



March 13, 2022

9:55 AM

WORSHIP MUSIC

I'll Fly Away
Leaning on the Everlasting Arms
Peace Like a River
Mighty to Save

SPECIAL MUSIC

Tell Your Heart to Beat Again
Monte Nagy

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 5:13-20
CEV

MESSAGE

“Holier Than Thou...Who is Thou?”
Rev. Nathan Decker

SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

<u>DATE</u>	<u>SERMON TITLE</u>	<u>SCRIPTURE</u>	
March 20	<i>Putting on the Glasses of Repentance</i>	Mark 1:9-15	<i>NRSV</i>
March 27	<i>Single Disciple ISO Cross to Take Up</i>	Matthew 16:21-26	<i>CEB</i>
April 3	<i>Ask, Seek, Knock</i>	Matthew 7:7-14	<i>NRSV</i>
April 10	Easter Cantata		

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*Focus Worship on God
Seek Spirit-led Discipleship
Embrace Diversity
Love Children and Families
Positively Impact Community*



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FRESH START SERVICE

March 13, 2022—8:30 AM



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

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Sing, Sing, Sing
Salt and Light
Blessed Are the Humble
Mighty to Save

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A Service of Worship and Praise
11:00 AM

2nd Sunday
in Lent

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

Welcome, Announcements and Greeting

Chimes

Prelude

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart

Organist

* Call to Worship: Beatitudes¹

Leader: Happy are we

People: when our treasure cannot be quantified.

Leader: Happy are we

People: when our knowledge is tempered by mystery.

Leader: Happy are we

People: when our pain is held in the balm of love.

Leader: Happy are we

People: when our delight comes from beyond ourselves.

* Opening Prayer²

Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart.

Here is the citadel of all my desiring,

where my hopes are born, and all the deep resolutions of my spirit take wings.

In this center, my fears are nourished,

and all my hates are nurtured.

Here my loves are cherished,

and all the deep hungers of my spirit are honored

without quivering and without shock.

In my heart, above all else,

**let love and integrity envelop me until my love is perfected and the last vestige
of my desiring is no longer in conflict with thy Spirit.**

Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart. Amen.

* Opening Hymn No. 568

Christ For the World We Sing

* Nicene Creed No. 880

* Gloria Patri No. 70

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

Holy Baptism**

Hymn No. 378

Amazing Grace

Stanza 1

Anthem

God So Loved the World

Chancel Choir

Why We Give

Offertory

Tell Your Heart to Beat Again

Monte Nagy

* Doxology No. 95

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him, above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

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. 347

Spirit Song

Scripture

Matthew 5:13-20

CEV

Sermon

“Holier Than Thou...Who is Thou?”

Rev. Nathan Decker

* Closing Hymn No. 569

We've A Story to Tell to the Nations

* Benediction

* Choral Amen

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

** *Caroline Grace Rutledge* is wearing her mother, Amanda's, baptism gown today.

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

Worship Footnotes:

¹ Katherine Hawker (2006) and posted on **Liturgy Outside**. <http://liturgyoutside.net/beatudes.pdf>

² Howard Thurman, USA, 20th cent. By permissions of The Howard Thurman Educational Trust.

CALENDAR

March 13-20, 2022

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

Preschool Hours: Mon-Thurs 8:30 AM-1:30 PM

Today: 8:30 AM Nursery until 12:15 PM
 Fresh Start Service-DFH
 9:30 AM Children’s Sun Sch-DFH
 9:45 AM Adult Sunday School
 Youth Sun Sch.-LOFT
 9:55 AM Bridge Service-Sanc
 10:00 AM Online Worship
 11:00 AM Traditions Service-Sanc
 12:15 PM Ushers CPR-DFH
 1:30 PM 70’s Skate Party-Skateland
 6:30 PM Bridge Builders-226

Mon.: 6:30 PM Boy/Cub Scouts
 7:00 PM NO Christian Parenting

Tues.: 10:30 AM Joy Singers
 3:30 PM Rest Stop

Wed.: **1:00 PM** Bridge Builders-Online
 5:00 PM Key Club Dinner-DFH
 7:00 PM **Finance**-226
 Chancel Choir-Music Suite
 Crew-116

Thurs.: 7:30 AM Men’s Group-Grant’s Coffee
 11:00 AM Contemplative Prayer-Parlor

Thurs.: 1:30 PM Prayer Shawl- Parlor
 6:30 PM Boy Scout Leaders-205
 Disciple Life Gp-Annex

Fri.

Sat.: 11:00 AM Forrest Garrett Funeral-Sanc
 12:00 PM Garrett Reception-DFH

Next Sunday: **March 20, 2022**

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 11:00 AM Traditions Service-Sanc
 12:00 PM Mercy Mall MTG-DFH
 4:00 PM Youth-Annex Loft
 6:30 PM Bridge Builders-226

Easter Sunrise Service: Sunday, April 17, 6:30 AM on the Annex Lawn with do-nuts afterward.

Online Giving: Scan the QR code (on the front of the bulletin) with your smartphone to contribute online or visit www.chesterumc.org and click “Online Giving.”



Leading Our Worship NEXT SUNDAY, March 20, 2022

Greeters: **8:30** Andy & Eileen Steck

9:55 Wanda Reese

11:00 Steve & Joan Osborne

Ushers: **8:30** Gordon Morris*, Dale Clark, Wendell Landis *Indicates Head Usher

9:55 Gordon Morris*, Diane Medina

11:00 Gordon Jones*, Emory Large, Steve & Joan Osborne, Vann Stanfield

Nursery: **9:55, 11:00** Staff Members, Alistia Mabry & Carla Adams

*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!*

Our Parish Nurse, Cindy Webb, is IN TODAY: 9:00 – 10:45 AM in Office 111.

Today (11 AM), We Celebrate the Holy Baptism of *Caroline Grace Rutledge* who was born on April 7, 2021, to Ethan and Amanda Rutledge. The proud grandparents are Bruce and Anita Nugent & Joanne Rutledge; Dorothy Nugent is the great grandmother. Caroline's God Parents are Meaghan Watkins Frost & Nathan Fultz; and her church sponsors are Craig & Jill Seal.

2022 Graduate Recognition: Sunday, May 22, 8:30 & 11:00 AM services. Whether you are graduating from high school, college, post-graduate, or trade school—any sort of graduation—we want to celebrate with you! Please register in the pew pad or let the Church Office (cumsecretary@chesterumc.org) know. **Also**, send us 2 or 3 pictures (no later than May 15) so we can include you in our celebration. Be sure to attend in-person worship on Sunday, May 22, as we pray a blessing over you and honor your achievements!

That So 70's Skate Party for ALL: TODAY 1:30-4:00 PM, Chester Skateland (2300 Southland DR, Chester, 23831). PRICES: Admission, \$8; skate rental (if needed), \$5; SkateMate, \$5. Please, never let cost keep you away. Contact the church office and the fees will be taken care of.

Nursery Staff: The dynamic duo is back! We are delighted to announce that both Alistia Mabry and Carla Adams are in the nursery each Sunday caring for our littlest angels! We are grateful for the team of volunteers who have helped staff our nursery over the last year.

Easter Lilies for Easter Sunday with 5-6 blooms are \$10.00 each. Dedications in honor or memory of a loved one will be published in the Easter bulletin. If you would like to list a dedication but you do not wish to take a lily home, please make a donation to the Flower Fund. Make checks payable to CUMC (Memo: Flower Fund). Orders must be received in the Church Office no later than Sunday, March 20. *See order form insert in this bulletin*

VBS 2022: Mark your calendars for VBS 2022 scheduled for June 13-17! Plans are underway and more details are coming. *Please prayerfully consider making a monetary donation to help cover the cost of supplies.* Make checks payable to CUMC (Memo: VBS Fund).

Seeing Alzheimer's Through a New Lens presented by The Alzheimer's Association: Monday, March 21, 5:00-6:30 PM via ZOOM.

JOIN ZOOM MTG

Meeting ID: 845 8862 3924; **Passcode:** 382513

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84588623924?pwd=anZEVk9kNm4yNkhYNFRoaDVCQUhKdz09>

Call In:

1-301-715-8592; **Meeting ID:** 845 8862 3924; **Passcode:** 382513

KEEP IN PRAYER: family of Mabel Terrell Melynk (mother of Mary Beth Radford); friends of Debbie Hubley (Stella Drake, Terri Martin); Cornelia DeWitt; Oscar Turner (friend of Cornelia’s) family of Glenn Brubaker; family of Forrest Garret; family of Sharon Roddy; family of Tom Kimball (brother-in-in-law of Vicki Bowers); Kay Murphy (aunt of Gordon Morris); Clayton Herring (brother of Linda Mottley); Eliza McVicker; Heather Escobar; Debbie Freed; Janean Trimble; Doug and Clara Gestwick.

Our Presence March 6, 2022

Fresh Start	97
The Bridge	73
Traditions	145
Online/Call In.....	17
Total Worship Attendance	332

Children’s Sunday School meets at 9:30 AM in the fellowship hall. We will offer a time of games (until about 10:00 AM), a Bible lesson, music, and prayer for children in grades PK-5. All are welcome! To volunteer, please contact Carrie Coyner (carrie.coyner@gmail.com).

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**, bi-monthly newsletter: Submit items to communication@chesterumc.org on 3rd Wednesday of January, March, May, July, September, and November.

Leading Our Worship TODAY, March 13, 2022

Greeters:	8:30	Bill & Karen Comer
	9:55	Terri Dombrowski
	11:00	Linda Large, Susan Petrey
Ushers:	8:30	Gordon Jones*, Ron Dombrowski, Bruce Johnson *Indicates Head Usher
	9:55	Gordon Jones*, JR Irvin
	11:00	Gary Williams*, Marshall Henry, Tommy Petrey, Scott Pugh, Don Schmidt
Nursery:	9:55, 11:00	Staff Members, Alistia Mabry & Carla Adams

SUNDAY SMALL GROUPS

Fresh Start Sunday School Class

9:45 AM, Room 205, beginning March 6, *The Grace of Les Miserables* by Matt Rawle.
POC: Susan Petrey (susanmpetrey@gmail.com)

Journey Sunday School Class

9:45 AM, Annex and Google Meet (<https://meet.google.com/ptm-pieh-vve>)
March 6 – April 10: *Final Words from the Cross* by Adam Hamilton.
POCs: Carolyn Landis (landisfamily05@gmail.com);
Eric Houglund (ehouglund88@gmail.com)

Seekers Sunday School Class

9:45 AM, Room 226, *March 6 – April 17; 24 Hours That Changed the World* by Adam Hamilton, POC: Barbara MacIntyre (telluwhatbarbara@aim.com)

Senior Singles Sunday School Class

9:45 AM, Parlor, *Simon Peter*, by Adam Hamilton, POC: Cynthia Corley (cacorley@ctsi.net)

Middle and High School Youth Sunday School

9:45 AM, Annex Loft
POC: Dale (fungoboy77@gmail.com) and Karen Clark (klslclark51@gmail.com)

Bridge Builders In-Person

6:30 PM, Room 226, POCs: Terri Dombrowski (profet2d@aol.com), Bobby Henderson (Rhen6020@gmail.com) Before each session, visit <https://vaumc.org/racerelationsvideos/> to watch the short video listed for each date and come with questions, observations, and comments.

- Mar. 6: Video 6 – Life or Death, Jim Crow/Women’s Suffrage
- <https://vaumc.org/racerelationsvideos/>

Mandy Thursday/Good Friday Service: THURSDAY, April 14, 7:00 PM. This combined service will be a dramatic retelling of the Last Supper and the events which culminated in our Lord’s Crucifixion. This is a very different type of worship service, and you won’t want to miss it! *Seats will be somewhat limited, and it is important for you to sign up if you plan to attend.* You may register in the pew pad or call the Church Office.

WEEKLY SMALL GROUPS

Women's Coffee Prayer Group: Mondays, 9:00 AM at Grants Coffee Co. (11884 Chester Village DR). POC: Julie Ferry (juliejerry@gmail.com)

Christian Parenting Small Group: alternate Mondays, 7:00 PM, Room 116. Next session March 21. This short-term small group is completely focused on how our faith guides us to lead our Children to grow. Childcare provided as needed—notify Church Office. POC: Pastor Nathan.

Bridge Builders Online Study Group: Wednesdays, 12:00 PM (*except 1:00 PM for March 16*), Google Meet. We have open, safe conversations based in Jesus's love and reconciliation. POC: Maureen Coker (mcoker2003@comcast.net)

- **Wednesday, March 16 @ 1:00 PM:** Race in America—The Economist magazine May 2021, Pages 3-12 (a hard copy can be provided) or go to: <https://www.economist.com/race-in-america>
- **SUNDAYS IN-PERSON:** 6:30 PM in Room 226
POCs: Terri Dombrowski (profet2d@aol.com), Bobby Henderson (rhen6020@gmail.com)
 - ✓ **March 13:** Video 7, Central Jurisdiction: A Racially segregated body of the Methodist Church from 1939-1968
 - ✓ **March 20:** Farmville Schools, Segregation & Integration
 - ✓ **March 27:** Nonviolent protests and police in 1963 Danville, VA

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Thursday Morning Men's Group: Thursdays, 7:30 AM at Grants Coffee Co. (11884 Chester Village DR). POC: Vann Stanfield (vannstan34@gmail.com)

Contemplative Prayer Group: Thursdays, 11:00 AM in the Church Parlor. We read scripture and then practice using silence to focus, pray, and connect with God. Please join us. POC: Lisa Stanfield (lisajostanfield@gmail.com)

Prayer Shawl Group: Thursdays, 1:30 PM, in the Church Parlor. All are invited to join us! We will happily teach you how to knit or crochet if you don't already know
POCs: Beverly Trevillian (beverly.trevillian@comcast.net) & June Gilliam (804-748-6668)

Village People Study, Socialize, & Service Group: Mondays, 1:00 PM, at Chester Village Senior APTS (11701 Chester Village DR) POC: Bruce Johnson (bruce_bethjohnson@yahoo.com)



Love One Another As I Have Loved You... In John 15:12, Jesus says, “This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.” Loving and caring for one another is not just the Pastor’s job—it’s something that Jesus calls us all to do! Stephen Ministry is a ministry in which people with special gifts for caring ministry can put those gifts to use in an organized way, bringing Jesus’ love and care to those who need it most. If you know someone who is going through a difficult time, contact the church office to be put in touch with one of our Stephen Leaders. Our Stephen Ministers are ready to provide focused, confidential, one-to-one Christian care—to help that person experience the healing power of Christ’s love.

Join the Fresh Start Sunday School Class in Study, Fellowship and Service:

- “**The Grace of Les Miserables**” by Matt Rawle. This Lent, ponder the themes of justice, poverty, freedom, and love. Victor Hugo’s *Les Misérables* is a truly epic story. Whether you’ve read the novel or seen the Broadway musical, you know the power in the story. In the six-week Lenten study, *The Grace of Les Misérables*, author and pastor Matt Rawle dives into six ideals found in the story—grace, justice, poverty, revolution, love, and hope—each represented by a character in Hugo’s story.

The Fresh Start Class meets every Sunday morning at 9:45 in room 205 (across the hall from the church library). Visitors and new members are always welcome. Call Susan Petrey, 938-5396, for more information.

Seekers Sunday School Class: You are cordially invited to join us in study and fellowship March 6-April 17 as we do a DVD Lenten study by Adam Hamilton, *24 Hours That Changed the World*. Our class meets every week from 9:45 to 10:45 AM in Room 226. Y’all come!
POC: Barbara MacIntyre (telluwhatbarbara@aim.com)

Early Response Team Training (ERT): Saturday, May 7, 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM (in-person) at Christ UMC, 7600 Ox RD, Fairfax, Station, VA 22039. Coordination is crucial in the early time after a disaster. Too many volunteers become a distraction and a hindrance to relief efforts. This is where the Early Response Teams come in. Teams and individuals must have a United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) badge with a valid date. The initial training is approximately an 8-hour course explaining the role of ERT in a major disaster. An UMCOR badge is valid for 3 years. *Contact ERT Trainer Kim Hook (talknone@yahoo.com) to register. Class is limited to 20 students.*

Looking for History Items for CUMC 150th Celebration: When Bill Webster was pastor, the pews in the 1927 Sanctuary were sold to the congregation for \$25 each. It would be wonderful to have one in the Narthex for displays—either on loan or permanently. If you have one and would be willing to share that history, please contact Mary Musselwhite at 804-330-0014.

Also, we are in search of the **3-shelf bookcase** given by the Hatchers to the Primary Class in 1939. It is oak and has glass that covers the contents of the shelf (a Barrister bookcase). It would be perfect to display memorabilia of our church history.

POCs: Daphne Curtis and Mary Musselwhite/Co-Chairs of the History Committee.

Order Your Chester UMC T-Shirts: God calls us to be witnesses for Christ in our world. One of the easiest ways for us to do this is to wear a shirt that somehow says "You'll See Christ's Love in Me." Pastor Nathan is hoping that every person in Chester UMC will want one, wear one, and do good works in God's name while doing so! ***Please sign up in the pew pad with the sizes and number of shirts you and/or your family want.*** Donations to cover the cost of yours or other Disciple's shirts are appreciated.

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). Please write legibly.

LOOKING AHEAD

- March 13:** Skate Party, Chester Skateland, 1:30 PM – 4 PM
- April 10:** Easter Cantata at 8:30 and 11:00 AM in the Sanctuary
- April 12:** Easter Cantata at 7 PM in the Sanctuary
- April 14:** Holy Thurs/Good Friday Service, 7 PM, begins in DFH and moves to Sanctuary
- April 15:** Feed More at Greenleigh, 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM
- April 16:** Easter Egg Hunt at Goyne Park
- April 17:** **Easter Sunrise Service** at CUMC, 6:30 AM, Annex Lawn with do-nuts afterward
Easter Services, 8:30 AM (DFH), 9:55 AM (Sanc.), 11:00 AM (Sanc.)
- April 24:** Confirmation Sunday at 8:30 and 11:00 AM services
- April 30:** Choir Tea, 2-4 PM, DFH
- May 16:** Blood Drive, 11 AM-4 PM
- May 22:** Graduate Recognition, 8:30 and 11:00 services

2022 Confirmation Class Mission Project

One of the projects for this year's Confirmation Class is holding a drive for Mercy Mall from **March 6 to March 20!** Mercy Mall is a Christian-based organization where people in hard times can shop for free! We chose baby and hygiene products to donate. All hygiene items must be new, however; baby items can be gently used. *Please put your donations in the labeled bin in the Missions Closet by Sunday, March 20.*

HYGIENE NEEDS for MERCY MALL

Shampoo, Conditioner, Bar Soap, Body Wash, Body Lotion, Washcloths, Feminine Hygiene, Razors, Toothbrushes, Toothpaste, Toothbrush Covers, Deodorant, Shaving Cream

BABY NEEDS for MERCY MALL

Diapers (all sizes), Pull Ups (all sizes), Wipes, Baby Wash, Baby Lotion, Towels, Washcloths, Blankets, Burp Cloths, Crib Sheets, Pack and Play, Diaper Bags, Hand-Held Toys, Strollers, Bouncy Seats, Bottles

YOU MAY PURCHASE ITEMS ONLINE ON OUR AMAZON WISHLIST

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2DWMEWQS86R46?ref=cm_sw_sm_r_un_un_jnvwUaNnMGOME

We thank you so much for your support and can't wait to see what we can donate when we go for a facility tour on March 21!

~2022 Confirmation Class
