



Chester Bethel UMC

August 3, 2025 9:30 AM

Sharing in Worship Leadership this morning:

Preacher: Rev. Kelly Conner
Organist: Carmella Lynch
Bell Choir Director: Pam Manochio
Special Music: Paul Wilson & Cliff Wilson
Greeter: Dora Greer
Usher: Carol Williamson
Worship Leader: Yvonne Kaciuban

*Flowers are given
to the glory of God*

Prayer Joys and Concerns:

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

Steve Schellberg (H); Dave McFarlan (LT); Maria (H); Brione (H); Donna (H); Ken Donahoe (H); Joseph Glasgow (H); Bill Hazel (H); Linda Lyons (H); KFK (O); Jean Andrews (H); Andrew R.(O); Bill and Doreen Jones (H); Mary Ann Box (H); Ramona Harlow (LT); Holly Dornier (H); Donna McCormick (H); DeBrock Family (O); Allison (H); Kim Nally; Amy (H); 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



Heroic women of faith

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Announcements

- Blessing of the Students/ Teachers/ Administrators
During worship on August 17th at 9:30 AM, we will be holding a special back-to-school blessing. Students, teachers, administrators, and their families are all invited!
- This summer there has been a dramatic increase in requests for help with electric bills to keep AC's running. The Good Samaritan Fund is running very low. Please consider these neighbors in need on communion Sundays.
- On August 31, we propose to hold a ***Gathering & Grill*** cookout and joint worship service with Mt. Lebanon **and** our neighbors. Stay tuned for more details coming soon!
- Our church's turn to help with Emmanuel Dining Room (a lunch ministry in downtown Wilmington) is Aug 16. Sylvia is coordinating cookie contributions and will be at the church on Friday, Aug 15 from 3-4 PM to receive your donations. If you need to schedule a different time to drop them off, please call Sylvia at 610-724-7323.

Dates To Remember

August 17—Blessing of students and teachers Sunday service

August 18-30—Pastor's 'Staycation'

August 31—Gathering and Grill Sunday—joint worship

Sept. 2—SPRC mtg at 3:30

Sept. 3—Preschool Open House; Graham plaque

Sept. 7—Nominations Team Mtg @ 7 PM

Sept. 9&11—Beginning of fall Bible study

Sept. 11—Trustees Meeting

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9:30 AM

8th Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Psalm 107)

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good!

People: **His steadfast love endures forever!**

Leader: Let the redeemed of the Lord say so –

People: **those he redeemed from trouble and gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.**

Leader: When they are diminished and brought low through oppression, trouble, and sorrow, he raises up the needy out of distress.

People: **The upright see it and are glad; and all wickedness stops its mouth.**

All: **Let those who are wise give heed to these things, considering the steadfast love of the Lord.**

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

OPENING PRAYER

Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; 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

Tender Shepherd: we come like sheep, dependent on your guidance, and longing to hear your voice. Speak to us a word of

¹ From the Episcopal *Book of Common Prayer*.

reassurance that, encouraged by your Word, we may be strengthened for our daily life and service. Amen.²

OLD TESTAMENT READING Hosea 11:1-11
NEW TESTAMENT READING Colossians 3:1-11

SERMON Heroic Women of Faith: Kateri Tekakwitha

SPECIAL MUSIC

*HYMN OF RESPONSE – “Rock of Ages” vv. 1&2
UMH #361

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 – “Now Thank We All Our God” UMH #102

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

**Standing as you are able*

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²<https://peacefulpebbles.blog/tag/prayers-of-illumination/>.