

the bridge

July 31, 2022

9:55 AM

WORSHIP MUSIC

I'll Fly Away
Sweeter as the Days Go By
Amazing Grace/Peaceful, Easy Feeling
He Knows Just What I Need

MESSAGE

“Drawn by the Great Physician”
Rev. Chad Beck

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26
NRSV

SPECIAL MUSIC

The Lord's Prayer
Chelsea Buyalos

SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

<u>DATE</u>	<u>SERMON TITLE</u>	<u>SCRIPTURE</u>
Aug. 7	<i>Free to Live by Faith</i>	Galatians 2:15-21
Aug. 14	<i>Colossal Teaching: What does God look like?</i>	Colossians 1:15-23
Aug. 21	<i>Colossal Teaching: What are we arguing about again?</i>	Colossians 2:6-8, 16-23
Aug. 28	<i>Colossal Teaching: What are we supposed to wear?</i>	Colossians 3:12-17

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FRESH START SERVICE

July 31, 2022—8:30 AM



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

WORSHIP MUSIC

Everlasting God

Majestic

All Who Are Thirsty

This Is Amazing Grace

SPECIAL MUSIC

The Lord's Prayer

Chelsea Buyalos

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

NRSV

MESSAGE

“Drawn by the Great Physician”

Rev. Chad Beck

July 31, 2022

A Service of Worship and Praise
11:00 AM

9th Sunday
after Pentecost

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

Welcome, Announcements and Greeting

Chimes

Prelude

Immortal, Invisible

Organist

* Call to Worship¹

Leader: We weep, O God, when we are held captive to things that are not of you.

People: Let us remember in the midst of our captivity to sing your song of hope as we recall your promises to us.

Leader: Let us weep with hope, and let us rejoice in your presence, even when we do not see you or feel your presence.

People: For our trust is in you. Amen.

* Opening Prayer²

Jesus, we bow in wonder at the expanse of your embrace, the breadth of your inclusion, and the surprise of your grace. You seek and seek and seek, including those we write off as beyond hope: the outcasts, the public sinners, the self-serving, those who collaborate with evil and oppression.

Why are we surprised? You desire mercy not sacrifice. You are the Great Physician coming to those most in need of healing.

Forgive us. Forgive us for forgetting who you are. Forgive us for forgetting our own sin and isolation, and collaboration. Forgive us for judging. Forgive our self-righteousness. Forgive us for limiting you when we are so desperately in need of you. We are “those most in need” as well. Create in us clean hearts and renew your Holy Spirit within us. Lord have mercy. Lord have mercy on us all. Amen.

* Opening Hymn No. 88

Maker In Whom We Live

* Affirmation of Faith No. 885

* 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.

Why We Give

* Doxology No. 95

**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. 367

He Touched Me

Scripture

Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

NRSV

Sermon

Drawn by the Great Physician

Pastor Chad Beck

* Closing Hymn

We Are Called

See insert.

* Benediction

* Postlude

* *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 Dale and Karen Clark in honor of their 40th wedding anniversary.

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

Worship Footnotes:

¹ Psalm 137; adapted by Sheri Daylong © 2006 Upper Room Books

² based on the call of Matthew © 2017 Lisa Ann Moss Degrenia

CALENDAR
July 31-August 7, 2022

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

Today: 8:30 AM Nursery until 12:00 PM
Fresh Start Worship-DFH
9:30 AM Children's Sun Sch-210
9:45 AM Adult Sunday Sch-Variou
Youth Sun Sch-Annex Loft
9:55 AM Bridge Service-Sanc/Stream
11:00 AM Traditions Service-Sanc/Stream
Mon.: 7:00 PM Jean Craig F'ship-Cottage
Tues.: 1:00 PM History Com-220
7:00 PM Young Adults Bible Study-
Annex
Wed.: 7:00 PM **Nominations Com**-226
Thurs.: 7:30 AM Men's Group-Grant's Coffee
11:00 AM Singing Bowls-226

Thurs.: 1:30 PM Prayer Shawl-Parlor
Thurs.: 6:00 PM Woodmen-DFH
Fri.: Office Closed
Sat.:

Next Sunday: August 7, 2022

8:30 AM Nursery until 12:00 PM
Fresh Start Worship-DFH
9:30 AM Children's Sun Sch-DFH
9:45 AM Youth Sun Sch-Annex Loft
Adult Sunday Sch-Variou
9:55 AM Bridge Service-Sanc/Stream
11:00 AM Traditions Service-Sanc/Stream
5:00 PM Youth Pool Party-
Woodland Pond Pool

CUMC T-Shirts are available for pick up in the Atrium. Pre-ordered shirts have the names on them. First come, first served on the remaining shirts. We will not be ordering more shirts.

Raleigh Ringers Handbell Concert Sunday, August 28, 4:00 PM at Brandermill Church (4500 Millridge Parkway, Midlothian, VA 23114). Advance tickets are \$20, or \$25 at the door. Contact Dawn Rancka (804-744-3661, ext. 101) to purchase or for more info.

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



Leading Our Worship Next Sunday, August 7, 2022

Greeters: 8:30 Bill & Karen Comer
9:55 Stephanie Decker
11:00 Linda Large, Wil Schmidt
Ushers: 8:30 Gordon Jones *, Dale Clark, Bruce Johnson *Head Usher
9:55 Gordon Jones*, Jim Watkins
11:00 Gordon Morris*, Larry Koon, Steve & Joan Osborne, 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!*

Our Parish Nurse, Cindy Webb will be in today, July 24.

Singing Bowls Sound Bath: Thursday, August 4, 11:00 AM in Room 226. The Contemplative Prayer group will host Jim Morgan who will lead us in a sound bath. A "sound bath" is a meditative experience using sound waves produced by singing bowls, chimes, percussion, and other instruments. Using frequency and vibration, the listener is invited to simply be present (seated or reclined), focus on breath, and clear one's mind. It is an invitation to discover our deeper self and connect with the Divine. All are welcome to join us! You may want to bring a yoga mat and a pillow. POC: Lisa Stanfield (lisajostanfield@gmail.com)

CUMC Blood Drive: Wednesday, August 10, 11:00 AM–4:00 PM. Book your appointment to donate blood at www.redcrossblood.org. The need is great.

CUMC in a Nutshell: Sunday, August 14, 9:45 AM in Room 116. . If you are new, visiting, or just want to learn more about Chester United Methodist Church, please join us to meet others and chat about what's happening at Chester UMC. *Please sign up in the pew pad if you are interested in attending.* POCs: Joan Osborne (540-270-4251) and Beth Stewart (919-210-2220)

Kid's Koinonia Communion Training: 6:00 PM, Sunday, September 18, for first and second graders and their parents. Please join Pastor Nathan for a time of art, craft, experience, and growth to explore how God loves us through bread, juice, and Jesus. On October 2, the children will assist with serving communion at the Fresh Start service.

Children's Sunday School is growing in fun, exciting ways! Beginning August 21, we will have two classes, K-2nd grade and 3rd-5th grade! Until then, the kids continue this summer in a combined class in Room 210. POC: Pastor Chad.

Mission Trip: Sunday, November 6–Saturday, November 12. A mission team is being organized to go to western Virginia to help with flood relief. Team meetings will be held on Sunday, August 28, and Sunday, September 25, at 6:00 PM in Room 226. Deadline for applications is October 12. We will meet on Sunday, October 23, at 6:00 PM in Room 226 to go over final details and packing instructions. We will leave after the early service on November 6 and return in the evening on November 12. If you are interested in going or want more details, please contact Keith Mottley (540-760-4376; keith.mottley@comcast.net).

KEEP IN PRAYER: Tory Powner; Cornelia Dewitt; Jo Browning (mother of Lisa Clark); Patricia Black & family; Joe Kiser; Jimmy Dagenheart (friend of Paul Maretti, Cornelia DeWitt, Debbie Hubley, Dianna Tate); Al (friend of Debbie Hubley); family of Dennis Knaack; family of Madeline Keever; Paul Duffy; Karin Koch (mother of Jonathan Koch); Marty Beverly; Isaias Garcia (friend of the Becks); EJ Walters & Kristin C. (friends of Debbie Hubley); Benjamin Blackwell (nephew of Anita Nugent); Betty Owen (sister-in-law of Gail King); Vernelle Curtis; Charles “Pa” Decker (father of Pastor Nathan); Kitty Lipscomb; Clayton Herring (brother of Linda Mottley); Debbie Freed; Janean Trimble; Doug and Clara Gestwick.

Our Presence July 24, 2022

Fresh Start Service	89
The Bridge Service	69
Traditions Service	100
Online/Call In	23
Total Worship Attendance.....	281

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, July 31, 2022

Greeters:	8:30	Vince & Linda D’Agostino	
	9:55	Claudia Nagy	
	11:00	Donna Nunnery, Janis Hargrave	
Ushers:	8:30	Gordon Jones *, Bill Comer, Ron Dombrowski	*Head Usher
	9:55	Gordon Morris*, JR Irvin	
	11:00	Gary Williams*, Emory Large, Jeff Marlin, Tommy Petrey, Scott Pugh	
Nursery:	8:30, 9:55, 11:00	Staff Members, Alistia Mabry & Carla Adams	

ITEMS NEEDED FOR SIERRA LEONE

Manak Community Health Organization (MaCHO) in Sierra Leone is a 501c3 nonprofit founded in March 2020. In June 2021, the first temporary medical clinic was opened by Kadija and Nathaniel Conteh-Barrat after their first medical mission trip to the area. The organization was established to improve the health conditions for women and children by setting up health clinics in their community. "We realized that the healthcare need was far greater than we ever anticipated," said Kadija. "And that we needed to establish clinics within the communities we serve in order to achieve continuity of care and sustainability." All medical services for women and children are free. Another project is teaching women skills that can help them become entrepreneurs and start a business or work with other women to create products to sell. MACHO is also collecting books for children and adults to read. Visit <https://manakhealth.com/>; <https://manakhealth.com/hatsies-womens-center>; <https://manakhealth.com/hatsies-womens-center>; or <https://manakhealth.com/the-steven-klass-library> for more information.

If you would like to donate fabric, sewing supplies, sewing machines, books, and old costume jewelry to this project, please contact Diane Merryman at dianemerryman@gmail.com or by phone or text at 804-586-4189. THANK YOU!

"You Are Safe With Me" Rainbow Pins are still available in the Church Office. Wear one at church and in the community to let our LGBTQ+ friends know that you love and support them. The pins are free, but donations are welcome (\$10 suggested). Checks payable to CUMC (Memo: Pins).

LOOKING AHEAD

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| August 5 | Shannon Gibson Brown Concert, 8 PM, Henrico Theatre, \$10 |
| August 10 | Blood Drive , DFH, 11 AM – 4 PM |
| August 13 | Children's Pool Party, 12 – 4 PM at Stony Glen residence |
| Aug. 14 | CUMC in a Nutshell , 9:45 AM, Room 116
Playground with the Pastor, 6:30 PM, Point of Rocks Playground |
| Aug. 28 | Playground with the Pastor, 6:30 PM, Point of Rocks Playground |
| Sept. 7 | Stephen Ministry Training Begins, 9:30 AM – noon
Chancel Choir Rehearsals Restart (7 PM) |
| Sept. 10 | United Methodist Men's Breakfast, DFH |
| Sept. 11 | Playground with the Pastor, 6:30 PM, Point of Rocks Playground |
| Sept. 17 | Church Workday , 9 AM – 2 PM |
| Sept. 18 | Fall CONNECTIONS begin (Sept. 18, 25, Oct. 2, 9), 9:45 AM
Kids Koinonia Communion session, 1 st & 2 nd graders, 6 PM |
| Sept 25 | MISSION SUNDAY , 8:30-11 AM, ONLY Traditions Service, NO SS |

SUNDAY SMALL GROUPS

Children's Sunday School: 9:30 – 9:55 playground, 10:00 – 10:45 Bible/gospel lesson & activities in **Room 210**. Beginning August 21, grades K-2 will meet separately from grades 3-5. Chad Beck (chadbeck@chesterumc.org)

Sunday Soles—Faith on the Move: WILL RESUME IN THE SEPTEMBER

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)

Fresh Start Sunday School Class

9:45 AM, Room 205, *The Mayberry Bible Study Series* uses classic episodes from *The Andy Griffith Show*, along with relevant scripture, as modern parables on the teachings of Jesus. 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.

Journey Sunday School Class: WILL RESUME ON AUGUST 7.

9:45 AM, Annex and Google Meet (<https://meet.google.com/ptm-pieh-vve>)
POCs: Carolyn Landis (landisfamily05@gmail.com);
Eric Houglan (ehouglan88@gmail.com)

Seekers Sunday School Class

9:40 AM, Room 226, The Message of John's Letters (The Bible Speaks Today Studies) by David Jackman; begins August 7. We welcome visitors and new members.
POC: Barbara MacIntyre (telluwhatbarbara@aim.com)

Senior Singles Sunday School Class

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

Middle and High School Youth Sunday School

9:45 AM, Annex Loft, Games, Simple Mission Projects, & Gospel lessons!
POCs: Tom Nikles (bb55fan@hotmail.com) & Daniele Beahm (d_beahm@hotmail.com)

Friendship Ministry Class

10:40 AM, Room 116, for adults who are cognitively challenged
POCs: Mary Hayes (JLMinNaples@msn.com)

Bridge Builders

2nd Sunday of the month, 12:15–1:30 PM, in Room 226
(Oct. 9, Nov. 13, Dec. 11, Jan. 8, Feb. 12, Mar. 12, Apr 16 (due to Easter), and May 14.)
First meeting is scheduled for 12:15 PM on **Sunday, SEPTEMBER 18**, in Room 226.

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)

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. On **August 4**, we will meet in Room 226 to relax with the Singing Bowl Sound Bath (see bulletin announcement) 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 SUMMER Schedule: meets every 3rd Monday, 2:00 PM, Community Room at Chester Village Senior APTS (11701 Chester Village DR). Weekly meetings will resume in the fall. POC: Bruce Johnson (bruce_bethjohnson@yahoo.com)

Playground with the Pastor: August 14, 6:30 PM at Point of Rocks Park (201 Enon Church RD, Chester 23836—R. Garland Dodd Park.). Join us for fun with Chester UMC friends and family on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of June, July, August, September, and October!

Summer Young Adult Bible Study: Tuesdays, 7:00 PM in the Annex Loft, facilitated by Evan Moody. ALL post-high school young adults are invited to join us! *If you are interested, please contact Evan* (tmooody44@yahoo.com). The group's final meeting will be AUGUST 16.

LIVING RIGHT



“I must be living right!” You have probably spoken those words in the midst of a very good day. What does it mean to “live right”? Peter lays it out for us: “As servants of God, live as free people. . . Honor everyone. . .” (1 Peter 2:16-17 NRSV). Those who are involved in **Stephen Ministry**, our congregation's one-to-one caregiving ministry, do just that. They serve God and respect others by providing Christian care. Is this a way you want to serve the Lord? We are starting a new training class on September 7, 2022. If you are interested, please contact Steve Osborne at 407-921-0227.

CUMC School Supply Drive: July 24-August 30. Each year, our generous church family helps to support the CUMC Preschool and local elementary schools (Curtis & Harrowgate) by donating school supplies. Items given to the public schools help housing insecure children, transient students, and others in need. Please put your donations in the labeled bins in the Missions copies of the supply lists are available in the Atrium.

PUBLIC SCHOOL WISH LIST

Deadline Sunday, August 14

Crayons (24-count)
Folders (pocket, plastic)
Glue Sticks
Highlighters
Index Cards
Markers (8 or 10 count-washable)
Markers, dry erase (black)
Notebooks (composition)
Notebooks (spiral, single subject)
Pencil Boxes, plastic
Pencils, colored
Pencils (No. 2, pre-sharpened preferred)
Scissors (blunt & pointed, metal)
Tissues, boxed
Ziploc Bags (sandwich & gallon)

CUMC PRESCHOOL WISH LIST

Deadline Tuesday, August 30

Card stock, white (8 ½ x11")
Composition notebooks
Crayola Crayons (24 count)
Crayola Markers (8 count washable, low odor)
Glue Bottles (8oz. washable)
Glue Sticks (washable)
Hand Sanitizer (1g. bottles)
Laminating sheets (Scott brand, 8 ½ x11")
Paper plates (cheap, 9" white)
School scissors, plastic (blunt tip)
Sharpies, black
Tape (masking, painters, Scotch refills)
Tissues
Wipes, baby
Ziploc bags (all sizes)

Supplies for Veterans: Volunteer Service, the group that has been accepting and distributing our cards to the Veterans, has made us aware that the patients at McGuire Veterans Hospital, need personal items during their stay there. *Please place your donations in the labeled bin in the Missions Closet.* POC: Barbara MacIntyre (telluwhatbarbara@aim.com)

ITEMS REQUESTED:

1. bar soap (unscented like Dove)
2. body wash (like Arm & Hammer)
3. cheap shower shoes/flip flops (men's sizes 6-12)
4. men's medium size sweatshirt & matching pants

We Are Called



1. Come! Live in the light! _____ Shine with the
 2. Come! O - pen your heart! _____ Show your
 3. Sing! Sing a new song! _____ Sing of that



joy and the love of the Lord! We are called _____ to be
 mer - cy to all those in fear! We are called _____ to be
 great day when all will be one! God will reign, _____ and we'll



light for the king-dom, to live in the free-dom of the
 hope for the hope-less so all ha-tred and blind-ness will
 walk with each oth - er as sis - ters and broth-ers u -



cit-y of God! _____
 be no more! _____ We are called to act with
 nit-ed in love! _____



jus-tice, _____ we are called to love ten-der - ly, _____



— we are called to serve one an - oth-er, _____ to



walk hum-bly with God! _____

WORDS: David Haas (Mic. 6:8)
 MUSIC: David Haas

WE ARE CALLED
 Irregular with Refrain