



Chester Bethel UMC

May 24, 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: Bill White
Usher: Sylvia Illuzzi
Worship Leader: Yvonne Kaciuban

Prayer Joys and Concerns:

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

Ed West (H); Nicole; 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); 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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May 24, 2026
Pentecost Sunday

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Dates To Remember

May 25 – June 1 – Pastor vacation

May 26– Office closed for Memorial Day

May 28 – Office closed for vacation

May 31 – Joint Worship Service with Rev. Donald Schuler as
guest preacher followed by fellowship lunch.

June 7 – Worship service will be a hymn sing

June 10 – Admin. Council meeting at 6 pm

June 13 – Thrift Shop Yard Sale; 8 – 1:00

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP – for Pentecost Sunday¹

Leader: The Spirit of truth gathers us here to receive and discern
God’s good news working among us.

People: **Come, Holy Spirit, come!**

Leader: The Spirit of love draws us together to receive and restore
life-giving relationships with God and one another.

People: **Come, Holy Spirit, come!**

Leader: The Spirit of freedom knits us together to receive and renew
the bonds of empathy, justice, and peace that bind us together
in the work for liberation and wholeness.

People: **Come, Holy Spirit, come!**

Leader: The Holy Spirit is here, moving and working among us. Will
you come and receive all the Spirit has to give?

All: **We come to receive the Spirit’s abundant and gracious gifts
that we may be a people who live out God’s truth, love, and
freedom in our neighborhood, community, and throughout
all Creation. Amen.**

*OPENING HYMN – “O Spirit of the Living God” UMH #539

OPENING PRAYER

**O God, who on this day taught the hearts of your faithful people
by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit: Grant us by the
same Spirit to have a right judgment in all things, and evermore to
rejoice in his holy comfort; through Jesus Christ your Son our
Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy
Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.²**

THE APOSTLES’ CREED

¹ Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, *Discipleship Ministries*, December 2025.

² The Episcopal *Book of Common Prayer*.

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 judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,³ the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Guide us, O God, by your Word, and Holy Spirit, that in your light we may see light, in your truth find freedom, and in your will discover peace; through Christ our Lord. Amen.⁴

OLD TESTAMENT READING Numbers 11:24-30
PENTECOST SUNDAY THEATRE Acts 2:1-21

SERMON

SPECIAL MUSIC

*HYMN OF RESPONSE – “Spirit of the Living” -sung two times
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 – “In Christ There is No East or West”

UMH #548

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

** Rising in body or in spirit*

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³“Catholic” in this instance means “universal.”

⁴<https://www.caldwellpresby.org/docs/resources/Prayers%20for%20illumination.pdf>