



September 19, 2021
10:00 AM

WORSHIP MUSIC

I Saw the Light
Boundless Love
Sweeter as the Days Go By
Mighty to Save

SCRIPTURE

Genesis 42:1-8
Common English Bible

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Forgiveness”
Luke Carson

MESSAGE

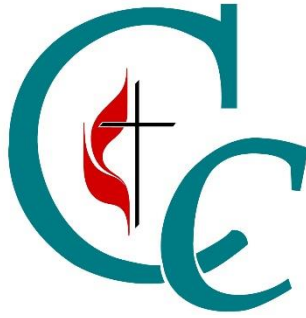
“When You Owe Your Brother a Beating”
Rev. Nathan Decker

Sunday Worship Schedule:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>SERMON TITLE</u>	<u>SCRIPTURE</u>
September 26	<i>Forgive Us Our Unforgiving</i>	Matthew 18:21-35 NRSV
October 3	<i>Eat This Book</i>	Hebrews 1:1-4 NRSV
October 10	<i>The Word of God is a WHO</i>	John 1:1-14 The Message
October 17	<i>The Word of God is not a Book</i>	2 Timothy 3:10-17 GNT

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FRESH START SERVICE

September 19, 2021—8:30 AM



Please sign the teal attendance pad and pass it to your neighbor.

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Father, Spirit, Jesus
Everyday
You Are My King
Mighty to Save

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September 19, 2021

A Service of Worship and Praise
11:00 AM

17th Sunday
after Pentecost

Please sign the red attendance pad, register for activities, and pass it to your neighbor.

Welcome, Announcements, and Greeting Our Neighbor

Chimes

Prelude

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Organist

* Opening Prayer

Colossians 3:13

NRSV

**Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other:
just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive.**

* Opening Hymn No. 431

Let There Be Peace on Earth

* Apostle's Creed No. 881

* Gloria Patri No. 70

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning
is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.**

Children's Message

The Six Most Important Words

Pastor Nathan

* Passing the Peace

Offertory Anthem

Joy in My Heart

Chancel Choir
Craig Seal, soloist

* Doxology No. 94

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

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**

Hymn No. 408

The Gift of Love

Scripture Reading

Genesis 42:1-8

CEB

Sermon

When You Owe Your Brother a Beating

Pastor Nathan

* Closing Hymn

I Then Shall Live

See insert.

* Benediction

* Choral Amen

* *Please stand as you are able.* **Bold print indicates a response in unison.**

Hearing Assistance Devices, Large Print Hymnals, and Braille Hymn Sheets are available for use in the Sanctuary. Please ask an usher.

Altar Flowers for the Sanctuary: To donate Altar flowers, please sign up on the flower chart outside the Church Office and complete an Altar Flower Form. Individuals may make arrangements with the florist of your choice, including delivery to the church and payment to the florist. (The suggested price is \$55-\$65.) Special pricing and free delivery to the church have been arranged with **River's Bend** and **Petals & Bows Florists**. Thank you for helping to beautify the Altar for worship.

Your 2021 Offering Envelopes are available for pick up in the Atrium. Notify the Church Office if you need envelopes for the remainder of 2021.

The Upper Room and Our Daily Bread Devotionals are available for pick up in the Atrium and the Sharing Bin in the parking lot drive-through loop.

CALENDAR
September 19-26, 2021

Office Hours: Mon-Thurs 8:30 AM–2:00 PM

Today: 8:30 AM Nursery until 12:15 PM
 Fresh Start Worship-DFH
 9:30 AM ROAD Crew–Annex
 9:45 AM Adult Sunday School
 Youth Sun Sch.-Annex
 10:00 AM The Bridge-Sanc
 Online Worship–Facebook
 11:00 AM Traditions Service-Sanc.
 12:00 PM CONNECTIONS-Annex
 4:00 PM Youth-Annex Loft
 6:30 PM Who Will be a Witness-226
 Mon.: 2:00 PM Staff Meeting
 Tues. 10:30 AM **JOY SINGERS**-Music Suite
 Wed.: 12:00 PM Who Will Be a Witness–
 Online
 6:00 PM **SPRC**-226
 7:00 PM Chancel Choir-Music S.
 Thurs.: 7:30 AM Men’s Group-First Watch
 6:00 PM Exec Com-116

Thurs. 1:30 PM Prayer Shawl-Offsite
 7:00 PM Church Council-226
 Fri.:
 Sat.:

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 8:30 AM Nursery until 12:15 PM
 Fresh Start Worship-DFH
 9:30 AM ROAD Crew–Annex
 9:45 AM Adult Sunday School
 Youth Sun Sch.-Annex
 10:00 AM The Bridge
 Online Worship
 11:00 AM Traditions Service-Sanc.
 12:00 PM CONNECTIONS-Annex
 4:00 PM NO YOUTH
 5:30 PM Kids’ Play Date-Point of
 Rocks Park
 6:30 PM Who Will be a Witness–226

Afghanistan Troops & Refugees: Please join your Pastors in praying for the men and women who served our nation in Afghanistan, and for those families of refugees who have fled the Taliban to make their home in a far-off land. To donate to assist arriving families, make checks payable to CUMC (Memo: Afghan Refugees). This donation will be sent to the United Methodist Committee on Relief where 100% of your donation goes to relief efforts. See more information on how you can help at <https://vaumc.org/refugeeresponse/>.

Need a nametag? contact Terry (cumcsecretary@chesterumc.org) or register in the pew pad . Indicate how you want your name to appear on the tag, and drop a check in the offering plate (\$10 per nametag, payable to CUMC, Memo: Nametag).

Free Backyard BBQ at Grace Lutheran Church: Saturday, September 25, 11:00 AM-4:00 PM (13028 Harrowgate Road, Chester). Free meal, music, lawn games, cruise-in car show, BBQ competition, crafts, s’mores, and fun for children! Sponsored by Central VA BBQ, Grace Lutheran Church, and Colonial Heights Rotary. Shuttle service from CUMC parking lot.

***We are truly blessed if you are a guest who has chosen to worship with us today!
First-time guests are invited to pick up a blue Welcome Bag from the Atrium or
Narthex. Thank you for celebrating the Lord with us today!***

Children's Sunday School and Choir Rehearsals will kick off on Sunday, September 26. Following Fresh Start Worship, we will offer a time of games, Bible lesson, music, and prayer for children in grades K-5 in Davis Fellowship Hall. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Carrie Coyner (carrie.coyner@gmail.com).

Joy Singers Choir for Retired Folks Resumes: Tuesdays at 10:30 AM in the Music Suite beginning September 21. Singers of all skill levels are invited to participate.

Playing Around the Playground with our Pastors: Sunday, September 26, 5:30 PM at Point of Rocks Park (201 Enon Church RD, Chester). All children and their families/friends are invited!

Media Upgrade Benefit Concert - Sunday, October 10, 3:00 PM. Joshua Wortham presents a concert of worship featuring your favorite hymns, worship songs, and much more. A free-will offering will be received to support our campaign to replace the existing sound equipment in the Sanctuary and Davis Fellowship Hall and add video equipment to improve our online ministry. Make checks payable to CUMC (Memo: Media). Donations of all sizes are welcomed at any time toward this \$93,000+ project.

Fresh Start Breakfast Volunteers Needed: Responsibilities include picking up the donuts, coffee prep, minor setup of beverages, and simple clean up. You will be scheduled to serve monthly and will need to arrive by 8:00 AM. *It's easy, easy, easy; promise.* Many hands would allow a less frequent schedule. *Register in the pew pad or contact Jeanne Shelburne (245-2720).*

SUNDAY NURSERY OPEN FOR CUSTOMERS!

We are thrilled to announce that **Alistia Mabry** has returned as our Nursery Specialist. The nursery is available every Sunday during worship and Sunday school.

We need VOLUNTEERS to assist Alistia in caring for our little cherubs!

PLEASE, please volunteer to serve with Alistia on a rotation schedule.

8:15 AM, 9:30 AM, or 10:45 AM

All volunteers will be background checked.

Register in the pew pad or contact the Church Office (cumcsecretary@chesterumc.org).

KEEP IN PRAYER: Sue Thompson; Joe Welchel, Sr.; Beth Powner; Forrest [and June] Garrett; Marylou Cumby; Clara Dyson (mother of Jim Dyson); Judy Dyson; the LeSueur family; family of Kate Kelley Ewalt; Earl [Betty] Tatum; Doug and Clara Gestwick.

Our Presence September 12, 2020

Online.....	24
Fresh Start	99
Traditions	130
Total Worship Attendance	253

Sunday USHERS Needed: ♥ It takes a village, Friends! ♥*Please* volunteer to serve at Fresh Start (8:30 AM), The Bridge (10:00 AM); or Traditions (11:00 AM). Register in the pew pad or contact Jones (243.3513 /jonesgj215@gmail.com).

Ladies of Faith Fellowship Whaley Pecans Annual Sale: Pre-orders are being now. Harvesting will be late October-delivery in early November. Register in the pew pad or contact Betty Labin (804-748-3516) or Lorraine Young (804-748-6852) to order (\$12.00 per pound for halves or pieces). Please make checks payable to Ladies of Faith.



United Methodist Women (UMW): POC: Susan Petrey (938-5396)

- The **Jean Craig Fellowship:** Monday, October 4, 7:00 PM, Room 205. We will stuff Halloween Treat Bags for UMFS (United Methodist Family Services). We welcome any women who are looking for an evening circle. Call Susan Petrey for details.
- **Sunday, October 10, noon--Salad Luncheon—All Women of the Church** are invited to a luncheon meeting of the UMW immediately following 11 o'clock worship. Rev. Dr. Marg Kutz, retired, will join us to present her recently published book “Nevertheless She Preached” about early female ministers in the Methodist Church. The Jean Craig Fellowship will host. Bring a salad or dessert to share.

SUNDAY SMALL GROUPS

R.O.A.D. (*Reaching Out Across Darkness*) Crew Walking Group

9:45 AM, Annex

We Make the Road by Walking by Brian McLaren

POC: Natalie Galarza (familygalarza05@gmail.com)

Fresh Start Sunday School Class

9:45 AM, Room 205

Beginning September 12, *Reading the Old Testament through Jewish Eyes* by Rabbi Evan

Moffic. POC: Susan Petrey (susanmpetrey@gmail.com)

Journey Sunday School Class

9:45 AM, Davis Fellowship Hall and Google Meet (*hybrid class*)

POCs: Carolyn Landis (landisfamily05@gmail.com);

Eric Hougland (ehougland88@gmail.com)

Seekers Sunday School Class

9:45 AM, Room 226

POC: Barbara MacIntyre (telluwhatbarbara@aim.com)

Senior Singles Sunday School Class

9:45 AM, Parlor

POC: Cynthia Corley (cacorley@ctsi.net)

Joy Unspeakable Small Group

New study begins **September 12** at 6:30 PM (*Who Will Be a Witness*, info below)

POC: Chad Beck (chadbeck@chesterumc.org) **IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO JOIN US!**

Please register in the pew pad.

Middle and High School Youth Sunday School (BEGINS SEPTEMBER 12)

9:45 AM, Annex

POC: Dale (fungoboy77@gmail.com) and Karen Clark (klslark51@gmail.com)

WEDNESDAY Virtual Study Group will resume on September 8: *Who Will Be a Witness: Igniting Activism for God's Justice, Love, and Deliverance* by Drew G. I. Hart (published by Herald Press, 2020, ISBN-13 978-1513806594)

12:00 PM, Google Meet (*virtual*)

POC: Chad Beck (chadbeck@chesterumc.org)

THURSDAY Morning Men's Group: All men are invited to join us EVERY Thursday at 7:30 AM at First Watch Restaurant (9949 Iron Bridge RD, Chesterfield, VA 23832) for prayer, study, and fellowship. POC: Vann Stanfield (vannstan34@gmail.com)

I Then Shall Live

I then shall live as one who's been forgiven
I'll walk with joy to know my debts are paid
I know my name is clear before my Father
I am His child and I am not afraid
So greatly pardoned I'll forgive my brother
The law of love I gladly will obey

I then shall live as one who's learned compassion
I've been so loved that I'll risk loving too
I know how fear builds walls instead of bridges
I'll dare to see another's point of view
And when relationships demand commitment
Then I'll be there to care and follow through

Your Kingdom come around and through and in me
Your pow'r and glory let them shine through me
Your hallowed name oh may I bear with honor
And may Your living Kingdom come in me
The Bread of Life oh may I share with honor
And may You feed a hungry world through me

LOOKING AHEAD

- September 26:** CUMC Kids' Playdate with our pastors at Point of Rocks Park
October 10: UMW Salad Luncheon; District Youth Rally @ Bethia UMC
Media Benefit Concert featuring Joshua Nash Wortham (3 PM)
October 17: Children's Sabbath
October 19: Charge Conference
October 31: CUMC Trunk or Treat
November 6: Turkey Pot Pie Dinner by UMW, 6 PM, CUMC, \$12
December 11: Tackly Light Walk/Run at Midlothian Mines Park
December 12: Christmas Cantata, 8:30 and 11 AM
December 14: Christmas Cantata, 7 PM
December 19: Blue Christmas Service, 3 PM

HOMework

This week I will:

- Pray for the one I need to forgive.
- Ask God for forgiveness and help to let go.
- Own my part in the disagreement/hurt/broken relationship.
- Call them up this week and tell them I forgive them.

CHESTER UMC ONLINE RESOURCES

- **Website:** www.chesterumc.org.
- **Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/ChesterUnitedMethodistChurch/>.
- **Facebook Closed Group:** <https://www.facebook.com/groups/ChesterUMC/>.
- **Daily Email News:** Visit <http://eepurl.com/blV9Tv> to subscribe.
- **Daily Devotionals from Pastor Nathan:** <https://www.facebook.com/BetterTogether.Devos/>.
- **YouTube:** <https://www.youtube.com/c/ChesterUMC>.
- **Prayer Chain Email:** to subscribe or to submit a prayer request, email Terry at cumcsecretary@chesterumc.org with “Prayer Chain” or “Prayer Request” in the subject line.
- **CUMC Library Catalog:** <https://16538.rmwebopac.com> (password: CUMC). Search for titles, peruse our inventory, and much more. POC: Ron Dombrowski (rmachachi@aol.com).
- **The Chimes**, monthly newsletter: Submit items to communication@chesterumc.org by the 3rd Wednesday of the month.

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