



# Chester Bethel UMC

August 9, 2026

9:30 AM

## **Sharing in Worship Leadership this morning:**

Organist: Carmella Lynch  
Bell Choir Director: Pam Manocchio  
Preacher: Rev. Kelly Conner  
Special Music: Pam & Carmella  
Greeter: Barbara Coulbourn  
Usher: Bill White  
Worship Leader: Sylvia Illuzzi

## **Prayer Joys and Concerns:**

H=Health; L=Loss; LT=Long Term; O=Other

The White and Holland Families (L); Sam (H); Carmen Staino (H); Jay (O); Ed West (H); Nicole; David D. (H); Dom D.(H); Millie Burke (H); Janet Canavan (H); Keith Saulsbury (H); Steve Schellberg (H); Donna (H); Joseph Glasgow (H); Bill Hazel (H); Linda Lyons (H); Andrew R.(O); Bill and Doreen Jones (H); Mary Ann Box (H); Ramona Harlow (LT); Holly Dorner (H); Donna McCormick (H); DeBrock Family (O); Kim Nally; Gail Kracyla (H); Dominic King (LT); Jill Brownback (LT); Nancy Walker (LT); MaryAnn Rumford (LT); Rick Browne (LT); all peoples impacted by war (LT)

*Please add prayer requests and updates to the list in the Narthex*



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## Announcements

- The parking lot will be repaved throughout the week of August 31-Sept. 4. We'll send more detailed info when we have it. Prior to that week a water line will be replaced behind the church and parsonage.
- Please contribute NEW underwear for men, women, and children. This includes briefs, T-shirts, bras, shower shoes, and socks. Donations may be placed in the foyer baskets and Polly will deliver them to the Sunday Breakfast Mission. Thank you; don't forget food donations too!
- Online donation links are now in the bulletin and online.

## Dates To Remember

Aug 19 – SPRC meeting at 3:30 pm  
Aug 23-29 – Pastor on vacation  
Aug 30 – Joint worship & Fellowship at Mt Lebanon 11:00  
Sept. 9 – Thrift Shop re-opens  
Sept. 9 – Single Board mtg @ 6 pm  
Sept 13 – Missions Meeting after church  
Sept 15,17 – Fall Bible Study begins Tues evenings and Thursday Mornings

August 9, 2026  
11<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 AM

## PRELUDE

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Psalm 139:1-12)

Leader: O Lord, you have searched me and known me.

People: **You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away.**

Leader: You search out my path and my lying down and are acquainted with all my ways.

People: **Even before a word is on my tongue, O Lord, you know it completely.**

Leader: I could never go so far that your presence would leave me; your spirit will always surround me.

People: **If I take the wings of the morning and settle at the farthest limits of the sea,**

All: **even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me fast.**

\*OPENING HYMN – “I Sing the Almighty Power of God”

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## OPENING PRAYER

**Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right – that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.<sup>1</sup>**

## THE STATEMENT OF FAITH OF THE KOREAN METHODIST CHURCH

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**We believe in the one God, creator and sustainer of all things,  
Father of all nations, the source of all goodness and beauty, all**

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<sup>1</sup> The Episcopal Book of Common Prayer.

truth and love. We believe in Jesus Christ, God manifest in the flesh, our teacher, example, and Redeemer, the Savior of the world. We believe in the Holy Spirit, God present with us for guidance, for comfort, and for strength. We believe in the forgiveness of sins, in the life of love and prayer, and in grace equal to every need. We believe in the Word of God contained in the Old and New Testaments as the sufficient rule both of faith and of practice. We believe in the church, those who are united in the living Lord for the purpose of worship and service. We believe in the reign of God as the divine will realized in human society, and in the family of God, where we are all brothers and sisters. We believe in the final triumph of righteousness and in the life everlasting. Amen.

#### SPECIAL MUSIC

#### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Almighty God, by your Holy Spirit, illumine the sacred text, we pray, that our minds may be open to receive your Word, that our hearts may be taught to love it, and that our wills may be strengthened to obey it; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.<sup>2</sup>

OLD TESTAMENT READING      Genesis 21:6-21  
NEW TESTAMENT READING      Ephesians 2:11-22

SERMON      “Uncharted”: Hagar and Ishmael

#### SPECIAL MUSIC

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE – “We Walk By Faith”      TFWS #2196

#### THANKSGIVINGS AND INTERCESSIONS

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into

temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

#### GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*You may place your cash or check offering into the plates we pass around at this time or mail your tithes and offerings to the church office. Thank you for working as Christ’s hands and feet in the world!*

#### \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

#### OFFERTORY

#### \*DOXOLOGY

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*Praise God from whom all blessings flow! Praise Him all creatures here below! Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise Him, the source of all our gifts; praise Jesus Christ whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

#### \*CLOSING HYMN – “Holy, Holy, Holy”

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#### \*BENEDICTION

#### POSTLUDE

*\* Rising in body or in spirit*

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Thank you!



<sup>2</sup> Adapted from:

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