



Chester Bethel UMC

July 5, 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

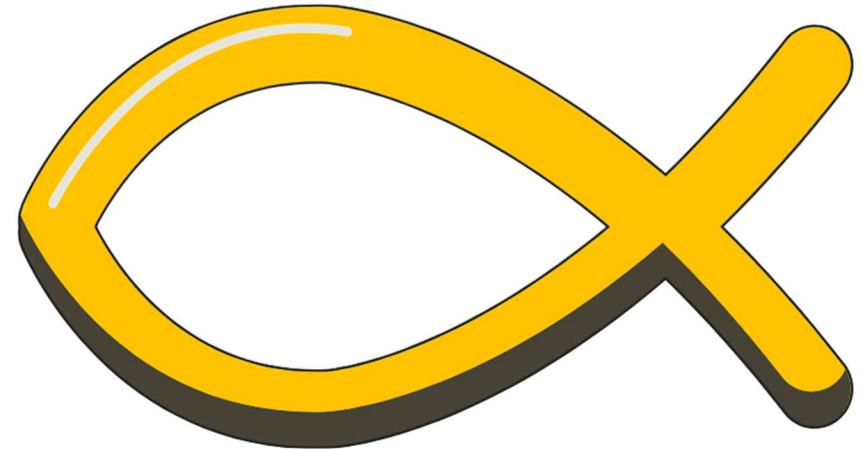
Sam (H); Carmen Staino (H); Jay (O); Ed West (H); Nicole; Lorraine MacMillan (H); David D. (H); Dom D.(H); Millie Burke (H); Janet Canavan (H); Keith Saulsbury (H); Steve Schellberg (H); Donna (H); Joseph Glasgow (H); Bill Hazel (H); Linda Lyons (H); Andrew R.(O); Bill and Doreen Jones (H); Mary Ann Box (H); Ramona Harlow (LT); Holly Dorner (H); Donna McCormick (H); 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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Thank you!



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Announcements

- **New Project:**
We're collecting NEW underwear for men, women, and children. This includes briefs, T-shirts, bras, shower shoes, and socks. Please put donations in the baskets and Polly will deliver them to the Sunday Breakfast Mission. Thank you for your continued support of Missions and don't forget Food donations too!
- Mission contributions July – Dec, 2026 will be to Camp Pecometh, Sojourner's Place, and Good Samaritan Fund.
- Uncover the hidden gems of Scripture with this eight-week sermon series. Titled "**Uncharted: Stories They Don't Tell You in Sunday School,**" this series highlights how God uses unexpected people, strange circumstances, and little-known heroes to accomplish God's greatest plans.
- Thanks to Bonnie Wright we now can accept online donations! See the links in the bulletin and online.

Dates To Remember

- July 5 – Missions meeting after church
July 8 – Admin. Council Meeting at 6 pm
July 22 – Trustees Meeting at 6 pm
Aug 3 – SPRC meeting at 3:30 pm

July 5, 2026 9:30 AM
6th Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Psalm 146:5-10)

Leader: Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord their God,

People: **who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them;**

Leader: who keeps faith forever;

People: **who executes justice for the oppressed; who gives food to the hungry.**

Leader: The Lord sets the prisoners free;

People: **the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;**

Leader: the Lord watches over the strangers;

People: **God upholds the orphan and the widow,**

Leader: but the way of the wicked God brings to ruin.

All: **The Lord will reign forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations. Praise the Lord!**

*OPENING HYMN – “We Gather Together” UMH #131

OPENING PRAYER

O God, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to you with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.¹

SPECIAL MUSIC

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

¹ The Episcopal *Book of Common Prayer*.

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.²

OLD TESTAMENT READING Exodus 1:8-21

NEW TESTAMENT READING Acts 5:17-32

SERMON “Uncharted”: Shiphrah and Puah

SPECIAL MUSIC

*HYMN OF RESPONSE – “What a Friend We Have in Jesus”
UMH #526

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

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
THE LORD’S PRAYER

UMH p. 13

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 – “How Great Thou Art” UMH #77

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

* *Rising in body or in spirit*

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²<https://www.caldwellpresby.org/docs/resources/Prayers%20for%20Illumination.pdf>