



March 27, 2022

9:55 AM

WORSHIP MUSIC

Unclouded Day
Standing in the Need of Prayer
How Great is Our God
Glory to His Name

SPECIAL MUSIC

The Potter's Hand
O The Blood
Charles & Cheryl Green

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 16:21-26
CEB

MESSAGE

“Single Disciple ISO Cross to Take Up”
Rev. Nathan Decker

SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

<u>DATE</u>	<u>SERMON TITLE</u>	<u>SCRIPTURE</u>	
April 3	<i>Ask, Seek, Knock</i>	Matthew 7:7-14	<i>NRSV</i>
April 10	<i>Easter Cantata: One Holy Lamb</i>		
April 17	<i>The Garden of Fear and Trembling</i>	Mark 16:1-8	<i>NRSV</i>
April 24	<i>Looking for the Living</i>	Romans 6:3-11	<i>God's Word</i>

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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 27, 2022—8:30 AM



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

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Awesome is the Lord Most High
Everyday
We Believe
This Is Amazing Grace

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A Service of Worship and Praise
11:00 AM

4th Sunday
in Lent

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

Welcome, Announcements and Greeting

Chimes

Prelude

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

Organist

* Call to Awareness¹

Leader: Lent call us to journey along the edge, to anticipate that final trip to Jerusalem.

People: Lent calls us to the cutting edge, when the wheat falls to the ground and new life comes forth; the cutting of a new covenant.

Leader: Lent calls us not only to give up something, but also to take upon ourselves as community the intention of true participation in the mystery of God-with-us.

People: Lent calls us to corporate penitence, accountability, and preparation.

Leader: Lent call us to concentrate upon our baptismal vocation to be a sign of the New Earth.

People: Lent calls us to face the darkness without holding a flashlight.

* Opening Prayer²

Lord, we confess our day-to-day failure to be truly human.

Lord, we confess to you.

Lord, we confess that we often fail to love with all we have and are, often because we do not fully understand what loving means, often because we are afraid of risking ourselves.

Lord, we confess to you.

Lord, we cut ourselves off from each other and we erect barriers of division.

Lord, we confess to you.

Lord, we confess that by silence and ill-considered word

we have built up walls of prejudice.

Lord, we confess that by selfishness and lack of sympathy

we have stifled generosity and left little time for others.

Holy Spirit, speak to us. Help us listen to your word of forgiveness, for we are very deaf.

Come, fill this moment and free us from sin.

* Opening Hymn No. 159

Lift High the Cross

* A Statement of Faith³:

We are not alone, we live in God's world. We believe in God:

**who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit.**

We trust in God. We are called to be the church:

**to celebrate God's presence, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.**

In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us.

We are not alone. Thanks be to God. Amen.

* 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.**

Anthem

Calvary Answers for Me

Chancel Choir
Joshua Wortham, soloist

Why We Give

Offertory

The Potter's Hand

Charles & Cheryl Green

* 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. 504

The Old Rugged Cross

Scripture

Matthew 16:21-26

CEB

Sermon

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* Closing Hymn No. 424

Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone

* Benediction

A Word from the Gideons

* 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.

CALENDAR
March 27-April 3, 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
4:00 PM NO MS/HS Youth
6:00 PM Confirmation Class-DFH
6:30 PM Bridge Builders-226

Mon.: 9:30 AM Stephen Ministers-116
6:30 PM Boy/Cub Scouts

Tues.: 10:30 AM Joy Singers
3:30 PM Rest Stop-Annex
6:00 PM Maundy Thurs Rehearsal

Wed.: 12:00 PM Bridge Builders-Online
6:00 PM Maundy Thurs Rehearsal
7:00 PM Chancel Choir-Music Suite

Thurs.: 7:30 AM Men’s Group-Grant’s Coffee

Thurs.:11:00 AM Contemplative Prayer-Parlor
1:30 PM Prayer Shawl- Parlor
5:00 PM Greenleigh CDC-virtual

Fri.:

Sat.:

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Maundy Thursday/Good Friday Service: Thursday, April 14, 7 PM in DFH.

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, April 3, 2022

Greeters: 8:30 Bill & Karen Comer
9:55 Stephanie Decker
11:00 Will Schmidt, Mary Musselwhite

Ushers: 8:30 Dave Coker*, Bill Comer, Ron Dombrowski *Indicates Head Usher
9:55 Gordon Morris*, Jim Watkins
11:00 Gary Williams*, Larry Koon, Emory Large, Tommy Petrey

Nursery: 8:30, 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 NOT in TODAY.

Contributions to Support Ukraine through UMCOR International Disaster Response: Make checks payable to CUMC (Memo: Ukraine). 100% of this fund will provide direct assistance to those in Ukraine as well as assistance to Ukrainians fleeing to neighboring countries.

Maundy Thursday/Good Friday Service: *Thursday, April 14, at 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! We will begin in the Fellowship Hall with communion given by the "12 disciples" then move to the Sanctuary for the dramatization of the events leading up to the cross. The entire service will last approximately 1 ½ hours. Seating will be somewhat limited, so it is important for you to sign up if you plan to attend. Please register in the pew pad or contact the Church Office (cumcsecretary@chesterumc.org / 804-748-6006).

United Methodist Women Women's Accessories Drive to benefit the The CCHASM Women's Career Clothes Closet, located in the Chester UMC Missions Cottage (12117 Percival Street). *Place good used purses, summer shoes and sandals, belts, scarves, and costume jewelry in the Collection Bin in the Mission Closet next to Pastor Nathan's office by Sunday, May 22.* Women residing in the Chesterfield-Colonial Heights service area can shop, by appointment, for interview and work attire, free of charge. Clients are women who, due to emergency situations, find that they must begin or return to work. Call Susan Petrey, 938-5396, for more information.

Sunday Soles—Faith on the Move: Sundays at 3:30 PM, at the Annex, weather permitting. Do you like to walk or run? We do too! If you want to join us, please make sure to grab your favorite sneakers with some good soles ... because moving is good for the Soul! Check the church Fb page for cancellation or time changes for the walk/run. We will start with a group warm-up and then a 2-mile loop. We will provide routes so that you can go at your own pace. Bring a friend or come and make a new friend! Questions email Sarah Bowers at massagebysarahb@gmail.com or Natalie Galarza at familygalarza05@gmail.com

Easter Musical: One Holy Lamb will be presented on Sunday, April 10, at 8:30 and 11:00 AM, and again on Tuesday, April 12, at 7:00 PM. Invite your friends and neighbors as our Chancel Choir shares this musical worship celebration of the Easter miracle!

Community Easter Egg Hunt: Saturday, April 16, 10:00 AM, Goyne Park (5300 Ecoff Ave). Place candy donations (no chocolate) in the labeled bin in the Missions Closet. Register in the pew pad if you are willing to help stuff or hide the eggs. Watch for more details.

KEEP IN PRAYER: D Mark Benedict; Ava Gray (14-year-old daughter of John & Amy Gray); family of Blake Arpin (son of Bev Nelan); 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; Kay Murphy (aunt of Gordon Morris); Clayton Herring (brother of Linda Mottley); Heather Escobar; Debbie Freed; Janean Trimble; Doug and Clara Gestwick.

Our Presence March 20, 2022

Fresh Start	99
The Bridge.....	69
Traditions	131
Online/Call In	17
Total Worship Attendance.....	316

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 27, 2022

Greeters:	8:30	Andy Steck	
	9:55	Laura Hougland	
	11:00	Bruce & Beth Johnson, Sharon Buchanon	
Ushers:	8:30	Dave Coker*, Bill Comer, Ron Dombrowski	*Indicates Head Usher
	9:55	Gordon Jones*, Jim Watkins	
	11:00	Gordon Jones*, Larry Koon, Tommy Petrey, Tim & Beth Stewart	
Nursery:	8:30, 9:55, 11:00	Staff Members, Alistia Mabry & Carla Adams	

SUNDAY SMALL GROUPS

Fresh Start Sunday School Class

9:45 AM, Room 205, *The Grace of Les Miserables* by Matt Rawle through April 10
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. Sunday, March 27, study information on the Weekly Small Groups page.

Skate for a New Hope in Ukraine

Wednesday, April 20, 6:30–9:30 PM

Chester Skateland

2300 Southland Drive, Chester

Carrie Coyner is hosting this benefit on behalf of UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief). Cost: \$8 Admission; \$5 Skate Rental; and \$3 Spectators. One hundred percent of all funds given to UMCOR will provide direct assistance to Ukrainians!

WEEKLY SMALL GROUPS

Faith Keepers Women's 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, Google Meet. We have open, safe conversations based in Jesus's love and reconciliation. POC: Maureen Coker (mcoker2003@comcast.net)

- **Wednesday, March 30 @ 12:00 PM:** TED Talk by Bryan Stevenson, Human rights lawyer. Watch this video before the discussion: <https://youtu.be/SzYQjJzULfc>
- **SUNDAYS IN-PERSON:** 6:30 PM in Room 226
POCs: Terri Dombrowski (profet2d@aol.com), Bobby Henderson (rhen6020@gmail.com)
 - ✓ **March 27:** Farmville Schools, Segregation & Integration
 - ✓ **April 3:** Nonviolent protests and police in 1963 Danville, VABefore each session, please visit <https://vaumc.org/racerelationsvideos/> to watch the video listed for each date, and come with questions, observations, and comments.

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, **2:00 PM**, at Chester Village Senior APTS (11701 Chester Village DR) POC: Bruce Johnson (bruce_bethjohnson@yahoo.com)

Bridge Builders Group Field Trip: Wednesday, April 6, 9:00 AM to 2:30 PM. We will tour the **Moton National Historic Landmark and Museum** (900 Griffin BLVD, Farmville, VA 23901). Those who wish may ride in the Church Van which will depart the church at 9 AM, or you can meet us at the museum. Bring a packed lunch and drink. For planning purposes and van space, please let us know of your intent to attend. Contact Maureen Coker (mcoker2003@comcast.net) or Pastor Chad (chadbeck@chesterumc.org).

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)

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 (cumcsecretary@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!

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.



Christ Caring for People through People

That is the motto of Stephen Ministry. The Stephen Minister's role is to bring God's love into the lives of people who are going through a difficult time or experiencing a crisis. What do Stephen Ministers do? They listen, care, support, encourage, and pray with and for a person who is hurting. And in the midst of this confidential, one-to-one, caring relationship, God's healing love comes pouring through. If someone you know is facing a crisis—large or small—and could benefit from the caring presence of a Stephen Minister, talk to one of our Stephen Leaders by calling the church office... Our Stephen Ministers are ready to care for you!

LOOKING AHEAD

- April 3** CONNECTIONS Class (April 3, 10, 24, May 1)
- 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, **10:00 AM**
- April 17:** **Easter Services:** 6:30 AM Sunrise, Annex Lawn, do-nuts afterward
8:30 AM (DFH), 9:55 AM (Sanc.), 11:00 AM (Sanc.)
- April 20** Skate for a New Hope for Ukraine, 6:30 PM, Chester Skateland
- April 24:** Confirmation Sunday at 8:30 and 11:00 AM services
UMW Salad Luncheon
- April 30:** Choir Tea, **CANCELLED**
- May 16:** Blood Drive, 11 AM-4 PM, DFH

VBS 2022 Date CHANGE: Mark your calendars for VBS 2022 scheduled for **JULY 11-15!** This year's theme is "Rocky Railway." 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).

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*

Worship Resources: Traditions Service

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