



Chester Bethel UMC

July 26, 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: Bill White
Usher: Sylvia Illuzzi
Worship Leader: Yvonne Kaciuban



Prayer Joys and Concerns:

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

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

- We're collecting NEW underwear for men, women, and children. This includes briefs, T-shirts, bras, shower shoes, and socks. Please put donations in the baskets and Polly will deliver them to the Sunday Breakfast Mission. Thank you for and don't forget food donations too!
- Mission contributions July – Dec, 2026 will go to Camp Pecometh, Sojourner's Place, and Good Samaritan Fund.
- We now accept online donations! Links are in the bulletin and online.
- If you would like the office to order a book for you for the fall Bible Study session, please call or [email](#) the office before August. Cost will depend on quantities and you will be able to pay after ordering. Thank you.

Dates To Remember

Aug 18 – SPRC meeting at 3:30 pm
Sept. 9 – potential Single Board mtg @ 6 pm
Sept 13 – Missions Meeting after church
Sept 15,17 – Fall Bible Study begins Tues evenings and Thursday Mornings

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9th Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Psalm 25)

Leader: To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

People: **O my God, in you I trust!**

Leader: Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths.

People: **The friendship of the Lord is for those who fear him, and he makes his covenant known to them.**

Leader: Who are they who fear the Lord?

People: **He will teach them the way that they should choose.**

Leader: My eyes are ever toward the Lord, for he will pluck my feet out of the net.

All: **May integrity and uprightness preserve me, O God, for I wait for you!**

*OPENING HYMN – “Come, Ye Thankful People” UMH #694

OPENING PRAYER

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and 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

¹ The Episcopal Book of Common Prayer.

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Draw us close, Holy Spirit, as the Scriptures are read and the Word is proclaimed. Let the word of faith be on our lips and in our hearts, and let all other words slip away. May there be one voice we hear today — the voice of truth and grace. Amen.³

OLD TESTAMENT READING 1 Chronicles 21:14-30

NEW TESTAMENT READING Romans 12:1-3

SERMON “Uncharted”: David and the Angel

SPECIAL MUSIC

*HYMN OF RESPONSE – “Seek Ye First” UMH #405

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

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 – “Holy God, We Praise Thy Name” vv.1-4
UMH #79

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

* *Rising in body or in spirit*

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Thank you!



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

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

