

Chester Bethel UMC

October 27, 2024; 9:30 AM



Sharing in Worship Leadership this morning:

Preacher: Rev Kelly Conner
Organist: Christian Lyons
Bell choir Director: Pam Manocchio
Special Music: Courtney Lyons, Pam Manocchio
Greeter: Bill White
Usher: Sylvia Illuzzi
Worship Leader: Yvonne Kaciuban

*Altar flowers are given
to the glory of God*

Prayer Joys and Concerns:

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

Andrew R.(O); Bill and Doreen Jones (H); Mary Ann Box (H);
Darene Hazel (H); Ramona Harlow (LT); Jane Dean (H); Lillian
Williams (H); Holly Dorner (H); Donna McCormick (H); DeBrock
Family (O); Laura White (H); Allison (H); Kim Nally; Amy (H);
Gail Kracyla (H); Dominic King (LT); Jill Brownback (LT);
Nancy Walker (H); Mabel & Alan Ladd (H); MaryAnn Rumford
(LT); Rick Browne (LT); all peoples impacted by war.

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



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Announcements

- We are very pleased to welcome Christian Lyons and his wife Chelsea as guest musicians this Sunday—thanks!
- Neighborhood House thanks Chester Bethel congregation for generous donations of socks, hats, etc. for their two houses—see the letter on the bulletin board!
- Our **book study** continues every Tuesday evening (zoom) and Thursday morning and end the week before Thanksgiving, on November 19th and 21st. We are reading Nancy Guthrie's **Blessed: Experiencing the Promise of the Book of Revelation** --Tuesday nights at 7 on Zoom; Thursday mornings at 10 am in Room 1.
- This is the last Sunday for the Money for Missions fundraiser! Order forms listing retailers are in the Narthex where a % comes back to the church. Linda Lyons is coordinating this fundraiser—it's easy and effective. Submit order forms to the office for processing; thank you!

Dates to remember:

- Oct 27—Mission fundraiser Purchasing ends
- Nov 5 –Election Day
- Nov 5 – SPRC meeting at 3:30 PM
- Nov 6–8 – PreK photos in Room 1
- Nov 12—Trustees at 6 PM
- Nov 13—Admin Council at 6 PM
- Nov 28 – Thanksgiving!

October 27, 2024
23rd Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE – *Here, O Lord, Your Servants Gather* – Isao Koizumi

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Psalm 34)

Leader: I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

People: **My soul makes its boast in the Lord; let the humble hear and be glad!**

Leader: O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together.

People: **Come, O children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the Lord.**

Leader: Which of you desires life and covets many days to enjoy good?

People: **Keep your tongue from evil and your lips from speaking deceit.**

Leader: Depart from evil, and do good; seek peace, and pursue it.

All: **When the righteous cry for help, the Lord hears and rescues them from all their troubles.**

*OPENING HYMN – “Where Charity and Love Prevail” UMH #549

OPENING PRAYER

Almighty and merciful God, it is only by your gift that your faithful people offer you true and laudable service: Grant that we may run without stumbling to obtain your heavenly promises; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.¹

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius

¹ The Episcopal *Book of Common Prayer*.

Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he arose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,² the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC – *Where Love Is* – arr. Terri Hutchings

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Father God, teach us how to dance to the rhythm of your wisdom, and show us how to laugh with the insights of your truth - so that we can live for the praise of your glory in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.³

OLD TESTAMENT READING Job 42:1-10

NEW TESTAMENT READING 1 Corinthians 11:17-34

SERMON

SPECIAL MUSIC – *Thou Wilt Whisper Thy Peace to My Soul*, variations on "It Is Well" - by Christian Lyons

*HYMN OF RESPONSE – “Pass It On” UMH #572

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 are invited to give in one of the following ways:

- 1. You may place your cash or check offering into the plates we pass around at this time*
- 2. You may mail your tithes and offerings to the church office. Thank you for your donations and the ways in which you all use your gifts to work as Christ's hands and feet in the world!*

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*OFFERTORY - *Blest Be the Dear Uniting Love* – Havergal, Mason

*DOXOLOGY UMH #94

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 – “Blest Be the Tie That Binds” UMH #557

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE – *Help Us Accept Each Other* – John Ness Beck

*Standing, in body or spirit

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²“Catholic” in this instance means “universal.”

³<https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2018/07/prayer-of-illumination-ephesians-1-3-14.html>.