HPV cancer; Rev. Jim Shanley's Son living in Costa Rica experiencing severe drought conditions; Pat Harris' Sister Cherie McKinney recovering from brain surgery & facing

radiation treatments, praise for God's blessings clearly shown in the series of events leading to the surgery & guiding her recovery; **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** are able to attend our services despite their transportation difficulties; for the **Dodd family** experiencing difficulties; **Ariana Palmer**, 23 year old awaiting heart transplant.

Continual prayer requested for: Eileen Stalford in nursing care; **Pastor Bob Sheidly** friend of Bob Heinly, as he battles multiple maladies of aging; **Roberta McCaughey** with an inoperable brain tumor.

Those on hospice care: Mary Everett, 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, 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: #432 (Blue) "Song of Hope"

**May the God of hope go with us every day,
Filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.
May the God of justice speed us on our way,
Bringing light and hope to every land and race.
Praying, let us work for peace,
Singing, share our joy with all,**

Working for a world that's new, Faithful when we hear Christ's call.

Benediction:

Elder Norris Clark

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. *Great Is Thy Faithfulness:* Thomas Obediah Chisholm, William Marion Runyan; CCLI Song #7172437
3. *Gloria:* Public Domain
4. *For the Beauty of the Earth: Folliott Sandford Pierpoint/ Conrad Kocher;* CCLI Song #43200
5. *Doxology* - CCLI Song #18204
6. *Song of Hope:* Alvin Schutmaat/ Argentine folk melody; CCLI Song #5193990