



Chester Bethel UMC

May 3, 2026

9:30 AM

Sharing in Worship Leadership this morning:

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



Prayer Joys and Concerns:

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

John King (L); 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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Announcements

- Chester Bethel will prepare a meal for Emmanuel Dining Room on May 16th. If you can donate or help with the meal, please see Sylvia Illuzzi/ 610-724-7323

Dates To Remember

May 5 – SPRC meeting at 3:00 pm

May 9 – Single Board information session at 1 pm

May 10 – Missions Meeting after church

May 12-14 – Annual Conference; Pastor away

May 19-22 – Office closed for admin. vacation

May 17 – Church Vote on Single Board Governance

May 20 – Admin Council Meeting at 6 pm

May 23 – Phyllis King’s Funeral at Chester Bethel; 11 am

May 25 – June 1 – Pastor vacation

May 3, 2026 9:30 AM
5th Sunday of Easter

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Psalm 100)

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!

People: **Serve the Lord with gladness; come into God’s presence with singing!**

Leader: Know that the Lord is God.

People: **It is God who made us, and we are God’s.**

Leader: Give thanks to God and bless God’s name!

All: **For the Lord is good; God’s steadfast love endures forever!**

*OPENING HYMN – “The Church’s One Foundation” vv. 1-4
UMH #545

OPENING PRAYER

O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of 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 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.

¹ The Episcopal *Book of Common Prayer*.

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

SPECIAL MUSIC

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God of life, through Jesus Christ you have bestowed upon the world the light of life. Sanctify this new fire and grant that our hearts and minds may also be kindled with holy desire to shine with the brightness of the Risen Christ. Amen.³

GOSPEL READING Mark 10:42-24

EPISTLE READING 1 Peter 4:8-11

SERMON Week 4/6 of **“Love Boldly, Serve Joyfully, Lead Courageously”** – Council of Bishops’ sermon series

SPECIAL MUSIC

*HYMN OF RESPONSE – “Be Still My Soul” UMH #534

THANKSGIVINGS AND INTERCESSIONS
PASTORAL PRAYER

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!

INVITATION TO THE HOLY COMMUNION TABLE

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Most merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We

have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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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.

BREAKING THE BREAD

GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

PRAYER AFTER HOLY COMMUNION

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Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves to others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN – “His Eye Is on the Sparrow” TFWS #2146

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Standing; as able

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³ From Duke University Chapel worship bulletin, April 4, 2010.