

# Let Us Worship God!

October 18, 2026—10:30 AM

## Twenty First 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. David Wenker, 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](http://www.coldspringworship.com)

## Message Preview:

Rev. David Wenker is in the pulpit today, bringing the message, "Pressing On".

**The flowers that beautify the sanctuary are given by John and Melba Saalman, to the glory of God, and in celebration of their Wedding Anniversary on Oct. 20.**

## Music Preview:

We are grateful to have the **Cold Spring Community Handbell Choir** ringing for Worship this morning! **Directed by Carolyn Meldrum**

### The Ringers are:

Jo Armstrong

Connie Blocher

Ann Fulginiti

Linda Hadrava

Barb Kraemer

Linda Linhares

Pat Mowrey

Beverly Mate

Ruth Rich

Gretchen Sorenson

Janet Wenker

They will be ringing for the Prelude at 10:30 a.m. and the Offertory.

"Morning Has Broken"

"Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken"

Cecil Frances Alexander wrote "**All Things Bright and Beautiful**" in 1848 to help children understand the opening line of the Apostles' Creed: "*I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth*".

"Be Thou My Vision" is an ancient Irish Christian hymn based on an Old Irish poem, paired with a traditional Irish folk melody. Tradition attributes the poem to Saint Dallán Forgaill (an early 6th- or 7th-century Irish Christian poet and monk who became blind later in life) Mary Elizabeth Byrne translated the Old Irish prose into English in 1905, and Eleanor Hull versified the text into modern poetic meter in 1912.

The gospel hymn "**Living for Jesus**" was written in 1917 through a collaboration between composer C. Harold Lowden and poet Thomas O. Chisholm. In 1915, composer and organist C. Harold Lowden wrote a light, bouncy tune originally titled "The Sunshine Song" for a children's church service. By early 1917, while compiling a new song collection called Uplifting Songs, Lowden felt the lilting melody deserved a deeper, more mature text focused on total Christian dedication. He renamed the tune "Living for Jesus". Lowden reached out to Thomas O. Chisholm—a Kentucky-born Methodist minister and writer who later penned "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"—to write the words. Chisholm initially protested because he usually wrote poems before any music existed. Because Chisholm could not read sheet music, his daughter repeatedly hummed Lowden's melody to him so he could match the exact meter and rhythm. Within two weeks, Chisholm returned four stanzas and a powerful refrain.

## **Prelude - "*Morning Has Broken*"**

**Cold Spring Community Handbell Choir  
under the direction of Carolyn Meldrum**

**Welcome:**

**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) Psalm 34 : 1-4**

**I will extol the Lord at all times;  
his praise will always be on my lips.  
I will glory in the Lord;  
let the afflicted hear and rejoice.  
Glorify the Lord with me;  
let us exalt his name together.  
I sought the Lord, and he answered me;  
he delivered me from all my fears.**

## **Opening Prayer: (Unison)**

**We are glad to be here with your people today.  
Thank you for bringing us to the place in our  
spiritual lives where we desire to be in worship  
with your congregation. Draw from us the  
response of love and adoration you deserve.  
Sensitize us today to the gentle voice of our  
Spirit, that we might follow you no matter what.  
We pray in Jesus Name, AMEN**

## **\*Gathering Hymn - #267 (Blue) "All Things Bright and Beautiful"**

**All things bright and beautiful,  
All creatures great and small,  
All things wise and wonderful;  
The Lord God made them all.**

**1. Each little flower that opens,  
Each little bird that sings;  
God made their glowing colours,  
God made their tiny wings.  
All things bright and beautiful,  
All creatures great and small,  
All things wise and wonderful;  
The Lord God made them all.**

**2. The purple-headed mountain,  
The river running by,  
The sunset, and the morning  
That brightens up the sky.  
All things bright and beautiful,  
All creatures great and small,  
All things wise and wonderful;  
The Lord God made them all.**

**3. The cold wind in the winter,  
The pleasant summer sun,  
The ripe fruits in the garden;  
God made them every one.  
All things bright and beautiful,  
All creatures great and small,  
All things wise and wonderful;  
The Lord God made them all.**

**4. God gave us eyes to see them,  
And lips that we might tell  
How great is God Almighty,  
Who has made all things well.  
All things bright and beautiful,  
All creatures great and small,  
All things wise and wonderful;  
The Lord God made them all.**

**Call to Confession: Psalm 34 :17-18**

**The righteous cry out, and the Lord hears them;  
he delivers them from all their troubles.  
The Lord is close to the brokenhearted  
and saves those who are crushed in spirit.**

**Prayer of Confession: (Unison)**

**We confess we are often afraid of where Jesus  
leads us. We are afraid of what others might  
think or say. We are afraid we will look foolish.  
We are afraid we will not be enough or have  
enough. We are afraid we are unworthy to serve.  
And so we don't follow Jesus. May your love and  
forgiveness set us free from our fears to serve  
with joy and compassion. We pray in Jesus  
name. 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:**

Lord, as we come to hear your Word for us, still in us all that distracts us. Open our ears to hear your Word for us, read and proclaimed. And open our hearts to be transformed to be your people, to love and serve with faithful obedience. Amen.

## **First Scripture Reading: Psalm 13 (Responsive)**

**One:** How long, Lord? Will you forget me forever?

How long will you hide your face from me?

**Many:** How long must I wrestle with my thoughts

and day after day have sorrow in my heart?

How long will my enemy triumph over me?

**One:** Look on me and answer, Lord my God.

Give light to my eyes, or I will sleep in death,

**Many:** and my enemy will say, “I have overcome him,” and my foes will rejoice when I fall.

**One:** But I trust in your unfailing love;  
my heart rejoices in your salvation.

**Many:** I will sing the Lord’s praise,  
for he has been good to me.

### **Second Scripture Reading: Philippians 3: 7-14**

But whatever were gains to me I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them garbage, that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ—the righteousness that comes from God on the basis of faith. I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win

the prize for which God has called me heavenward  
in Christ Jesus.

**Message: "Pressing On" Rev. David Wenker**  
**Prayer and Silent Reflection**

**Hymn of Meditation: #339 (Red) "Be Thou My Vision"**

**1. Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
Naught be all else to me, Save that Thou art--  
Thou my best thought By day or by night,  
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.**

**2. Riches I heed not, Nor vain, empty praise,  
Thou mine inheritance, Now and always;  
Thou and Thou only, Be first in my heart,  
Great God of heaven, My treasure Thou art.**

**3. Be Thou my wisdom, And Thou my true Word;  
I ever with Thee And Thou with me Lord;  
Heart of my own heart, Whatever befall,  
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.**

**Offering of Our Gifts:**

We give back in gratitude for all we have been  
given. All around us are the wonders of God's love  
and grace. Tucked within us are gifts to be shared,  
our talents, our interests, our love and service to

others. As we come to the time of offering, we are invited to consider how we will respond to the generosity of God, how we will share our time, talents, and treasures with one another and with the world. Let us consider our gifts given in grateful praise.

### **Offertory - "*Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken*"**

**Cold Spring Community Handbell Choir  
under the direction of Carolyn Meldrum**

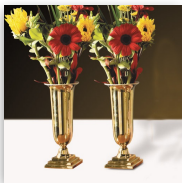
### **The Doxology**

**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 John and Melba Saalman, to the glory of God, and in celebration of their Wedding Anniversary on Oct. 20.***



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:  
Jonna Myers ~ Oct. 24**

**Happy Anniversary to:**

**John & Melba Saalman ~ Oct. 20**

**- 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](http://addchurchemail.com) and entering their first / last name & email address.

### **Cold Spring Suppers "Book Club"**

**The Next Book selection is:**

**"Theo of Golden" by Allen Levi**

**Dinner & Discussion - Tuesday, October 27, 2026, 6:00 p.m. in Price Hall. Enjoy salad, pizza & beverages.**

**NOTE:** Participants may request a free copy of selected books in advance by emailing their request and mailing address to [norrisclark@me.com](mailto:norrisclark@me.com)



**From the Deacons: Please think of bringing in a few items for the pantry, to help those in need in our community!**



**Bible Study class from the book of Philippians, continues every**

**Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. with Pastor Wenker & at 4:00 p.m. with Rev. Ginny Scott. Held in Price Hall through November 12. (The final class is on a Thursday to accommodate Veterans Day).**



**Bob Lambert is adding one more Church & Cemetary Tour on Saturday, October 17, meet in front of the Red Brick Church building at 10:00 a.m.**



**Lunch at Bella Vida following worship are beginning again on October 25. There is a sign up sheet on the table in the narthex for those who wish to attend.**

**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.

## **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: Pat Linus** having surgery on her carotid artery; **Gavin**, 28 yrs old with leukemia, now in remission; **Cass Crouthamel** and family as they mourn the loss of husband, father, grandfather **Rich**; **Rick** and the **Everett** family on the passing of **Mary Everett**, services are Monday Oct. 12 at 1:00 pm in our church; we were just informed of the passing of **Rev. Bob Sheidly**, on August 12, prayers to his family and friends; **Ray Gulden** having surgery for his cancer; **Baby Eleanor Mills** is facing more heart surgery; Bob's wife **Karen** has bladder Cancer & had surgery last week, it went well; **Betsy's** foot surgery was successful; **Ted Lewis** fell and broke his hip. Janice, his wife, is his caregiver; **Brad Strauss** recovering from a major stroke; **Janice Weiner** in a coma from West Nile Virus; **Andrew Mosely** in Atlantic care from a heart attack; **Claire Murphy** diagnosed with pancreatic cancer; **Ariana Palmer**, 23 year old awaiting heart transplant.

**Continual prayer requested for: Eileen Stalford** in nursing care; **Roberta McCaughey** with an inoperable brain tumor.

**Those on hospice care: Marty, John Stalford, Gertrude Hess, Ted Lewis.**

**Those undergoing cancer treatment: Vince Stacy,  
Joan Rikki, Todd Aspell, Rick Beare, Norma  
Sasso, Joe Paulits, Greg Myers, Ray Gulden.**

### **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: #363 (Red) "Living for Jesus"**

**1. Living for Jesus a life that is true,  
Striving to please Him in all that I do;  
Yielding allegiance, glad-hearted and free,**

**This is the pathway of blessing for me.  
O Jesus Lord and Savior, I give myself to Thee,  
For Thou, in Thy atonement,  
Didst give Thyself for me;  
I own no other master,  
My heart shall be Thy throne,  
My life I give henceforth to live,  
O Christ, for Thee alone.**

**2. Living for Jesus who died in my place,  
Bearing on Calvary my sin and disgrace;  
Such love constrains me to answer His call,  
Follow His leading and give Him my all.  
O Jesus Lord and Savior, I give myself to Thee,  
For Thou, in Thy atonement,  
Didst give Thyself for me;  
I own no other master,  
My heart shall be Thy throne,  
My life I give henceforth to live,  
O Christ, for Thee alone.**

**3. Living for Jesus wherever I am,  
Doing each duty in His holy name;  
Willing to suffer affliction or loss,  
Deeming each trial a part of my cross.  
O Jesus Lord and Savior, I give myself to Thee,  
For Thou, in Thy atonement,  
Didst give Thyself for me;**

**I own no other master,  
My heart shall be Thy throne,  
My life I give henceforth to live,  
O Christ, for Thee alone.**

**4. Living for Jesus through earth's little while,  
My dearest treasure, the light of His smile;  
Seeking the lost ones He died to redeem,  
Bringing the weary to find rest in Him.  
O Jesus Lord and Savior, I give myself to Thee,  
For Thou, in Thy atonement,  
Didst give Thyself for me;  
I own no other master,  
My heart shall be Thy throne,  
My life I give henceforth to live,  
O Christ, for Thee alone.**

**Benediction:  
Postlude:**

**Rev. David Wenker  
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. *Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken*; Fran Haydn, arr. by D. Linda McKechnie; CCLI Song #3125939
2. *God Welcomes All*: CCLI Song #549555
3. *All Things Bright and Beautiful*: Cecil Frances Alexander, English Melody adapt. By Martin Shaw; CCLI Song #4835534
4. *Gloria*: Public Domain
5. *Be Thou My Vision*: Ancient Irish poem, Trans. by Mary E. Byrne, verse by Eleanor Hull ; CCLI Song #30639
6. *Morning Has Broken*: arr. Arnold B. Sherman; CCLI Song #7107878
7. *Doxology* - CCLI Song #18204
8. *Living for Jesus*: Thomas O. Chisholm, C. Harold Lowden ; CCLI Song #20687