

Let Us Worship God!

October 25, 2026—10:30 AM

22nd Sunday After Pentecost

Reformation Sunday



A Hybrid Worship Experience In-Person and Online

Today's worship team—Music Director: Jayne McDonough;
Worship Leader: Beverly Mate; Message: Rev. Gene Wilkins, Pulpit Supply
Worship Production: Rick Dezmelyk



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

Brunch at Bella Vida Restaurant today, Oct. 25, 2026, after Worship, sign up to reserve a seat.

Message Preview:

Rev. Gene Wilkins is in the pulpit today. Since this is Reformation Sunday, his message will be around the hymn "A Mighty Fortress is Our God" and focus on Psalm 46 verses 1 through 11.

Music Preview:

Cold Spring Singers Choir will be singing for the Offertory this morning. Their song is "One". Singers today are: ***Susan Dilks, Wayne Dilks, Linda Hadrava, Beverly Mate, Ginny Scott, Shelley Van Dyke, Rev. David Wenker and Janet Wenker.***

The hymn "***Come, Christians, Join to Sing***" was written in 1843 by Christian Henry Bateman (an English/Scottish Congregational minister

and later Anglican priest), who originally published it as a children's Sunday school song titled "Come, Children, Join to Sing".

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" was written in 1758 by Robert Robinson, a 22-year-old English pastor and scholar. In 1758, Robinson penned the lyrics as a personal prayer of consecration and deep gratitude for God's saving grace.

The Christian hymn **"Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me"** was written by English clergyman Augustus M. Toplady around 1762 and published in The Gospel Magazine in 1775, with its famous melody composed later by Thomas Hastings in 1830. According to tradition, Toplady was caught in a violent thunderstorm while walking through Burrington Combe (a gorge in the Mendip Hills of Somerset, England). He took shelter inside a gap or cleft in a large limestone rock. This experience is said to have inspired the opening lines, drawing imagery from biblical passages like Exodus 33:22 (where God places Moses in the cleft of a rock). Today, a plaque at Burrington Combe marks the site.

Martin Luther wrote the hymn **"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"** (Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott) between between 1527 and 1529 during the height of the Protestant Reformation. The hymn is a free poetic paraphrase of Psalm 46. Luther composed it during a period of intense personal and political turmoil, marked by the plague striking Wittenberg, the death of his infant son Hans, the aftermath of the violent Peasants' Revolt, and heavy persecution from the Roman Catholic Church.

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: We gather here to worship God.

Many: We are here, with heart, soul and mind.

One: We gather here as Christ's body.

Many: We are neighbors, learning how to love each other.

One: The Holy Spirit gathers us in to be sent out again.

Many: We are here to worship and to be transformed.

One; Let us worship the Triune God!

Opening Prayer: (Unison)

Almighty God, everything you have made is good, and you have made everything. Merciful Christ, resurrect our vision for the world you see: death transformed into life and hope born from despair. Unifying Spirit, bind us together with all the earth, that we might share grace and forgiveness as one diverse human family. Amen.

***Gathering Hymn - #150 (Blue) "*Come Christians Join to Sing*"**

**1. Come Christians, join to sing Alleluia! Amen!
Loud praise to Christ our King; Alleluia! Amen!**

Let all, with heart and voice,

**Before His throne rejoice;
Praise is His gracious choice; Alleluia! Amen!**

**2. Come, lift your hearts on high; Alleluia! Amen!
Let praises fill the sky; Alleluia! Amen!
He is our Guide and Friend;
To us He'll condescend;
His love shall never end; Alleluia! Amen!**

**3. Praise yet our Christ again; Alleluia! Amen!
Life shall not end the strain; Alleluia! Amen!
On heaven's blissful shore
His goodness we'll adore,
Singing forevermore, "Alleluia! Amen!"**

Call to Confession:

We recognize the well-worn paths of sin in our lives and the world. Let us confess our sin together, so that we may delight in God's laws of love.

Prayer of Confession: (Unison)

Holy God, we are often good at following rules while neglecting the heart of your commandments. We place ourselves in the congregation of the righteous, but take our seat among the scoffers. We seek approval of our friends, family, and others whose opinions we value, forgetting that our call is to please you, above all. You call us to be holy, but we settle for

self-righteousness. You call us to be impartial, but we cannot shed our biases. You call us to love our neighbors, but we have been satisfied to keep them at arm's length. You created us to love you with soul, heart, and mind, but we have held parts of ourselves back. Have mercy on us, God. Watch over our ways, redirect our paths, and help us love you with abandon — heart, soul, and mind. Make us instruments of reconciliation and transformation as we seek to follow your law of love, made known to us in Jesus Christ. Amen.
(Silent Reflection)

Assurance of Pardon: (Responsive)

One: The gospel we proclaim is good news for us all: God's mercy is eternal. We are made blameless through Jesus Christ. Freed from sin's power over us, we can bear the fruit of God's love and righteousness.

Many: Thanks be to God!

*** 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 God, by the power of your Spirit, help us meditate on your law and commandments. As your Word is read today, help us be fully present – heart, soul, and mind – and show us your way of love. Amen.

Scripture Reading: Psalm 46: 1-11

New American Standard Bible 1995

God the Refuge of His People.

For the choir director. *A Psalm* of the sons of Korah, set to Alamoth. A Song.

46 God is our refuge and strength,
A very present help in trouble.

2 Therefore we will not fear, though the earth
should change And though the mountains slip into
the heart of the sea;

3 Though its waters roar and foam, Though the
mountains quake at its swelling pride. Selah.

4 There is a river whose streams make glad the city
of God, The holy dwelling places of the Most High.

5 God is in the midst of her, she will not be moved;
God will help her when morning dawns.

6 The nations made an uproar, the kingdoms
tottered; He raised His voice, the earth melted.

7 The Lord of hosts is with us;

The God of Jacob is our stronghold. Selah.
8 Come, behold the works of the Lord,
Who has wrought desolations in the earth.
9 He makes wars to cease to the end of the earth;
He breaks the bow and cuts the spear in two;
He burns the chariots with fire.
10 "Cease striving and know that I am God;
I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted
in the earth."
11 The Lord of hosts is with us;
The God of Jacob is our stronghold. Selah.

Message:

Rev. Gene Wilkins

Prayer and Silent Reflection

Hymn of Meditation: #356 (Blue) "*Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing*"

1. Come Thou fount of ev'ry blessing,
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,
Call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
Sung by flaming tongues above;
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,
Mount of God's unchanging love!

2. Here I raise mine Ebenezer,

Hither by Thy help I'm come;
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure,
Safely to arrive at home.

Jesus sought me when a stranger,
Wandering from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger,
Interposed His precious blood.

3. O to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be!
Let Thy grace now, like a fetter,
Bind my wandering heart to Thee;
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
Prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart, O take and seal it,
Seal it for Thy courts above.

Offering of Our Gifts:

We are called to love God with all that we are, and all that we have. As God has given so generously to us, we are invited to return our gratitude by offering the gifts of our labor, lives and love.

Offertory - "One"

Cold Spring Singers Choir

The Doxology

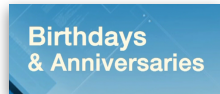


**Praise God from whom all p flow;
praise God all creatures here below;
praise God above the heavenly host,**

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:

Katherine (Dee) Sloan ~ Oct. 39

Happy Anniversary to:

Wayne and Sue Dilks ~ Oct. 27

- 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"

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



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).



Lunch at Bella Vida following worship today, 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.

Hymn for Prayers: #332 (Red) "Rock of Ages"

**1. Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in Thee;
Let the water and the blood,
From thy river side which flowed,
Be of sin the double cure,**

Cleanse me from its guilt and power

**2. Not the labors of my hands
Can fulfill Thy law's demands;
Could my zeal no respite know,
Could my tears forever flow,
All for sin could not atone;
Thou must save and Thou alone.**

**3. Nothing in my hand I bring,
Simply to Thy cross I cling;
Naked, come to Thee for dress,
Helpless, look to Thee for grace;
Foul, I to the fountain fly,
Wash me, Savior, or I die!**

**4. While I draw this fleeting breath,
When my eyes shall close in death,
When I soar to worlds unknown,
See Thee on Thy judgement throne,
Rock of Ages cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in Thee.**

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: Bonnie, praise for God's blessings that
Sabrina is recovering; 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; **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: #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 pow'rs,
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.**

Benediction:

Rev. Gene Wilkins

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. *Come Christians Join to Sing:* Christian Henry Bateman, Spanish folk melody, arr. Benjamin Carr; CCLI Song #83253
3. *Gloria:* Public Domaine
4. *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing:* Robert Robinson, John Wyeth, Native American melody ; CCLI Song #108389
5. *Doxology* - CCLI Song #18204
6. *Rock of Ages:* Augustus M. Toplady, Ben Lattimore ; CCLI Song #7101607
7. *A Mighty Fortress is Our God:* Martin Luther, trans. Frederick H. Hedge; CCLI Song #42964