



May 8, 2022  
9:55 AM

**WORSHIP MUSIC**

Unclouded Day  
Bigger Than Any Mountain  
Leaning of the Everlasting Arms

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

Mark Kroos

**SCRIPTURE**

Luke 24:1-11  
NRSV

**MESSAGE**

“The First Evangelists”  
Rev. Nathan Decker

**SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

<u>DATE</u>	<u>SERMON TITLE</u>	<u>SCRIPTURE</u>	
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
June 5	<i>Where is God taking Chester UMC?</i>	Acts 2:1-17	The Voice

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### **FRESH START SERVICE**

May 8, 2022—8:30 AM



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

#### **WORSHIP MUSIC**

Sing, Sing, Sing  
We Believe  
Salt and Light

#### **SPECIAL MUSIC**

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#### **SCRIPTURE**

Luke 24:1-11  
*NRSV*

#### **MESSAGE**

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May 8, 2022

A Service of Worship and Praise  
11:00 AM

Fourth Sunday  
of Easter

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

Welcome, Announcements and Greeting

Chimes

Prelude

Mark Kroos

\* Call to Worship<sup>1</sup>

Leader: Holy Spirit, rain down on this place.

**People: Let our souls drink your goodness.**

Leader: When the world calls us orphaned:

**People: Come, Holy Spirit, make us family.**

Leader: When the world leads us astray:

**People: Come, Holy Spirit, call us home.**

**All: Come, Holy Spirit, come! Come and fill this place!**

\* Opening Prayer<sup>2</sup>

**God, your love which proclaims all people equal was proclaimed to us at our baptism.**

**May we incarnate that love by making equal and just whatever is not. Amen.**

\* Opening Hymn No. 327                      *Crown Him With Many Crowns*

\* 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.**

Reception of New Members

Why We Give

Offertory

Mark Kroos

\* 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**

Special Music

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Hymn No. 177

*He Is Lord*

Scripture

*Luke 24:1-11*

NRSV

Sermon

*The First Evangelists*

Rev. Nathan Decker

\* Closing Hymn No. 322                      *Up From the Grave He Arose*

\* Benediction

\* Choral Amen

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

**The Flowers on the Altar** are given to the glory of God by Donna Nunery in honor of the 95<sup>th</sup> birthday of my mother, Bobbie Morrissette

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

**Worship Footnotes:**

<sup>1</sup> Worship & Song Worship Resources Editions ©2011 by Abingdon Press, by Ciona Rouse

<sup>2</sup> Copyright© 1985, Pilgrim Press, *Flames of the Spirit Resources for Worship*, by Duck, Ruth C.

## CALENDAR

### May 8-15, 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

4:00 PM NO MS/HS Youth  
 6:30 PM Bridge Builders-226  
 Mon.: 2:00 PM Village People-offsite  
 6:30 PM Cub/Boy Scouts

Tues.: 10:30 AM Joy Singers  
 1:00 PM History Com-220  
 3:30 PM Rest Stop-Annex

Wed.: 12:00 PM Bridge Builders-Online  
 6:30 PM GS Service Unit-DFH  
 7:00 PM Trustees-Annex  
 Chancel Choir-Sanc.

Thurs.: 7:30 AM Men's Group-Grant's Coffee  
 10:30 AM Bookman F'ship-Howlett's  
 11:00 AM Contemplative Prayer-Parlor

1:30 PM Prayer Shawl-Parlor  
 6:30 PM Disciple Life-Annex  
 Boy Scout Leaders-116

Fri.:

Sat.:

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 Youth Sun Sch.-LOFT  
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 11:00 AM Traditions Service-Sanc/Stream  
 4:00 PM MS/HS Youth-Annex Loft  
 6:00 PM Play Date wt Pastor-Pt of Rocks  
 6:30 PM Bridge Builders

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**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 15, 2022

<b>Greeters:</b>	<b>8:30</b> Bill & Karen Comer <b>9:55</b> Laura Houglund <b>11:00</b> Donna Nunery
<b>Ushers:</b>	<b>8:30</b> Dave Coker*, Bruce Johnson, Wendell Landis *Indicates Head Usher <b>9:55</b> Gordon Morris*, JR Irvin <b>11:00</b> Gordon Morris*, Larry Koon, Emory Large, Vann Stanfield, Tommy Petrey
<b>Nursery:</b>	<b>8:30, 9:55, 11:00</b> 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, We Welcome into Christian Discipleship:**

- + **Hayden Christian Coyner** (age 15) by profession of faith (Fresh Start Service)
- + **Jeff and Linda Marlin** by transfer from Canon United Methodist Church in Snellville, GA (Traditions Service)

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

**Playdate with the Pastor:** Sunday, May 15, **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 date is 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](http://www.redcrossblood.org). Our next blood drive will be on Wednesday, July 6, 2022.

**Guest Musician Mark Kroos** plays 2 guitar necks at the same time. Originally from Lansing, MI but currently based in Central Florida he is one of the only people in the world touring his trade. His primarily instrumental style is characterized by open harmonies, polyphonic textures, incredible tapping technique, and is as entertaining to watch as it is to listen to. Live performances burst with energy and magnetism not typical of solo guitar music. Drawing influence from folk, Celtic, indie, and even punk rock artists as well as great guitarists such as Michael Hedges, Tommy Emmanuel and Leo Kottke, Mark Kroos has developed his own edge to the acoustic guitar. In July of 2011, Mark competed in Guitar Player Magazine's International Guitar Superstar Competition in Nashville for host Larry Carlton and renowned judges Muriel Anderson, Reeves Gabrels and Carl Verheyen, taking 1st place out of 5 invited competitors and thousands of others who had submitted online. Mark's touring began in May 2010 when he embarked on a sparsely-booked road trip, giving up his apartment in Williamsburg, Virginia to play coffee shops and bars, relying on donations, human kindness, and the grace of God.

**Thank You, Church!** Chester UMC Disciples donated more than 60 bags of tortilla chips which were delivered (along with a plethora of dips!) to the faculty and staff at Elizabeth Davis Middle School on Thursday, May 5. The delivery also included an encouragement board crafted by our youth.

**KEEP IN PRAYER:** Kitty Lipscomb; family of Joseph Lojek; family of Clara Dyson; Sam Beavin (nephew of Diane Merryman); Ruth & Jimmy Reese (stepmom & father of Wanda Reece); Frank Kirtley; Tracey Wilshaw (sister of Debra Hubley); Cecilia Caruso (close friend of Talina Beck); Kay Murphy (aunt of Gordon Morris); Clayton Herring (brother of Linda Mottley); Debbie Freed; Janean Trimble; Doug and Clara Gestwick.

**Our Presence May 1, 2022**

Fresh Start Service.....	117
The Bridge Service .....	80
Traditions Service.....	116
Online/Call In .....	22
<b>Total Worship Attendance.....</b>	<b>335</b>

**CHESTER UMC ONLINE RESOURCES**

- **Website:** [www.chesterumc.org](http://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/bIV9TV> 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](mailto: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](mailto:rmachachi@aol.com)).
- **The Chimes**, bi-monthly newsletter: Submit items to [communication@chesterumc.org](mailto:communication@chesterumc.org) on 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of January, March, May, July, September, and November.

**Need a Nametag?** Contact Terry ([cumcsecretary@chesterumc.org](mailto: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.

**Leading Our Worship TODAY, May 8, 2022**

<b>Greeters:</b>	<b>8:30</b>	Andy & Eileen Steck	
	<b>9:55</b>	Laura Houglund	
	<b>11:00</b>	Will Schmidt, Mary Musselwhite	
<b>Ushers:</b>	<b>8:30</b>	Gordon Jones*, Bill Comer, Ron Dombrowski	*Indicates Head Usher
	<b>9:55</b>	Gordon Jones*, Diane Medina	
	<b>11:00</b>	Gordon Morris*, Dean Hutchins, Tommy Petrey, Scott Pugh	
<b>Nursery:</b>	<b>8:30, 9:55, 11:00</b>	Staff Members, Alistia Mabry & Carla Adams	

**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>).

### **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)



**What Do Stephen Ministers Do?** Ever thought about becoming a Stephen Minister? Stephen Ministers work alongside our pastors to care, encourage, and provide emotional and spiritual support to people who are going through a difficult time, such as divorce, grief, hospitalization, unemployment, terminal illness, relocation, chronic illness, or loneliness. If you have gifts for caring, encouragement, and listening, please begin to prayerfully consider whether you might want to be part of this exciting ministry. If you think you might be interested, please contact Stephen Leader Steve Osborne at 407-921-0227



## 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](mailto:massagebysarahb@gmail.com)) & Natalie Galarza ([familygalarza05@gmail.com](mailto:familygalarza05@gmail.com)).

### **Fresh Start Sunday School Class**

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

### **Journey Sunday School Class**

9:45 AM, Annex and Google Meet (<https://meet.google.com/ptm-pieh-vve>)  
Traveling Light, by Max Lucado  
POCs: Carolyn Landis ([landisfamily05@gmail.com](mailto:landisfamily05@gmail.com));  
Eric Hougland ([ehougland88@gmail.com](mailto: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 Syries  
POC: Barbara MacIntyre ([telluwhatbarbara@aim.com](mailto: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](mailto:carrie.coyner@gmail.com)).

### **Senior Singles Sunday School Class**

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

### **Middle and High School Youth Sunday School**

9:45 AM, Annex Loft  
POC: Dale ([fungoboy77@gmail.com](mailto:fungoboy77@gmail.com)) and Karen Clark ([klsclark51@gmail.com](mailto:klsclark51@gmail.com))

**Bridge Builders In-Person:** 6:30 PM, Room 226. Visit <https://vaumc.org/racerelationsvideos/> before each session to watch the short video listed for each date and come with questions, observations, and comments. POCs: Terri Dombrowski ([profet2d@aol.com](mailto:profet2d@aol.com)), Bobby Henderson ([Rhen6020@gmail.com](mailto:Rhen6020@gmail.com))

## WEEKLY SMALL GROUPS

**Faith Keepers Women's Prayer Group:** Mondays, 9:00 AM at Grants Coffee Co. (11884 Chester Village DR). POC: Julie Ferry ([julieferry@gmail.com](mailto:julieferry@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.

Meeting URL: <https://meet.google.com/khf-wohx-ohn>; PIN: 364 162 348#  
POC: Maureen Coker ([mcoker2003@comcast.net](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:bruce_bethjohnson@yahoo.com))

### LOOKING AHEAD

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