

Chester Bethel UMC

September 8, 2024

9:30 AM



Sharing in Worship Leadership this morning:

Preacher: Rev Kelly Conner
Organist: Christian Lyons
Bell Choir Director: Pam Manocchio
Special Music: Amy Johnson
Greeter: Lorraine MacMillan
Usher: Laura White
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

Linda Lyons and her family as they mourn the death of their mother; 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); Bill Rice (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

- Carmella asks that you please fill out the form for your favorite hymn and put it in the offering plate—thank you!
- 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.
- The mission Committee has designated the following charities for your financial mission giving through December:
 - The Good Samaritan Fund
 - Food Bank of Delaware
 - Pecometh Camp
- Check out our Money for Missions fundraiser! There are flyers and order forms listing retailers, ones you already use. This is a painless way to make money for missions. Ask Linda Lyons how it works—it's easy and effective. Please submit your order forms to Beth in the office for processing; thank you!

Dates to remember:

- Sept 10—Trustees Mtg @ 6
- Sept. 8-15—Mission fundraiser starts
- Sept 11—Admin Council @ 6
- Sept 24 - Charge Conference Reports due in office
- Oct 7 - Charge Conference at Aldersgate UMC

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16th Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE – *In Christ There is No East or West* – African American Spiritual

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Psalm 146)

Leader: Praise the LORD, O my soul!

People: **I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God all my life long.**

Leader: Do not put your trust in princes, in mortals, in whom there is no help.

People: **When their breath departs, they return to the earth; on that very day their plans perish.**

Leader: Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob,

All: **The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous.**

*OPENING HYMN – “Rescue the Perishing” UMH #591

OPENING PRAYER

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; 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 hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence he shall come to

¹ The Episcopal *Book of Common Prayer*.

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 – *Cast Out, O Christ*, Mary Lousie Bringle,
American folk melody - Amy Johnson, soloist

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.³

OLD TESTAMENT READING Proverbs 22:1-12

NEW TESTAMENT READING James 2:1-13

SERMON

SPECIAL MUSIC – *Let There Be Peace on Earth* – by S. Miller and
Jill Jackson - Amy Johnson, soloist

*HYMN OF RESPONSE – “Jesu, Jesu” UMH #432

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 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 – “Cuando El Pobre (When the Poor Ones)”
- Olivar, Manzano

*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 – “Here I Am, Lord”

UMH #593

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE – *Just as I Am* – arr. Amy Potter

*Standing, in body or spirit

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

³ 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>.