



Chester Bethel UMC

September 6, 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: Rich Kuc

Prayer Joys and Concerns:

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

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.
- Mission contributions from July – December 2026 will go to Camp Pecometh, Sojourner's Place, and the Good Samaritan Fund.

Dates To Remember

- Sept. 9 – Thrift Shop re-opens
- Sept. 9 – Single Board mtg @ 6 pm
- Sept 15,17 – Fall Bible Study begins Tues evenings and Thursday Mornings
- Sept 20 – Missions Meeting after church

¹ The Episcopal Book of Common Prayer.

September 6, 2026
15th Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 AM

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Psalm 105)

Leader: Give praise to the Lord, proclaim his name; make known among the nations what he has done.

People: **Sing to him, sing praise to him; tell of all his wonderful acts.**

Leader: Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

People: **Look to the Lord and his strength; seek his face always.**

Leader: Remember the wonders he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he pronounced,

All: **He is the Lord our God; his judgments are in all the earth.**

*OPENING HYMN – “There’s a Song in the Air” UMH #249

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.¹

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

² Adapted from:

https://www.valleypresct.org/uploads/8/0/1/6/80162/prayers_for_illumination.pdf.

OLD TESTAMENT READING Exodus 3:1-15
NEW TESTAMENT READING Matthew 16:21-28

SERMON

SPECIAL MUSIC

*HYMN OF RESPONSE – “Let Us Break Bread Together”
UMH #618

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

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON UMH p. 12

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 UMH p. 13
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 UMH p. 11

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 – “God Be With You Till We Meet Again”
UMH # 672

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

* *Rising in body or in spirit*

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