



# Chester Bethel UMC

September 1, 2023

9:30 AM

## Sharing in Worship Leadership this morning:

Preacher: Rev Kelly Conner  
Organist: Carmella Lynch  
Bell Choir Director: Pam Manocchio  
Special Music: Paul Wilson  
Greeter: Dora Greer  
Usher: Carol Williamson  
Worship Leader: Linda Lyons

*Altar flowers are given  
In memory of the birthdays of  
my husband, Frank, and my mother on Sept. 2  
by Ann Rumford*

## Prayer Joys and Concerns:

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

Polly Brown and family as they mourn the death of her brother;  
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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15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

### Announcements

- Our **book study** will begin September 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> and end the week before Thanksgiving, November 19<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>. 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.

### Dates to remember:

- Sept 3—SPRC mtg @3:30
- Sept. 3&5—Book Study starts
- Sept 10—Trustees Mtg @ 6
- Sept. 8-15—Mission fundraiser starts
- Sept 11—Admin Council @ 6

### PRELUDE

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP<sup>1</sup>

Leader: Welcome, Beloved of God! For truly, you are deeply,  
wonderfully, beautifully loved by the God of all creation!

All: **Come, let us worship God who loves us!**

Leader: Whether your week was filled with mountain-high joys or  
valley-low sorrows, peace like a gently flowing river, or stress  
like a stormy gale, this is the time to come away and worship  
the God who sustains and tends to you.

All: **Come, let us worship God who loves us and tends to us!**

Leader: In a world that pulls us this way and that, God's love guides  
us with an uncommon wisdom through all that life brings us.

All: **Come, let us worship and sing to the God who loves, tends,  
guides, and sustains us! Amen!**

\*OPENING HYMN – “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”  
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### OPENING PRAYER

**Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you  
always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you  
never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through  
Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy  
Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.<sup>2</sup>**

### SPECIAL MUSIC

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Holy Wisdom, you granted Solomon's request for an  
understanding mind and for the knowledge to discern good from**

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<sup>1</sup> Adapted from original written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, *Discipleship Ministries*, June 2024.

<sup>2</sup> The Episcopalian *Book of Common Prayer*.

