



Chester Bethel UMC

Joint worship with Mt Lebanon

September 29, 2024

11:00 AM

Sharing in Worship Leadership this morning:

Preacher: Rev Kelly Conner

Organist & accompanist: Carmella Lynch

Song Leader: Janet Canavan

Greeter: Bill White

Usher: Bill White

Worship Leader: Linda Lyons

*Altar flowers are given
to the glory of God*

Prayer Joys and Concerns:

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

Linda Lyons (L); Nancy Storer (L); Bill and Doreen Jones (H);
Mary Ann Box (H); Darene Hazel (H); Ramona Harlow (LT); Jane
Dean (H); Lillian Williams (H); Richard J. Steele (H); Holly
Dorner (H); Donna McCormick (H); DeBrock Family (O); Laura
White (H); Allison (H); Kim Nally; Amy (H); Cecelia Steele's
family (L); 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

- Welcome to our friends from Mt. Lebanon UMC!
- Remember that we have a fellowship potluck lunch directly after the service. Please stay for food and fun!
- Our **book study** will continue 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.
- Check out our Money for Missions fundraiser! There are flyers and order forms listing retailers, ones you already use, where a % comes back to the church. Linda Lyons is coordinating this fundraiser—it's easy and effective. Please submit your order forms to the office for processing; thank you!

Dates to remember:

- Sept. 15-Oct 27—Mission fundraiser Purchasing window
- Oct 7 – Charge Conference at Aldersgate UMC; 10 AM
- Oct 13 – Blessing of the Animals at 9:30 AM
- Oct 26 – Trunk or Treat in our parking lot, 3-5 PM

September 29, 2024
19th Sunday after Pentecost

11:00 AM

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Psalm 124)

Leader: If it had not been the Lord who was on our side —let Israel now say—

People: **if it had not been the Lord who was on our side, when our enemies attacked us,**

Leader: then the flood would have swept us away, the torrent would have gone over us.

People: **Blessed be the Lord, who has helped us escape!**

Leader: The snare of our enemies is broken!

All: **Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth!**

*OPENING TWO HYMNS (chosen at random and announced)

- 1.
- 2.

OPENING PRAYER

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.¹

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – “A Modern Affirmation” UMH p. 885

3rd HYMN (chosen at random and announced)

¹ The Episcopal *Book of Common Prayer*.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Holy Wisdom, you granted Solomon's request for an understanding mind and for the knowledge to discern good from evil. We pray that as we hear your Word to us, you may fill us with such understanding and knowledge - that we may act as instruments of your loving desire for Creation. Amen.²

OLD TESTAMENT READING Esther 7-8:2
NEW TESTAMENT READING James 5:13-20

BRIEF SERMON

HYMN-SING (chosen at random and announced)

- 4.
- 5.
- 6.

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.

7th HYMN (chosen at random and announced)

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 plates during offering 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 HYMN 8th (chosen at random and announced)

*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 TWO HYMNS (chosen at random and announced)

- 9.
- 10.

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Standing, in body or spirit

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² Adapted from: <https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/worship-planning/uncommon-wisdom/fifteenth-sunday-after-pentecost-year-b-lectionary-planning-notes/fifteenth-sunday-after-pentecost-year-b-liturgical-resources>.