



May 14, 2023, 9:55 AM

**WORSHIP MUSIC**

Sweeter as the Days Go By  
Soon and Very Soon  
Amazing Grace/Peaceful, Easy Feeling  
Boundless Love

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

Majesty  
*Jack Price, trumpet*

**SCRIPTURE**

Mark 12:28-34 NIV

**MESSAGE**

Staying in Love With God  
*Pastor Chad Beck*

*Having trouble seeing the screen? Just ask an usher for a copy of today's large print song lyrics.*

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*A Community in Christ*

## **Chester United Methodist Church**

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### **FRESH START SERVICE**

May 14, 2023—8:30 AM



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

#### **WORSHIP MUSIC**

Let God Arise  
Sing, Sing, Sing  
Good, Good Father  
Love the Lord

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Abide With Me  
*Jack Price, trumpet*

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May 14, 2023

A Service of Worship and Praise  
11:00 AM

6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of  
Easter

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Welcome, Announcements, and Greeting

Prelude

*Majesty*

Jack Price, trumpet

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

Leader: Come, let us praise the Lord!

**People: Let us shout our songs of thanksgiving to Almighty God!**

Leader: For God has done wonderful things for us.

**People: God's love and blessings have been showered upon us.**

Leader: Come, let us praise the Lord!

**People: Let us sing songs of great joy to God!**

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

**Lord, we gather here this day in praise and thanksgiving for all the wonderful things you have done for us. Help us to be faithful disciples in all that we think, do, and say, that your great love may be revealed and offer healing to all people. Amen.**

\* Hymn No. 139

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

\* Affirmation of Faith 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.**

Special Music

*Be Still*

Chancel Choir

Why We Give

Offertory

*Abide With Me*

Jack Price, trumpet

\* Doxology No. 94

**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. 156

*I Love to Tell the Story*

Children's Message

Scripture

*Mark 12:28-34*

*NIV*

Sermon

*Staying in Love With God*

Pastor Chad Beck

\* Closing Hymn No. 384

*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

\* 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 and in honor of moms and graduates by Kris Spadaccia.

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/3211/worship-connection-october-31-2021>

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**CALENDAR**  
*May 14-21, 2023*

Today	8:15 AM	Nursery until 12 PM	Wed.:	7:00 PM	NO Chancel Choir <b>FINANCE-226</b>
	8:30 AM	Fresh Start Service-DFH			
	9:30 AM	Sun Sch PreK-Rm 107 Sun Sch Gr K-2-Rm 204 Sun Sch Gr 3-5-Rm 206	Thurs.:	1:00 PM	Ladies Luncheon-El Patron
	9:45 AM	Adult SS-Variou		1:30 PM	Prayer Shawl-Parlor
	9:50 AM	The Bridge-Sanc		6:00 PM	People First-DFH
11:00 AM		Traditions Service-Sanc	Fri.:	6:30 PM	Disciple Life-Annex
12:15 PM		NO Bridge Builders	Sat.:	7:00 PM	ESL-205, 206, 221
	2:30 PM	NO MS/HS Youth			
	6:30 PM	NO Women's Bible Study	<b>Next Sunday: May 21</b>		
Mon.:	6:00 PM	GS Troop 365-206		8:15 AM	Nursery until 12 PM
	6:30 PM	Cub/Boy Scouts-various		8:30 AM	Fresh Start Service-SANC
Tues.:	10:30 AM	Joy Singers-Music Suite		9:30 AM	Sun Sch PreK-Rm 107 Sun Sch Gr K-2-Rm 204 Sun Sch Gr 3-5-Rm 206
	11:00 AM	Contemplative Prayer		9:45 AM	Adult SS-Variou
	3:00 PM	Rest Stop-Annex		9:50 AM	The Bridge-Sanc
	7:00 PM	ESL-205, 226, 221		11:00 AM	Traditions Service-Sanc
	7:00 PM	Chancel Choir-Music Suite		2:30 PM	MS/HS Youth-Annex Loft
Wed.:	12:00 PM	Bulletin Deadline June/July Chimes Deadline		6:30 PM	Women's Bible Study-226
	12:00 PM	<b>TRUSTEES-Annex</b>			
	6:30 PM	GS Svc. Unit-DFH Venture Crew-116			

**SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

<u>DATE</u>	<u>SERMON TITLE</u>	<u>SCRIPTURE</u>
May 21	Noisy Church	Psalm 47 CEB
May 28	Staying in Love with Your Neighbor	Mark 12:28-34 NIV
June 4*	The Cross Spectacle	John 12:20-33 MSG

\* *Indicates that we will celebrate Holy Communion*



**Online Giving:** To contribute online, scan the QR code with your smartphone or visit [www.chesterumc.org](http://www.chesterumc.org) and click "Online Giving."

*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 Assistant**, Pat Baake, is available today, 9:00 - 10:45 AM (Office 111).

**NEW PRE-K Sunday School Class**: *Sundays*, 9:45 -10:45 AM in Room 107. Please bring us your children who will be 4 by September 30 (potty trained), and prayerfully consider helping in our NEW PK classroom. We need an assistant every Sunday or a team of volunteers who serve on a rotating schedule. *Register in the pew pad or contact Pastor Chad if you have a heart for our PK children.*

**Play 'N' Share**: *Sunday, May 21*, 4:30 PM. Come on out to Point of Rocks Park playground to play and to share fun and relationships! 1st & 3rd Sundays, 4:30 PM, 201 Enon Church Rd, Chester, VA. POC: Pastor Chad.

**Altar Flowers for the Sanctuary**: To donate Altar flowers, *please sign up in the pew pad or on the flower chart outside the Church Office and complete an Altar Flower Form.* The available dates are May 21; June 18, 25; July 2, 9, 16, 23, 30; Aug 6, 13, 27; Sept 3, 10, 17, 24; Oct 8, 22; Dec 3, 31. Make arrangements with the florist of your choice, including delivery to the church and payment to the florist. (The suggested price is \$55-\$65.) Special pricing and free delivery to the church have been arranged with River's Bend and Petals & Bows Florists. Thank you for helping to beautify the Altar for worship.

**Thank You** to everyone who supported the Chancel Choir Afternoon Tea! It was a huge success thanks to our entire community! We raised \$3,800 which will support our music ministry and Choir Tour 2024!



**STAR WARS**  
**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**  
**JUNE 19-23, 2023**  
**CHESTER UNITED METHODIST**  
**WWW.CHESTERUMC.ORG**  
Pre-K through 5th Grade



**REGISTER NOW!**

Monday, June 19, through Friday, June 23  
9:00 AM-12:30 PM  
Grades PK-5.

Register your child at  
<https://forms.gle/2avsjE5wDUK77RX17>  
or scan the QR code.

If you are interested in helping,  
contact Andy & Eileen Steck  
([andyei10twitchell@gmail.com](mailto:andyei10twitchell@gmail.com))

**KEEP IN PRAYER:** Terry Wisegarver; family of Fred (Fritz) Buck; Billy Hopson; Suzanne Rountree; Beth Powner; Barbara Goodwyn; Peggy Bishop; Desiree Davis; Jennifer Brittenham (daughter of Joe & Diane Mannetta); family of George Sawyer; family of Victor Cunningham (father of Donna Elbon); Ethan Rutledge [Amanda]; Andrew Dyson; Joe & Diane Mannetta; Malcom & Dollie Stone; Ginny Virag; Peggy Meehan (friend of Lisa Stanfield); Dee Watkins; Jeanne Shelburne; Rachel York (granddaughter-in-law of John & Becky York); Lynda Richardson; Jo Kiser; Kitty Lipscomb; Doug and Clara Gestwick.

**Our Presence May 7, 2023**

8:30 Fresh Start Service ..... 137  
 9:55 The Bridge Service..... 49  
 11:00 Traditions Service ..... 146  
 Online..... 37  
**Total Worship Attendance..... 369**

**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/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](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 [assistant@chesterumc.org](mailto:assistant@chesterumc.org) on 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of January, March, May, July, September, and November.

**Leading Our Worship TODAY, May 14, 2023**

<b>Greeters:</b>	<b>8:30</b>	Laura Houglan	
	<b>9:55</b>	Donna Nunery	
	<b>11:00</b>	Hunter Beazley, Martha Miles	
<b>Ushers:</b>	<b>8:30</b>	Gordon Morris*, Ron Dombrowski	*Head Usher
	<b>9:55</b>	Gordon Jones*, JR Irvin	
	<b>11:00</b>	Gordon Jones*, Bob Kutz, Larry Koon, Willie Orton, Scott Pugh	
<b>Nursery:</b>	<b>8:30, 9:55, 11:00</b>	Staff Members, Carla Adams, Jessica Hargraves	

**Fresh Start Sunday School Class:** Jesus provided his disciples teachings for how to follow the Torah, God’s word; he told them parables to help them discern questions of ethics and of human nature; he offered them beatitudes for comfort and encouragement. But sometimes Jesus spoke words that followers then and now have found difficult. In *The Difficult Words of Jesus*, Rabbi Amy-Jill Levine shows us how these difficult teachings might have sounded to the people who first heard them. The Fresh Start Class meets every Sunday morning at 9:45 in Room 221 (at the top of the “old” stairway). Visitors and new members are always welcome. POC: Susan Petrey (938-5396)

**Seekers Sunday School Class:** 9:45 AM, Room 226. We are studying TROUBLESOME BIBLE PASSAGES by Douglas E. Wingeier and David Lowes Watson. This book addresses 23 scriptures that deal with theological, ethical, and practical issues. Each lesson will help us grow toward faith and discipleship. We welcome you to join us. POC: Barbara MacIntyre ([telluwhatbarbara@aim.com](mailto:telluwhatbarbara@aim.com))



**Our Stephen Ministers Are Ready to Care!**

Stephen Ministers are members of our church who have been through extensive training and provide confidential, one-to-one, Christian care to people who are experiencing a difficult time. They listen, care, encourage, pray, and provide weekly support for as long as the need persists. If someone you know is hurting, find out more about Stephen Ministry by talking with our referrals coordinator, Vince D’Agostino, at 804-461-8529. Our Stephen Ministers are ready to bring God’s love and care to those in need.

**Memorial Day Cards for Veterans** Due May 21. As we honor those who lost their lives in service to our nation, let’s also remember our veterans at McGuire Hospital and Sitter-Barfoot Veterans Care Center by making cards for them. Please address envelopes with phrases such as "To a Special Veteran", or "To Someone Special". Do not sign your last name or seal the envelope. In your cards include sentiments such as "I am thankful for your service to our country", "I am praying for you", or "Thank you for protecting our freedom". Please place cards in the Sharing Bin outside the Welcome Center by Sunday, May 21. POC: Barbara MacIntyre ([telluwhatbarbara@aim.com](mailto:telluwhatbarbara@aim.com))

**Leading Our Worship Next Sunday, May 21, 2023**

<b>Greeters:</b>	<b>8:30</b> Maureen Coker	
	<b>9:55</b> Stephanie Decker	
	<b>11:00</b> Marian Perkinson, Sharon Buchanan	
<b>Ushers:</b>	<b>8:30</b> Wendell Landis*, Bill Comer	*Head Usher
	<b>9:55</b> Linda D’Agostino*, Diane Medina	
	<b>11:00</b> Beth Stewart*, Harold Crowder, Emory Large, Don Schmidt, Vann Stanfield	
<b>Nursery:</b>	<b>8:30, 9:55, 11:00</b> Staff Members, Carla Adams, Jessica Hargraves	



## **SUNDAY SMALL GROUPS**

**Children's Sunday School:** 9:45 AM. Pre-K (Rm. 107); Grades K-2 (Rm. 204); Grades 3-5 (Rm. 206). POC: Pastor Chad Beck

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

9:45 AM, Annex Loft; POC: Pastor Chad Beck ([chadbeck@chesterumc.org](mailto:chadbeck@chesterumc.org))

### **Adult Small Group Bible Study**

9:45 AM, Room 213 "Our Pad;" Facilitated by Jeff Marlin ([jeff.marlinabd@gmail.com](mailto:jeff.marlinabd@gmail.com))

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

9:45 AM, Room 221; POC: Susan Petrey, 804-938-5396

### **Friendship Ministry Class**

10:40 AM, Room 116, for adults who are cognitively challenged.

POC: Mari and Dan Hayes ([JLMinNaples@msn.com](mailto:JLMinNaples@msn.com))

### **The Gathering Small Group** (formerly Adult Small Group for Millennials)

9:45 AM, Room 205; for singles/couples with/without children at home.

Facilitated by Brion & Sonja Seward and Andrew Brummette.

### **Journey Sunday School Class**

9:45 AM, Annex and Google Meet (<https://meet.google.com/ptm-pieh-vve>)

POCs: Carolyn Landis ([landisfamily05@gmail.com](mailto:landisfamily05@gmail.com)); Eric Houglan ([ehouglan88@gmail.com](mailto:ehouglan88@gmail.com))

### **Seekers Sunday School Class**

9:40 AM, Room 226; POC: Barbara MacIntyre ([telluwhatbarbara@aim.com](mailto:telluwhatbarbara@aim.com))

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

9:45 AM, Parlor; POC: Cynthia Corley ([cacorley@ctsi.net](mailto:cacorley@ctsi.net))

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### **Bridge Builders** (POC: Maureen Coker ([mcoker2003@comcast.net](mailto:mcoker2003@comcast.net)))

**June 25, 12:15 PM** (new date), Room 116, final meeting until September 2023

### **Middle & High School Youth Meetings** (POC: Jennifer Brame ([youthleaders@chesterumc.org](mailto:youthleaders@chesterumc.org)))

Scheduled Sundays, 2:30 PM, Annex Loft; 6<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> grades join in study, missions, and fun!

**Fiber Friends:** 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays in **Room 205**, 12:15 PM, bring a bag lunch. POC: Beth Powner, [knit9grammy@gmail.com](mailto:knit9grammy@gmail.com). / (804) 586-0735)

**Men's Grill-N-Gaga:** Monthly, 4:00 PM at the Annex. Join us for grilling, GaGa, and fellowship.

POC: Scott Pugh ([scott.pugh@bldr.com](mailto:scott.pugh@bldr.com)) / 804-536-1771)

**Play 'N' Share:** Next meeting May 21, 4:30 PM (1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays), Point of Rocks Park playground (201 Enon Church Rd, Chester). All ages are invited! POC: Pastor Chad.

**Women's 4-Week Study:** 6:30 PM, Room 226, May 21. POC: Marg Kutz ([margkutz72@gmail.com](mailto:margkutz72@gmail.com))

## 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](mailto:juliejerry@gmail.com))

**Village People Study, Socialize, & Service Group:** 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays at 2:00 PM, Community Room at Chester Village Senior APTS (11701 Chester Village DR).

**Joy Singers** (for retired folks): Tuesdays, 10:30 AM in the Music Suite. POC: Joshua Wortham.

**Contemplative Prayer Group:** Tuesdays, 11:00 AM in the Church Parlor. We read scripture and then focus, pray, chat, and connect with God. POC: Lisa Stanfield ([lisajostanfield@gmail.com](mailto:lisajostanfield@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](mailto:vannstan34@gmail.com))

**Women's Fellowship Luncheon:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays, 1 PM at a local restaurant. *The next gathering is on Thursday, May 18* (El Patron Cantina, 11211 Iron Bridge Rd, Chester) POC: Joan Osborne ([josbor61@gmail.com](mailto:josbor61@gmail.com)).

**Prayer Shawl Group:** Thursdays, 1:30 PM, Church Parlor or you can work on your project at home. All are invited to join us! We can provide yarn and will happily teach you how to knit or crochet. POCs: Beverly Trevillian (804-337-2367); Betty Stone ([wva\\_lady@verizon.net](mailto:wva_lady@verizon.net)/804-914-0433)

**Women's Christian Book Club:** *Next meeting Thursday, June 1, 6:30 PM.* Meets on 1<sup>st</sup> Thursdays, 6:30 PM at the Annex Loft. You have a month to read each book before we gather to discuss it. POC: Jennifer Brame ([jrbrooksiee@gmail.com](mailto:jrbrooksiee@gmail.com))

**"Strum and Smile" Small Group:** WILL RESUME IN THE FALL. Saturday mornings at 10:00 AM, Music Suite. Guys & gals who play stringed instruments with no intention of performing. All levels of play are welcome! We will learn from one another, share in a reading of a Psalm, and grow together in Christ. POC: Keith Woods ([the.gibson.kw@gmail.com](mailto:the.gibson.kw@gmail.com))

### **United Methodist Women (UMW)**

- Ada Mae Bookman Fellowship: 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursdays, 10:30 AM, Room 226 (POC: Martha Miles, 804-748-5476)
- Jean Craig Fellowship: 1<sup>st</sup> Mondays, 7:00 PM, Room 205 (POC: Susan Petrey, 804-938-5396)