



May 21, 2023, 9:55 AM

**WORSHIP MUSIC**

Where Could I Go?  
Old Time Religion  
He Knows Just What I Need  
Awesome is the Lord Most High

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

They Could Not  
*Joshua Wortham*

**SCRIPTURE**

Psalm 47 (CEB)

**MESSAGE**

Noisy Church  
*Pastor Nathan Decker*

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

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## **Chester United Methodist Church**

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### **FRESH START SERVICE**

May 21, 2023—8:30 AM



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

#### **WORSHIP MUSIC**

Awesome is the Lord Most High

You Are Good

Shout to the Lord

Majestic

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May 21, 2023

A Service of Worship and Praise  
11:00 AM

Ascension  
Sunday

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Welcome, Announcements, and Greeting

Prelude

*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

Organist

Opening Prayer<sup>2</sup>

Stacey Ferrer

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

*Congregation will begin by clapping in a deliberate rhythm.*

Leader: From the Clap that brought forth light at the dawn of creation...

**People: Praise God our Creator!**

Leader: From the Shout of the nations that tore down the walls of Jericho...

**People: Praise God our Redeemer!**

Leader: From the Wilderness Voices that Stomped out the march of justice...

**People: Praise God who is Righteous!**

Leader: From the heavens descending like a dove upon Christ, a voice affirming...

**People: You are my Beloved!**

Leader: From the crowds who gathered around a Prophet on a donkey, who refused to be quiet in the face of religious and political leaders...

**People: Hosanna, Hosanna, Christ is King!**

Leader: From the grave that could not silence the life and the resurrection...

**People: He Lives! He Lives!**

Leader: From the scared hearts of disciples who gathered in the upper room, upon whom the Holy Spirit descended as loud wind and glowing flame...

**People: Come, Spirit, Come!**

Leader: No longer contained in temples or buildings but shared in the streets, many tongues...

**People: Hear the Good News!**

Leader: No longer one nation but a gathering of all tribes and peoples, worshipping the Son...

**People: Christ is Lord!**

Leader: Give God your applause! Give God your shouts! Praise the Lord!

**People: PRAISE THE LORD! HALLELUJAH! PRAISE THE LORD!**

\* Hymn No. 98

*To God be the Glory*

\* 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

*Ev'ry Time I Feel the Spirit*

Chancel Choir

Why We Give

Offertory

*They Could Not*

Joshua Wortham

\* 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**

Children's Message

Scripture

*Psalm 47*

*CEB*

Sermon

*Noisy Church*

Pastor Nathan Decker

\* Closing Hymn No. 89

*Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

\* Benediction

\* Choral Amen

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

<sup>1</sup> <https://worshipwake.wordpress.com/2023/05/01/noisy-church-call-to-worship/>

<sup>2</sup> The Africana Worship Book, by Safiyah Fosua, © 1996 by Abingdon Press

**CALENDAR**  
*May 21-28, 2023*

Today	8:15 AM	Nursery until 12 PM	Thurs.:	6:30 PM	Disciple Life-Annex
	8:30 AM	Fresh Start Service-DFH			GS Troop 5248
	9:30 AM	Sun Sch PreK-Rm 107		7:00 PM	ESL-205, 206, 221
		Sun Sch Gr K-2-Rm 204			Burkley Recital-Sanc
		Sun Sch Gr 3-5-Rm 206	Fri.:	6:30 PM	Burkley Recital-Sanc
	9:45 AM	Adult SS-Variou	Sat.:		
	9:50 AM	The Bridge-Sanc			
	11:00 AM	Traditions Service-Sanc	<b>Next Sunday: May 28</b>		
	2:30 PM	MS/HS Youth-Annex Loft		8:15 AM	Nursery until 12 PM
	6:30 PM	Women's Bible Study-226		8:30 AM	Fresh Start Service-DFH
Mon.:	6:30 PM	Cub/Boy Scouts-various		9:30 AM	Sun Sch PreK-Rm 107
Tues.:	10:30 AM	Joy Singers-Music Suite			Sun Sch Gr K-2-Rm 204
	11:00 AM	<b>NO</b> Contemplative Prayer			Sun Sch Gr 3-5-Rm 206
	3:00 PM	Rest Stop-Annex		9:45 AM	Adult SS-Variou
	7:00 PM	ESL-205, 226, 221		9:50 AM	The Bridge-Sanc
Wed.:	12:00 PM	Bulletin Deadline		11:00 AM	Traditions Service-Sanc
	6:00 PM	<b>SPRC</b> -226		12:15 PM	Fiber Friends-205
	7:00 PM	Chancel Choir		2:30 PM	<b>NO</b> MS/HS Youth-Annex
Thurs.:	1:30 PM	Prayer Shawl-Parlor			
	6:00 PM	PS Graduation-Sanc			

**SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

<u>DATE</u>	<u>SERMON TITLE</u>	<u>SCRIPTURE</u>
May 28	Staying in Love with Your Neighbor	Mark 12:28-34 NIV
June 4*	The Cross Spectacle	John 12:20-33 MSG
June 11	Jesus and the Lamb	Matthew 18:10-14 Voice

\* *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."

**Church Office Closed** on Monday, May 29 for Memorial Day.

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

**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:** *TODAY, 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.*

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**Today We Celebrate Aldersgate Day (Heritage Sunday).** You will find a display of some Chester UMC artifacts in the atrium and also in the display cabinet in the narthex. The History Committee has spent countless hours transferring documents and photographs into an acid-free environment so that we can enjoy them for years to come.

There are 11 scrapbooks on the round table in the atrium to investigate and remember days gone by! The more current documents that you found in *A Community in Christ, Chester United Methodist Church*, are digital so they have not been printed.

Aldersgate Day/Heritage Sunday is set aside specifically for remembering our legacy as United Methodists. This Day calls the Church to remember the past by committing itself to the continuing call of God.

Both the Altar and Pulpit from the 1891 Chester Methodist Episcopal Church South are displayed in the narthex. The Pulpit still wears the original wax drippings from candles (since this was used before electricity). Both Altar and Pulpit were used in the 1927 Sanctuary until we built the 1973 Sanctuary when new furnishings were given.

**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 Mannaetta); family of George Sawyer; family of Victor Cunningham (father of Donna Elbon); Ethan Rutledge [Amanda]; Andrew Dyson; Joe & Diane Mannaetta; 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 14, 2023**

8:30 Fresh Start Service .....	86
9:55 The Bridge Service.....	69
11:00 Traditions Service .....	117
Online.....	32
<b>Total Worship Attendance.....</b>	<b>304</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/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 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 Hargaves	

**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 TODAY, 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 28, 2023**

<b>Greeters:</b>	<b>8:30</b> Andy & Eileen Steck	
	<b>9:55</b> Donna Nunery	
	<b>11:00</b> Will Schmidt, Linda Large	
<b>Ushers:</b>	<b>8:30</b> Gordon Jones*, Ron Dombrowski	*Head Usher
	<b>9:55</b> Beth Stewart*, Tim Stewart	
	<b>11:00</b> Gary Williams*, Marshall Henry, Joan & Steve Osborne, Kay Williams	
<b>Nursery:</b>	<b>8:30, 9:55, 11:00</b> Staff Members, Carla Adams, Jessica Hargraves	



CHESTER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
PRESENTED BY: THE GATHERING SMALL GROUP

# FAMILY PICNIC

Fun, games and  
fellowship for  
families looking to  
connect with other  
families!

SUNDAY, JUNE 11, 2023 AT 12:15 IMMEDIATELY  
FOLLOWING THE 11:00 SERVICE

P.O.C.

Charlotte Brummette  
CHARL208@yahoo.com

JOIN US ON THE ANNEX  
LAWN! PACK A PICNIC LUNCH  
& BLANKET! BRING A SNACK  
OR DESSERT TO SHARE!  
DRINKS WILL BE PROVIDED.





**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))

**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!

## **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:** will resume on June 6, 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)