



May 1, 2022
9:55 AM

WORSHIP MUSIC

Where Could I Go?
Soon and Very Soon
How Great Is Our God
Sweeter as the Days Go By

SPECIAL MUSIC

Arise, My Soul, Arise
Mercy Still
Mette Shultz

SCRIPTURE

Acts 9:1-6

MESSAGE

“Blinded by Our Agendas”
Rev. Nathan Decker

SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

<u>DATE</u>	<u>SERMON TITLE</u>	<u>SCRIPTURE</u>	
May 8	<i>The First Angels</i>	Luke 24:1-11	NRSV
May 15	<i>Pardon My Shine, I'm Just Getting My Glory On</i>	Revelation 21:1-11	NRSV
May 22	<i>A Vision of Eternal Life</i>	Rev. 21:10, 22-22:5	
May 29	<i>Expressive Worship</i>	Psalms 47	Tanakh

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FRESH START SERVICE

May 1, 2022—8:30 AM



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

WORSHIP MUSIC

Cover the Earth
All the People Said Amen
In the Secret
Open the Eyes of My Heart

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May 1, 2022

A Service of Worship and Praise
11:00 AM

Third Sunday
of Easter

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

Welcome, Announcements and Greeting

Chimes

Prelude

Rejoice, the Lord is King

Organist

* Call to Worship¹

Leader: The disciples met the risen Christ as they went about their daily tasks—eating, fishing, preparing a meal.

People: We have gathered because we too want to know the presence of Jesus among us.

Leader: We gather around his table to know him in the breaking of the bread.

People: We will return to the world, seeking to know and to make known his presence there.

ALL: Glory to be God, Creator, Christ, and Spirit of life, in whom we live and move and have our being. Amen.

* Opening Prayer²

**“Oh, Lord, forgive three sins that are due to my human limitations.
Thou art Everywhere, but I worship thee here:
Thou art without form, but I worship thee in these forms;
Thou needs no praise, yet I offer thee these prayers and salutations.
Lord, forgive three sins that are due to my human limitations.” -**

* Opening Hymn No. 176

Majesty, Worship His Majesty

Anthem

He's the Only King

Chancel Choir

Why We Give

Offertory

Arise, My Soul, Arise

Mette Shultz &
Chris Johnston

* 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. 420

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

Scripture

Acts 9:1-6

Sermon

Blinded by Our Agendas

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Holy Communion

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Special Music

Mercy Still

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* Closing Hymn No. 454

Open My Eyes, That I May See

* 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.

Worship Footnotes:

¹ Copyright© 1985, Pilgrim Press, *Flames of the Spirit Resources for Worship*, by Duck, Ruth C.

² <https://www.goodreads.com/quotes/451683-oh-lord-forgive-three-sins-that-are-due-to-my>, M. M. Kaye

CALENDAR

May 1-8, 2022

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

Preschool Hours: Mon-Thurs 9:30 AM-1:30 PM

Today: 8:30 AM Nursery until 12:15 PM
 Fresh Start Worship-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/Stream
 11:00 AM Traditions Service-Sanc/Stream
 3:00 PM "Just Mercy Movie"-DFH
 4:00 PM MS/HS Youth-Annex
 6:00 PM Playdate wt Pastor-Pt of Rocks
 6:30 PM NO Bridge Builders

Mon.: 2:00 PM Village People-offsite
 6:30 PM Cub/Boy Scouts
 7:00 PM Jean Craig F'ship-205

Christian Parenting-Parlor

Tues.: 10:30 AM Joy Singers

3:30 PM Rest Stop-Annex

Wed.: 10:00 AM Visitation-226

12:00 PM Bridge Builders-Online

1:00 PM Clara Dyson Vis-WEUMC

2:00 PM Clara Dyson Service

Woods Edge UMC

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

11:00 AM Contemplative Prayer-Parlor

1:30 PM Prayer Shawl-Parlor

7:30 PM Chancel Choir

Fri.:

Sat.:

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Youth Sun Sch.-LOFT

9:55 AM Bridge Service-Sanc/Stream

11:00 AM Traditions Service-Sanc/Stream

4:00 PM NO MS/HS Youth

6:30 PM Bridge Builders

Online Giving: Scan the QR code with your smartphone to contribute online or visit www.chesterumc.org and click "Online Giving."



VBS 2022: Monday, JULY 11-Friday, JULY 15 This year's theme is "Rocky Railway." Plans are underway and more details are coming

Leading Our Worship NEXT SUNDAY, May 8, 2022

Greeters: 8:30 Maureen Coker, Barbara Dance

9:55 Laura Houglan

11:00 Will Schmidt, Mary Musselwhite

Ushers: 8:30 Gordon Jones*, Bill Comer, Ron Dombrowski *Indicates Head Usher

9:55 Gordon Jones*, Diane Medina

11:00 Gordon Morris*, Dean Hutchins, Tommy Petrey, Scott Pugh

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!*

Today, at the Fresh Start Service:

- + We Celebrate the Holy Baptism **Zoe Marie Hargraves** who was born on September 5, 2021. She is the daughter of James and Jessica Hargraves. The proud grandparents are Rev. Stan and Diane Hargraves (paternal) and Ricky and Tina Devericks.
- + We Welcome into Christian Discipleship **Daniele Beahm** and **Tom Nikles** by transfer from Willis United Methodist Church in Henrico, Virginia. Their 6th grade daughter, Oliva, was confirmed as a full, professing disciple of Chester UMC last Sunday, April 24.

Our Parish Nurse, Cindy Webb is in today (9:00-10:45, Office 111).

Livestreaming of our Sunday Services: The Bridge (9:55 AM) and Traditions (11:00 AM) services. The Fresh Start Service (8:30) will be available in the near future. Tune in via Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/ChesterUnitedMethodistChurch>) or YouTube (<https://www.youtube.com/c/ChesterUMC>).

Rest Stop Fishing Excursion Rescheduled Due to Weather: Tuesday, May 3, at the Appomattox Regional Park (800 Folar Trail, N Prince George, VA 23860). We will gather at the Education Shelter and fish from 10:30 AM - 1:00 PM. We need volunteers to come fellowship with the students and teach them how to fish. Contact Bobby Henderson (rhen6020@gmail.com) or *sign up in the pew pad.*

“Just Mercy” Movie Showing: Sunday, May 1, at 3:00 PM in Davis Fellowship Hall. “Just Mercy,” with Michael B Jordan, Jaime Foxx, and Brie Larson, is based on a true story that takes us inside America's broken criminal justice system and compels us to confront inequality and injustice. **Please join us!** (Sponsored by the Bridge Builders Group) POC: Chad Beck

Playdate with the Pastor: Sunday, May 1, 6:00 PM at R. Garland Dodd Park At Point Of Rocks. Children and their families (all ages) are invited to join in the fun! Our next park dates are Sunday, May 15, and Sunday, June 12. Same time, same place.

Red Cross Blood Drive at CUMC: Monday, May 16, 11:00 AM-4:00 PM. The need is great! Please sign up to give at www.redcrossblood.org. Our next blood drive will be on Wednesday, July 6, 2022.

KEEP IN PRAYER: family of Joseph Lojek; family of Clara Dyson; Sam Beavin (nephew of Diane Merryman); Ruth & Jimmy Reese (stepmom & father of Wanda Reece); Frank Kirtley; Andrew Dyson (son of Jim Dyson); family of Anne Bledsoe; family of Julian Thomas; Tracey Wilshaw (sister of Debra Hubley); Debbie Yerby; Gabbie Locey (friend of the Friends); Shirley Burgess (mother of Jan Bryant); family of Suzanna Burr (sister of Cindy Yuoconis; Cecelia Caruso (close friend of Talina Beck); Cornelia DeWitt; Oscar Turner (friend of Cornelia's); Kay Murphy (aunt of Gordon Morris); Clayton Herring (brother of Linda Mottley); Debbie Freed; Janean Trimble; Doug and Clara Gestwick.

Our Presence April 24, 2022

Fresh Start Service	126
The Bridge Service	65
Traditions Service	113
Online/Call In	17
Total Worship Attendance.....	321

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, May 1, 2022

Greeters:	8:30	Vince & Linda D’Agostino	
	9:55	Stephanie Decker	
	11:00	Steve & Joan Osborne	
Ushers:	8:30	Gordon Jones*, Dale Clark, Bill Comer	*Indicates Head Usher
	9:55	Gordon Jones*, Jim Watkins	
	11:00	Gordon Morris*, Marshall Henry, Scott Pugh Tim & Beth Stewart	
Nursery:	8:30, 9:55, 11:00	Staff Members, Alistia Mabry & Carla Adams	

United Methodist Women:

- **Women's Accessories Drive** to benefit 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 **by Sunday, May 22**. Women residing in the Chesterfield-Colonial Heights service area can shop free of charge by appointment for interview and work attire. Many 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.
- **UMCOR KITS for CONFERENCE— Our goal for this year's June 16-18 Virginia United Methodist Annual Conference in Hampton is 100 hygiene kits.** The United Methodist Committee on Relief operates two relief depots, one in Salt Lake City and the Sager Brown Depot in Baldwin, Louisiana. For the past several years, CUMC and the UMW have collected materials for and assembled health kits to be sent to Sager Brown. The entire congregation is invited to support this effort by donating items to be packed into kits. Pick up your "assignment ticket" from the display in the Atrium and return the assigned items to the labeled bin in the Missions Closet by noon on Sunday, May 22. POC: Susan Petrey (938-5396)



Mark Kroos

**Chester United
Methodist Church**

Sunday, May 8th
In Morning Worship Services

**12132 Percival St
Chester, VA**

Scan this code with your camera to watch Mark play "Come Together"



SUNDAY SMALL GROUPS

Sunday Soles—Faith on the Move: Sundays at 3:30 PM, at the Annex, weather permitting. Check the church Fb page for cancellation or time changes for the walk/run. We start with a group warm-up, then a 2-mile loop. Routes provided so you can go at your own pace. POCs: Sarah Bowers (massagebysarahb@gmail.com) & Natalie Galarza (familygalarza05@gmail.com).

Fresh Start Sunday School Class

9:45 AM, Room 205, Resuming April 24, “If God is Love, Don’t be a jerk,” by Pavlovitz.
POC: Susan Petrey (susanmpetrey@gmail.com)

Journey Sunday School Class

9:45 AM, Annex and Google Meet (<https://meet.google.com/ptm-pieh-vve>)
Beginning May 1, Traveling Light, by Max Lucado
POCs: Carolyn Landis (landisfamily05@gmail.com);
Eric Hougland (ehougland88@gmail.com)

Seekers Sunday School Class

9:40 AM, Room 226, *Beginning May 15*, Ecclesiastes: Chasing After Meaning (LifeGuide Bible Studies) by Teresa & Bill Syrios
POC: Barbara MacIntyre (telluwhatbarbara@aim.com)

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).

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 (klclark51@gmail.com)

Bridge Builders In-Person: No 6:30 PM Class on May 1.

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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 **May 2**. 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. Next meeting is **Wednesday, May 4**.
Topic: Criminal Justice
Meeting URL: <https://meet.google.com/khf-wohx-ohn>; PIN: 364 162 348#
POC: Maureen Coker (mcoker2003@comcast.net)

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)

How to Pay your Annual Tithes in a Lump sum: Kudos to those of you who use/used IRAs to put away money without having to pay federal taxes on it!!! For over 40 years, IRAs have been sound saving instruments and each year, members and friends of CUMC find themselves in the category of investors who are required to take “required minimum distributions” (RMD). If you or someone you know falls into this category, please keep reading.

Federal tax is to be paid on each of your “required minimum distributions”. These distributions may place some of you in a higher tax bracket. But guess what?!?! Your distribution can be done as a “qualified charitable distribution” (QCD) directly from your IRA to Chester UMC and you will not pay federal tax on the distribution. If you are at least 70.5 years old and retired, you have QCDs as an option, but remember, a QCD is already a tax-free strategy, therefore, it cannot be included in your tax return as a gift. This is a great way to pay your annual tithes all at one time.

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.



You Can Play an Important Role in Our Stephen Ministry . . .

. . . Because you may know of a friend, neighbor, co-worker, or relative who is going through a difficult time and who could benefit from the focused care, encouragement, and support of a Stephen Minister. If you know of someone who is hurting, call the church office to be referred to a Stephen Leader. They can talk with you about how we can connect the person you know with one of our Stephen Ministers. It's a great way for you to show how much you care!

LOOKING AHEAD

May 1	Playdate with the Pastor, 6 PM, Point of Rocks Park
May 8	Guest Guitarist, Mark Kroos, at all 3 services.
May 15	Playdate with the Pastor, 6 PM, Point of Rocks Park
May 16	MONDAY Blood Drive, 11 AM-4 PM, DFH
May 22	Graduate Recognition, 8:30 and 11:00 services
June 12	Playdate with the Pastor, 6 PM at Point of Rocks Park
June 29	Choir Tour Home Concert, 7 PM in the Sanctuary
July 6	Blood Drive, DFH, 11 AM-4 PM
July 9	Batman & Wonder Woman: Heroes for Jesus
July 11-15	Vacation Bible School at Chester UMC
August 10	Blood Drive, DFH, 11 AM-4 PM



PLAYING AROUND THE PLAYGROUND

SUNDAY, MAY 1 - 6:00 PM

POINT OF ROCKS PARK

201 ENON CHURCH RD, CHESTER, VA 23836
R. GARLAND DODD PARK



Join us for a play date in the park with your
friends and family from Chester UMC!