



June 4, 2023, 9:55 AM

WORSHIP MUSIC

Are You Washed in the Blood?
Bigger Than Any Mountain
Boundless Love

SPECIAL MUSIC

Christians, We Have Met to Worship
In the Garden/What a Friend
Michael Knowles, Cello

SCRIPTURE

John 12:20-33 (MSG)

MESSAGE

The Cross Spectacle
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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FRESH START SERVICE

June 4, 2023—8:30 AM



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

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My Savior Lives

Not to Us

Lord, I Need You

You Are My King

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A Service of Worship and Praise
11:00 AM

Trinity
Sunday

Welcome, Announcements, and Greeting

Prelude *Christians, We Have Met to Worship* Michael Knowles, Cello

* Call to Worship¹

Leader: Come, let us gather again in the shadow of the Cross of Christ.

People: We gather to remember the overwhelming evidence of Love's ultimate sacrifice.

Leader: Who would have guessed that the height and depth, the length and width of God's love might look like this: a forsaken savior on a cross?

People: Certainly not us. Not us, who are too often lost amid the world's distractions and responsibilities. Not us, for whom such love was offered without cost.

Leader: Let us gather again in the shadow of the Cross of Christ and commit ourselves to remember the price paid.

People: Thanks be to God, who opened the gates of heaven, that we might find the faith, hope, and love witnessed in Christ's sacrifice for our salvation.

* Opening Prayer² *Good Friday by Christina Rossetti* Terry Wisegarver

* Hymn No. 159 *Lift High the Cross*

* 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 *He Has Made Me Glad* The Joy Singers
A New Name in Glory

Why We Give

Offertory *In the Garden/What A Friend* Michael Knowles, Cello

* 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. 297

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

Remain seated.

Children's Message

Scripture

John 12:20-33

MSG

Sermon

The Cross Spectacle

Pastor Nathan Decker

Holy Communion

* Closing Hymn No. 301

Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross

* Benediction

* Choral Amen

* *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 loving memory of Ron King by Gail King and their children and grandchildren.

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 July 2, 9, 16, 23; Aug 6, 13; 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.

¹ First United Methodist Church Worship Guide, 04-05-2020

² <https://www.scottishpoetrylibrary.org.uk/poem/good-friday-0/>

CALENDAR
June 4-11, 2023

Today	8:15 AM	Nursery until 12 PM	Thurs.:	1:30 PM	Prayer Shawl-Parlor
	8:30 AM	Fresh Start Service-DFH		7:00 PM	ESL-205, 226, 221
	9:30 AM	Sun Sch PreK-Rm 107	Fri.:		
		Sun Sch Gr K-2-Rm 204	Sat.:	1:00 PM	Piano Recital-Sanc/Atrium
		Sun Sch Gr 3-5-Rm 206			
	9:45 AM	Adult SS-Various	Next Sunday: June 11		
	9:50 AM	The Bridge-Sanc		8:15 AM	Nursery until 12 PM
11:00 AM		Traditions Service-Sanc		8:30 AM	Fresh Start Service-DFH
	4:30 PM	Play & Share-Pt. of Rocks		9:30 AM	Sun Sch PreK-Rm 107
	5:00 PM	Oros Recital-Sanc/DFH			Sun Sch Gr K-2-Rm 204
Mon.:	9:30 PM	Stephen Leaders-Parlor			Sun Sch Gr 3-5-Rm 206
Tues.:	9:20 AM	Joy Singers-Dunlop House		9:45 AM	Adult SS-Various
	11:00 AM	Contemplative Prayer		9:50 AM	The Bridge-Sanc
	7:00 PM	ESL-205, 226, 221		11:00 AM	Traditions Service-Sanc
Wed.:	10:00 AM	Visitation-226		12:00 PM	Rhodes' Birthday-DFH
	12:00 PM	Bulletin Deadline		12:15 PM	Families' Picnic-Annex
	7:00 PM	Chancel Choir		12:30 PM	MS/HS Youth-Sports Park

SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

<u>DATE</u>	<u>SERMON TITLE</u>	<u>SCRIPTURE</u>
June 11	Jesus and the Lamb (<i>FS/BG</i>)	Matthew 18:10-14 Voice
	Good News for the Troubled/Vulnerable (<i>TS</i>)	Matthew 9:35-10:8 NIV
June 18	Faith, Hope, and Charity (<i>FS/TS</i>)	I Corinthians 13:1-4, 13 KJV
	Good News for the Troubled/Vulnerable (<i>BG</i>)	Matthew 9:35-10:8 NIV
June 25	This Light We Are Given	I John 1:1-7 NIV

* *Indicates that we will celebrate Holy Communion*



Online Giving: To contribute online, scan the QR code with your smartphone or visit 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, Cindy Webb, is available today, 9:00 - 10:45 AM (Office 111). Our Assistant Parish Nurse is Pat Baake.

Picnic for Families *Sunday*, June 11, 12:15 PM, Annex Lawn. Families from our church and community with children and youth under the age of 18 are encouraged to attend. Pack a picnic lunch and bring a blanket and a snack/dessert to share. Beverages will be provided. Bring outdoor games and such for the children. Organized by The Gathering Small Group.
POC: Charlotte Brummette (Charl208@yahoo.com)

Jim Rhodes Invites You *Sunday*, June 11, 12:00 PM, Davis Fellowship Hall. Help Jim (one of our newest members) celebrate his 80th birthday with a cake reception immediately following worship. All are welcome!

Play 'N' Share: *Sunday*, June 4, 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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JUNE 19-23, 2023
CHESTER UNITED METHODIST
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Pre-K through 5th Grade



REGISTER NOW!

June 19-23, 2023
Monday-Friday
9:00 AM-12:10 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)

KEEP IN PRAYER: Ed Garrett; Bobbi Morrissette; family of Doug Gestwick; family of Fred (Fritz) Buck; Billy Hopson; Suzanne Rountree; Beth Powner; Barbara Goodwyn; Peggy Bishop; Desiree Davis; Jennifer Brittenham (daughter of Joe & Diane Manna); Ethan Rutledge [Amanda]; Andrew Dyson; Joe & Diane Manna; Malcom & Dollie Stone; Ginny Virag; Peggy Meehan (friend of Lisa Stanfield); Dee Watkins; Jeanne Shelburne; Lynda Richardson; Jo Kiser; Kitty Lipscomb; Clara Gestwick.

Our Presence May 28, 2023

8:30 Fresh Start Service	89
9:55 The Bridge Service.....	36
11:00 Traditions Service	99
Online.....	29
Total Worship Attendance.....	253

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.
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- **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 assistant@chesterumc.org on 3rd Wednesday of January, March, May, July, September, and November.

Leading Our Worship TODAY, June 4, 2023

Greeters:	8:30	Maureen Coker	
	9:55	Marian & Ed Garrett	
	11:00	Will Schmidt, Barbara Dance	
Ushers:	8:30	Gordon Jones*, Ron Dombrowski	*Head Usher
	9:55	Linda D’Agostino*, Andrew Brummette	
	11:00	Gordon Jones*, Harold Crowder, James Bartlett, Tommy Petrey, Scott Pugh	
Nursery:	8:30, 9:55, 11:00	Staff Members, Carla Adams, Jessica Hargraves	

Fresh Start Sunday School Class: *Beginning June 11*, join us for NOOMA throughout the summer. The name NOOMA is an English phonetic spelling of the Greek word pneuma, which is commonly translated to “spirit” or “breath.” Pneumatology refers to the study of spiritual beings, particularly the interactions between humans and God. NOOMA is a series, by popular pastor Rob Bell, that includes short films, scripture and discussion of issues that we really care about. 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)

THE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN (UMW)

- **Jean Craig Fellowship** will meet on *Monday*, June 5, 6:00 PM at the Petrey home for a picnic. We welcome any women who are looking for an evening circle. Call Susan Petrey, 938-5396, for details. Next meeting is Monday, July 10, 7:00 PM. We will take the church van to visit local police and fire stations.



Sometimes It's Hard to Ask For Help

We're brought up to be strong, self-sufficient, independent people. We tend to think that if we ask for help, it is a sign of weakness. So, we try to keep our struggles hidden, stuffed deep inside. However, that's not God's plan. Galatians 6:2 says, "Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ." God wants us to care for others—and allow others to care for us in our time of need. If you're sad or struggling inside, don't suffer alone. Ask for help. We've got a team of Stephen Ministers who are ready to listen, care, encourage, pray, and help you through a tough time. It's more than grief counseling—any issue that's troubling you is important to us and it's always confidential. Find out more about Stephen Ministry by talking to our Referral Coordinator, Vince D'Agostino at 804-461-8529.

Leading Our Worship Next Sunday, June 11, 2023

Greeters:	8:30 Laura Hougland	
	9:55 Donna Nunery	
	11:00 Marian Perkinson, Sharon Buchanan	
Ushers:	8:30 Wendell Landis*, Bill Comer	*Head Usher
	9:55 Jim Watkins*, JR Irvin	
	11:00 Beth Stewart*, Bob Kutz, Emory Large, Joan & Steve Osborne	
Nursery:	8:30, 9:55, 11:00 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)

Adult Small Group Bible Study

9:45 AM, Room 213 "Our Pad;" facilitated by Jeff Marlin (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)

The Gathering Small Group (*on summer break June 4 – September 3*)

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 (*will not meet in August*)

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; POC: Barbara MacIntyre (telluwhatbarbara@aim.com)

Senior Singles Sunday School Class (*on summer break June 4-September 3*)

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

Bridge Builders (POC: Maureen Coker (mcoker2003@comcast.net))

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

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

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

OTHER SMALL GROUPS

Middle & High School Youth Meetings (POC: Jennifer Brame (youthleaders@chesterumc.org))

Monthly gatherings in June, July, and August for rising 6th through 12th grade

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

Village People Study, Socialize, & Service Group: 3rd Mondays at 2:00 PM, in June, July, and August. Community Room at Chester Village Senior APTS (11701 Chester Village DR).

Joy Singers (for retired folks): **Tuesdays**, 10:30 AM in the Music Suite. (*on summer break June 20-mid-September*) 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 (lisajstanfield@gmail.com) Please contact Lisa if you are interested in sharing the leadership of this group!

Thursday Morning Men's Group: Thursdays, 7:30 AM at Grants Coffee Co. (11884 Chester Village DR). POC: Vann Stanfield (vannstan34@gmail.com)

Women's Fellowship Luncheon: 3rd Thursdays, 1 PM at a local restaurant. *The next gathering is on Thursday, June 15* at Antonios (11956 Iron Bridge Plaza, Chester, VA 23831) POC: Joan Osborne (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/804-914-0433)

Women's Christian Book Club: Next meeting Thursday, July 6, 6:30 PM. Meets on 1st 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)

"Strum and Smile" Small Group: (will resume on September 9). **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! POC: Keith Woods (the.gibson.kw@gmail.com)

Latino Health and Safety: 1st Friday of each month, beginning July 7, 6:00-8:30 PM, Davis Fellowship Hall. Childcare provided. POC: Chad Beck

Summer Worship Schedule

Nursery Available for all Services

June and July

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| 8:30 am | Fresh Start Service |
| 9:45 AM | Children's Sunday School (Pre-K – 5 th)
Adult Sunday School |
| 9:50 AM | The Bridge Service |
| 11:00 AM | Traditions Service |

August 6 – September 3

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| 9:30 AM | Children's Sunday School (Pre-K – 5 th)
Adult Sunday School |
| 10:30 AM | Combined Worship Service |