



# Chester Bethel UMC

May 5, 2023 9:30 AM



## **Sharing in Worship Leadership this morning:**

Preacher: Rev Kelly Conner  
Organist: Carmella Lynch  
Bell Choir Director: Pam Manocchio  
Special Music: Paul Wilson  
Greeter: Dora Greer  
Usher: Carol Williamson  
Worship Leader: Linda Lyons

*Altar flowers are given  
to the glory of God*

## **Prayer Joys and Concerns:**

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

Ramona Harlow (LT); Sylvia Illuzzi; Jane Dean (H); Lillian Williams (H); Richard J. Steele (H); Holly Dorner (H); Donna McCormick (H); Bill Rice (H); DeBrock Family (O); Laura White (H); Allison (H); Kim Nally; Amy (H); Cecelia Steele's family (L); Gail Kracyla (H); Dominic King (LT); Jill Brownback (LT); Nancy Walker (H); Mabel & Alan Ladd (H); MaryAnn Rumford (LT); Rick Browne (LT); all peoples impacted by war.

*Please add prayer requests and updates to the list in the Narthex*

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### Announcements:

- Our Easter Season sermon series, called “Sent,” is about the apostles’ next steps in their post-Jesus ministry, which can instruct us as to our purpose and calling in the world.
- Important! If you receive an email asking for money or gift cards, it is a scam. Don’t open any attachments. Call the office if something is questionable—Tues, Thurs., Fri. 9-1
- If you are a vet and would be willing to speak briefly at a Memorial Day remembrance at the cemetery, please let the office know.
- There will be a **shredding event** at Claymont Community Center on Saturday, June 8, 10am to 1pm. REGISTRATION REQUIRED at [local.aarp.org](http://local.aarp.org). If you can’t access a computer but want to register, please call Linda Lyons at 856-340-3891.
- The Missions’ Committee has designated Habitat for Humanity, Claymont Community Center, and The Salvation Army to be equal recipients of mission donations until July 1, 2024. As always, your generous support and contributions are greatly appreciated.

### Dates to remember

- May 5, following worship—Missions meeting.
- May 14; 3:30—SPRC meeting
- May 14; 6—Trustees meeting
- May 23 –PreK Graduation at 9:00 AM
- May 27 – Memorial Day service at Thrift Shop; time TBD

May 5, 2024  
6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

### PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS  
GENERAL CONFERENCE UPDATE

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (Based on Psalm 98)

Leader: O sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things.

People: **The Lord has made known his victory; he has revealed his vindication in the sight of the nations.**

Leader: He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel.

People: **All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.**

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises!

People: **With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the King!**

All: **He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity.**

\*OPENING HYMN – “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”  
UMH #400

### OPENING PRAYER

**O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.<sup>1</sup>**

### SPECIAL MUSIC

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

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<sup>1</sup> The Episcopal *Book of Common Prayer*.

**God of life, through Jesus Christ you have bestowed upon the world the light of life. Sanctify this new fire and grant that our hearts and minds may also be kindled with holy desire to shine with the brightness of the Risen Christ. Amen.<sup>2</sup>**

NEW TESTAMENT READING 1 Acts 2:37-47

NEW TESTAMENT READING 2 Acts 3:1-16

SERMON “Sent: The Effects of Our Discipleship”

SPECIAL MUSIC

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE – “Spirit of the Living God”- 2x  
UMH #393

THANKSGIVINGS AND INTERCESSIONS

PASTORAL PRAYER

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*You are invited to give in one of the following ways:*

- 1. You may place your cash or check offering into the plates we pass around at this time*
- 2. You may mail your tithes and offerings to the church office*  
*Thank you for your donations and the ways in which you all use your gifts to work 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 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 – “In Christ There Is No East or West”  
UMH #548

\* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

\*Standing, in body or spirit

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<sup>2</sup> From Duke University Chapel worship bulletin, April 4, 2010.