



Chester Bethel UMC

September 27, 2026

9:30 AM

Sharing in Worship Leadership this morning:

Organist: Carmella Lynch
Bell Choir Director: Pam Manocchio
Pastor: Rev. Kelly Conner
Special Music: Bell Choir
Greeter: Bill White
Usher: Sylvia Illuzzi
Worship Leader: Yvonne Kaciuban

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

- On Oct 11, we will be having our **annual Blessing of the Animals** service. If you have a pet (dog, cat, bird, horse – no matter the size!), you're invited to bring him or her to church for an outdoor worship service. During the service, there will be a time of introduction for each animal, a blessing over each animal, and lots of breaks for water and other necessities!
- 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.
- **Bible Study for Thursday October 15th** will be held at Mt. Lebanon at 10 AM due to Chester Bethel Preschool's Fall Harvest Day. We hope all our usual in-person participants will feel comfortable with this temporary location change, which will afford us much more privacy and parking options during that busy day!

Dates To Remember

- Sept 29, Oct 1 – Fall Bible Study on Tues evenings at 7 and Thursday Mornings at 10. This week will cover the chapter entitled - "Smell".
- October 1 - All church conference forms & reports due
- October 8, 6 pm – Single Board Meeting
- October 11 – Blessing of the Animals
- October 24 – Trunk or Treat from 1-3 pm

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18th Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 AM

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (based on Psalm 78)

Leader: Give ear, O my people, to my teaching; incline your ears to the words of my mouth.

People: **I will open my mouth in a parable; I will utter sayings from of old.**

Leader: We will tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the Lord.

People: **He established a decree in Jacob, and appointed a law in Israel,**

Leader: which he commanded our ancestors to teach to their children;

All: **so that they should set their hope in God, and not forget the works of God, but keep his commandments.**

***OPENING HYMN** – "Take Time to Be Holy" UMH #395

OPENING PRAYER

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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

¹ The Episcopal Book of Common Prayer.

world. We believe in the Holy Spirit, God present with us for 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 Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

NEW TESTAMENT READING Philippians 2:1-13

SERMON

SPECIAL MUSIC

*HYMN OF RESPONSE – “Rock of Ages” UMH #361

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 – “God of Grace and God of Glory” UMH #577

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

** Rising in body or in spirit*

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Thank you!



² Adapted from:

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