



# Chester Bethel UMC

May 18, 2025 9:30 AM

## **Sharing in Worship Leadership this morning:**

Preacher: Rev. Kelly Conner  
Organist: Carmella Lynch  
Bell Choir Director: Pam Manochio  
Special Music: Bell Choir  
Greeter: Nancy Storer  
Usher: Dora Greer  
Worship Leader: Polly Brown

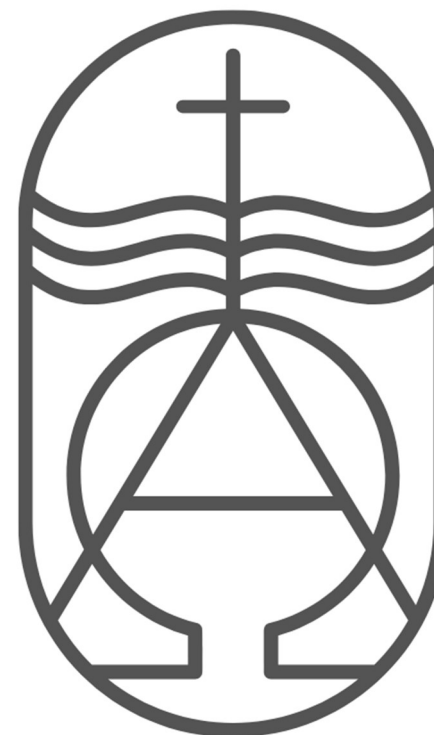
*Flowers are dedicated to  
the Glory of God*

## **Prayer Joys and Concerns:**

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

Norma Saulsbury (H); Ken Donahoe (H); Joseph Glasgow (H); Bill Hazel (H); Linda Lyons (H); KFK (O); 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); Allison (H); Kim Nally; Amy (H); 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

- This summer (June-August), Pastor Kelly will be offering a sermon series called Heroic Women of Faith. We will be learning about female saints from all eras of history and walks of life -including some from our own United Methodist tradition. You don't want to miss it!

Starting this January and going through June, 2025, the Missions Committee has designated Child, Inc., Neighborhood House, and Sojourner's Place for your financial mission giving. Please continue with your generous giving. We are helping many in need.

- Are you organized, good with numbers, capable of faithful oversight of the Finance Committee, and willing to serve for a limited period? Please call (302.249.6157) Pastor Kelly to discuss.

## Dates To Remember

May 20-22 – Annual conference in Ocean City

May 22 – Graduation for 4-yr olds

- Al-Anon meeting at 7 PM

May 22-27 – Office closed

May 26 – Memorial Day

June 10 – Trustees Mtg at 7 PM

June 11 – Admin Council at 7 PM

June 14 – Thrift Shop Yard Sale

May 18, 2025  
5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

9:30 AM

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Rev. 21:1-6)

Leader: Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more.

People: **And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.**

Leader: And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

People: **"See, the home of God is among mortals. He will wipe every tear from their eyes.**

Leader: Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away."

People: **And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new."**

Leader: Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End.

All: **To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life."**

\*OPENING HYMN – "All Creatures of Our God and King"  
vv. 1,2 & 3 UMH # 62

OPENING PRAYER

**Grant, we pray, Almighty God, that as we believe your only-begotten Son our Lord Jesus Christ to have ascended into heaven, so we may also in heart and mind there ascend, and with him continually dwell; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.<sup>1</sup>**

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<sup>1</sup> From the Episcopal *Book of Common Prayer*.

## 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 judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,<sup>2</sup> the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## SPECIAL MUSIC

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**O God, transform us by your Word and your resurrection, that we may embrace all that you have made, and live toward the justice that you intend through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.<sup>3</sup>**

OLD TESTAMENT READING      Psalm 148  
NEW TESTAMENT READING      Acts 11:1-18

## SERMON

## SPECIAL MUSIC

**\*HYMN OF RESPONSE – “Spirit of the Living God” -sing 2X**  
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.**

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<sup>2</sup>“Catholic” in this instance means “universal.”

## 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 – “God of Grace and God of Glory” vv. 1,2 & 3**  
UMH # 577

### \*BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE

*\*Standing as you are able*

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<sup>3</sup>Adapted from original found here: <http://vicarbill.wordpress.com/category/prayers/>.