



Chester Bethel UMC

September 13, 2026

9:30 AM

Sharing in Worship Leadership this morning:

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

Prayer Joys and Concerns:

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

Sandra Greer (H); Dave McFarlan (H); Sam (H); Carmen Staino (H); Jay (O); Ed West (H); Nicole; 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

- We are renewing the **prayer chain** and are looking for people who will commit to praying in response to requests. Please think about this important service for our church. If you would like to be a member or know of someone who needs prayers, call Sylvia at 610-724-7323 or email her at smj229@gmail.com. Thank you for your consideration.
- Wet weather has delayed completion of our paving project, but it will be finished soon. Roof repairs on office and preschool roofs will begin this week, barring rain.
- Preschool fall semester begins Sept. 14 this week.
- The Chester Bethel Thrift Store has re-opened.

Dates To Remember

- Sept 15,17 – Fall Bible Study begins Tues evenings and Thursday Mornings. First session readings are the Intro and ‘short note’ before Chapter 1.
- Sept 20 – Missions Meeting after church
- October 1 - All church conference forms due

September 13, 2026
16th Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 AM

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Psalm 149)

Leader: Praise the Lord!

People: **Sing to the Lord a new song, his praise in the assembly of the faithful!**

Leader: Let Israel be glad in its Maker; let the children of Zion rejoice in their King.

People: **For the Lord takes pleasure in his people; he adorns the humble with victory.**

Leader: Let the faithful exult in glory; let them sing for joy on their couches.

People: **This is glory for all his faithful ones.**

All: **Praise the Lord!**

*OPENING HYMN – “Faith of Our Fathers” UMH #710

OPENING PRAYER

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.¹

THE STATEMENT OF FAITH OF THE KOREAN
METHODIST CHURCH UMH #884

We believe in the one God, creator and sustainer of all things, Father of all nations, the source of all goodness and beauty, all truth and love. We believe in Jesus Christ, God manifest in the flesh, our teacher, example, and Redeemer, the Savior of the world. We believe in the Holy Spirit, God present with us for

¹ The Episcopal Book of Common Prayer.

guidance, for comfort, and for strength. We believe in the forgiveness of sins, in the life of love and prayer, and in grace equal to every need. We believe in the Word of God contained in the Old and New Testaments as the sufficient rule both of faith and of practice. We believe in the church, those who are united in the living Lord for the purpose of worship and service. We believe in the reign of God as the divine will realized in human society, and in the family of God, where we are all brothers and sisters. We believe in the final triumph of righteousness and in the life everlasting. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Almighty God, by your Holy Spirit, illumine the sacred text, we pray, that our minds may be open to receive your Word, that our hearts may be taught to love it, and that our wills may be strengthened to obey it; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.²

OLD TESTAMENT READING Exodus 12:1-14
NEW TESTAMENT READING Matthew 18:15-20

SERMON

SPECIAL MUSIC

***HYMN OF RESPONSE – “Leaning on the Everlasting Arms”**
UMH #133

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 – “Lord of the Dance”**

UMH #261

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

** Rising in body or in spirit*

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