

Go in peace to
LOVE & SERVE
the Lord

Chester Bethel UMC

March 15, 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 and Carmella
Greeter: Barbara Coulbourn
Usher: Bill White
Worship Leader: Sylvia Illuzzi

*Flowers are given in honor of
Laura White's birthday by Bill
and Jessica White*

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.
- 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. Next *Grapevine* comes out at Easter!
- **From the Greers:** To our church family and thrift shop workers, There are truly no words to express our heart-felt gratitude for the outpouring of help, cards, contribution, and prayers that we have received during this most trying time. This has been a life altering experience for us. With God's support we will grow in faith from this. Again, we thank you so very much.

Dates To Remember

March 17 – Zoom Bible Study
March 19– 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 3 – Good Friday
April 5 – EASTER!

March 15, 2026
4th Sunday in Lent

9:30 AM

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Psalm 23)

Leader: The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.

People: **He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters;**

Leader: he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.

People: **Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff-- they comfort me.**

Leader: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

All: **Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD my whole life long.**

*OPENING HYMN – “He Leadeth Me, O Blessed Thought”
UMH #128

OPENING PRAYER

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; 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

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 Samuel 16:4-13

NEW TESTAMENT READING John 9:13-41

SERMON

SPECIAL MUSIC

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

*Yvonne Kaciuban
Stanley Kaciuban
Brette McFarlan*

*HYMN OF RESPONSE – “Spirit of the Living God” sung twice
UMH #393

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 – “Great if Thy Faithfulness”

UMH #140

*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>