



Chester Bethel UMC

March 22, 2026

9:30 AM

Sharing in Worship Leadership this morning:

Organist: Carmella Lynch
Bell Choir Director: Pam Manocchio
Preacher: Rev. Kelly Conner
Special Music: Bell Choir
Greeter: Nancy Storer
Usher: Dora Greer
Worship Leader: Yvonne Kaciuban

Prayer Joys and Concerns:

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

Betsey Taylor (L);Phyllis King (H);Lorraine MacMillan (H); 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); Jean Andrews (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

- **Lenten Bible Study** is held on Zoom on Tuesday at 7 PM and Thursdays at 10 AM, in person.
- **Lilies will decorate the church for Easter**—to dedicate them to a loved one please fill out a form from the narthex table and place it in the plate or give it to the office.
- The annual **Easter Egg Hunt** will be held on March 28th from 11:30-1. Your help is much appreciated!
- **Have something you'd like to share with other parishioners?** Meditation, news, poem, or just a thought? Consider sending it for inclusion in the *Grapevine* before Palm Sunday! No need for fancy writing; just send a bullet list and we'll write it up. The Spring *Grapevine* comes out at Easter.

Dates To Remember

March 24 – Zoom Bible Study
March 26– In person Bible Study
March 26 – Trustees Meeting at 4:30 pm
March 28 – Easter Egg Hunt 11:30-1:00
March 29 – Palm Sunday
April 2 – Maundy Thursday at Mt. Leb @5pm
April 3 – Good Friday at CB @5pm
April 5 – EASTER!

March 22, 2026
5th Sunday in Lent

9:30 AM

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Psalm 130)

Leader: Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD.

People: **Lord, hear my voice!**

Leader: If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand?

People: **But there is forgiveness with you, so that you may be revered.**

Leader: I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in his word I hope;

All: **For with the LORD there is steadfast love, and with him is great power to redeem.**

*OPENING HYMN – “Christ Beside Me”

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OPENING PRAYER

Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; 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 Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he arose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right

¹ The Episcopal *Book of Common Prayer*.

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

O Lord, your Word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path. Give us grace to receive your truth in faith and love, and strength to follow on the path you set before us; through Jesus Christ. Amen.³

OLD TESTAMENT READING Ezekiel 37:1-14

NEW TESTAMENT READING Romans 8:5-11

SERMON

SPECIAL MUSIC

*HYMN OF RESPONSE – “Jesus’ Hands Were Kind Hands”
UMH #273

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 – “Hymn of Promise”

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*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

**Standing in body or in spirit*

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

³<https://www.caldwellpresby.org/docs/resources/Prayers%20for%20Illumination.pdf>