



Chester Bethel UMC

September 20, 2026

9:30 AM

Sharing in Worship Leadership this morning:

Organist: Carmella Lynch
Bell Choir Director: Pam Manocchio
Pastor: 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

Norma Saulsbury (H); 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.
- We now have a new parking lot and some new roofing!
- There will be a short Single Board meeting Sept 17th at 6 PM to do the Pastor's Compensation form (due Oct 1) and to do the Pastor's Evaluation and SPRC form (due Nov 1).

Dates To Remember

- Sept 22,25 – Fall Bible Study on Tues evenings at 7 and Thursday Mornings at 10. Readings will cover the chapter - “Clothing”.
- Sept 20 – Missions Meeting after church
- October 1 - All church conference forms & reports due

September 20, 2026
17th Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 AM

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Psalm 115)

Leader: Not to us, O Lord, but to your name give glory – for the sake of your steadfast love and your faithfulness.

People: **Why should the nations say, “Where is their God?”**

Leader: For we know that we can trust in the Lord; the Lord God is our help and our shield.

People: **The Lord has been mindful of us; he will bless us;**

Leader: he will bless those who fear him, both small and great.

All: **May all be blessed by the Lord, who made heaven and earth.
Praise the Lord!**

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

OPENING PRAYER

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and 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 14:19-31
NEW TESTAMENT READING Matthew 18:21-35

SERMON

SPECIAL MUSIC

***HYMN OF RESPONSE – “My Hope is Built” UMH #368**

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 – “His Name Is Wonderful”**

UMH #174

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

** Rising in body or in spirit*

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Thank you!



² Adapted from:

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