



# Chester Bethel UMC

June 21, 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: Nancy Storer  
Usher: Dora Greer  
Worship Leader: Sylvia Illuzzi

## **Prayer Joys and Concerns:**

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

Sam (H); Carmen Staino (H); Jay (O); 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); DeBrook 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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4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

### Announcements

- We are still collecting food items for the Claymont Community Center in the wagons at the entry. Please remember our neighbors in need.
- **New Missions Project:**  
The Sunday Breakfast Mission needs NEW underwear for men, women, and children. This includes briefs, T-shirts, bras, shower shoes, and socks. Please put your donations in the designated baskets in the entry and Polly Brown will collect them as the baskets fill . Thank you for your continued support of Missions!

### Dates To Remember

June 20 – Thrift shop closes for the summer

June 28 – **Music For Missions Concert;**  
4-6 PM at Mt. Lebanon UMC, Wilmington

July 3 – Office closed for July 4

July 5 – Missions meeting after church

July 8 – Admin. Council Meeting at 6 pm

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*CALL TO WORSHIP – “A Litany for Fathers’ Day”<sup>1</sup>

Leader: God of love, today we ask your blessing on all who give their lives with a father’s love.

People: **Bless new fathers and wise grandfathers. Bless loving uncles and caring godfathers.**

Leader: Bless fathers who await the birth of their child with joy.  
Bless men who did not expect or want to become fathers.

People: **Bless men who embrace fatherhood through adoption or foster parenting, remarriage or single parenthood. Bless men still waiting and hoping to become fathers.**

Leader: Bless fathers whose work takes them away from their children. Bless fathers whose work is with their children.

People: **Bless fathers whose lives are shaped by war, poverty, or violence. Bless fathers who work for peace, freedom, and justice.**

Leader: Bless teachers and mentors who serve as father figures.  
Bless priests and ministers who lead as loving parents.

People: **Bless men who are separated from their children, by force or choice. Bless families without fathers and all who love in abundance in their absence.**

Leader: Bless fathers who have lost a child. Bless families who have lost their father.

People: **Bless all whose fathers were loving. Bless all whose fathers failed to meet their needs for love.**

All: **Bless all who celebrate today. Bless all who struggle today. In the name of the Trinity – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – we pray. Amen.**

\*OPENING HYMN – “Amazing Grace” vv. 1-4 UMH #378

<sup>1</sup> <https://motheringspirit.com/2015/06/a-litany-for-fathers-day/>.

OPENING PRAYER

**O Lord, make us have perpetual love and reverence for your holy Name, for you never fail to help and govern those whom you have set upon the sure foundation of your loving-kindness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.<sup>2</sup>**

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UMH #883

**We are not alone, we live in God's world. We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God.**

**We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in Creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.**

**In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God.**

SPECIAL MUSIC

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Draw us close, Holy Spirit, as the Scriptures are read and the Word is proclaimed. Let the word of faith be on our lips and in our hearts, and let all other words slip away. May there be one voice we hear today — the voice of truth and grace. Amen.<sup>3</sup>**

OLD TESTAMENT READING     Jeremiah 20:7-18

NEW TESTAMENT READING     Romans 6:1b-11

SERMON

SPECIAL MUSIC

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE – “Just a Closer Walk with Thee”  
TFWS#2158

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 – “Nearer, My God, to Thee” vv. 1-4

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\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*\* Rising in body or in spirit*

*Music licensing CCLI #1642131, Streaming license CCLI #20705544*

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

<sup>3</sup><https://www.caldwellpresby.org/docs/resources/Prayers%20for%20illumination.pdf>