



**June 18, 2023, 9:55 AM**

**WORSHIP MUSIC**

Sweeter as the Days Go By  
Peace Like a River  
How Great Is Our God  
Soon and Very Soon

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

The Lord's Prayer  
*Joshua Wortham*

**SCRIPTURE**

Matthew 9:35-10:8  
*NIV*

**MESSAGE**

Good News for the Troubled and Vulnerable Ones  
*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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### **FRESH START SERVICE**

June 18, 2023—8:30 AM



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

#### **WORSHIP MUSIC**

Awesome is the Lord Most High

The Only Name

How Great Is Our God

Salt and Light

#### **SPECIAL MUSIC**

The Lord's Prayer

*Joshua Wortham*

#### **SCRIPTURE**

1 John 1:1-7

*NIV*

#### **MESSAGE**

This Light We are Given

*Pastor Nathan Decker*

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June 18, 2023

A Service of Worship and Praise  
11:00 AM

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday  
after Pentecost

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Welcome, Announcements, and Greeting

Prelude

*How Great Thou Art*

Pianist

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

Leader: In a day when so many men are absent, we cherish the love of our fathers.

**People: Thank God for fathers who comfort and encourage.**

Leader: Thank God for fathers who build character and inspire us to greatness.

**People: Thank God for fathers who teach morality and model decency.**

Leader: Thank God for fathers who lovingly convince boys to become men.

**People: Thank God for brave fathers who have the courage to resist being absent.**

**All: Lord, on this Father's Day may we encourage more men in our community to pick up the mantle of fatherhood!**

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

**O Lord Our Heavenly Father: You, who adopt orphan children and care for the widows; You stand at the door staring at the horizon, desiring that your prodigal children come home. Bless fathers and men everywhere this day, that the orphans may have role models, that the widows may be provided what they need, that the future may see Christ reflected in the love of piggy-back rides and hard-learned lessons through Christ and the Spirit to the Father. Amen.**

\* Opening Hymn No. 710

*Faith of Our Fathers*

\* 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

*The Lord's Prayer*

Joshua Wortham

Why We Give

Offertory

*We've Come This Far By Faith*

Chancel Choir  
*Craig Seal, soloist*

\* 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. 572

*Pass It On*

Remain seated.

Children's Message

Scripture

*Matthew 9:35-10:8*

*NIV*

Sermon

*Good News for the Troubled and Vulnerable Ones* Pastor Nathan Decker

\* Closing Hymn No. 571

*Go Make of All Disciples*

\* 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 fathers, by Kris Spadaccia.

**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, 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 Florist and reduced delivery fee with Petals & Bows Florist. Thank you for helping to beautify the Altar for worship.

<sup>1</sup> The African Worship Book, Kwasi Kena, page 209, ©2006 Discipleship Resources

<sup>2</sup> Men Pray © 2013, Prayer for Men for Father's Day, Rev. Nathan Decker, page 137.SkyLight Paths Publishing

**CALENDAR**  
*June 18-25, 2023*

|       |          |                           |                             |          |                          |
|-------|----------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|----------|--------------------------|
| Today | 8:15 AM  | Nursery until 12 PM       | Thurs:                      | 1:30 PM  | Prayer Shawl-Parlor      |
|       | 8:30 AM  | Fresh Start Service-DFH   |                             | 6:30 PM  | GS Trp 5248-205, 226     |
|       | 9:30 AM  | Sun Sch PreK-107          |                             | 7:00 PM  | ESL-205, 226, 221        |
|       |          | Sun Sch Gr K-2-204        |                             |          | <b>Finance-226</b>       |
|       |          | Sun Sch Gr 3-5-206        | Fri:                        |          |                          |
|       | 9:45 AM  | Adult SS-Various          | Sat:                        |          |                          |
|       | 9:55 AM  | The Bridge-DFH            |                             |          |                          |
|       | 11:00 AM | Traditions Service-DFH    | <b>Next Sunday: June 25</b> |          |                          |
|       | 4:30 PM  | Play N Share-Pt. of Rocks |                             | 8:15 AM  | Nursery until 12 PM      |
| M-F   | 9:00 AM  | VBS (ends 12:10 PM)       |                             | 8:30 AM  | Fresh Start Service-DFH  |
| Mon:  | 6:30 PM  | Boy Scouts                |                             | 9:30 AM  | Sun Sch PreK-107         |
| Tues: | 11:00 AM | Contemplative Prayer      |                             |          | Sun Sch Gr K-5-206       |
|       | 7:00 PM  | ESL-205, 226, 221         |                             | 9:45 AM  | Adult SS-Various         |
| Wed:  | 12:00 PM | Bulletin Deadline         |                             | 9:55 AM  | The Bridge-DFH           |
|       |          | Key Club BD-116           |                             | 11:00 AM | Traditions Service-DFH   |
|       | 6:30 PM  | GS Service Unit-DFH       |                             | 12:15 PM | Fiber Friends-205        |
|       |          | GS Trp 5248-205, 226      |                             |          | Bridge Builders-116      |
|       |          |                           |                             | 4:00 PM  | Men's GaGa Pit Fun-Annex |

**SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

| <u>DATE</u>  | <u>SERMON TITLE</u>      | <u>SCRIPTURE</u>             |
|--|--------------------------|------------------------------|
| June 25  | Faith, Hope, and Charity | 1 Corinthians 13:1-7, 13 KJV |
| * July 2   | A Compelling Invitation  | Matthew 10:40-42 NRSV        |
| July 9   | The Sower Planting Seeds | Mark 4:26-34 NIV             |
| * <i>Indicates that we will celebrate Holy Communion</i> |                          |                              |



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

**STAR WARS Vacation Bible School** :June 19-23, 2023, Monday-Friday 9:00 AM - 12:10 PM, For children who just completed grades PK-5. Register at <https://forms.gle/2avsJE5wDUK77RX17>. POC: Andy & Eileen Steck [andyei10twitchell@gmail.com](mailto:andyei10twitchell@gmail.com)

**Play 'N' Share**: Next meeting Today, 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.

**Bridge Builders**: Sunday, June 25, 12:15 PM, Room 116.

**Fiber Friends**: Sunday, June 25, 12:15-1:45 PM; Room 205. Bring a bag lunch, whatever project you are working on, and enjoy fellowship and snacks while we knit, crochet, sew, needlepoint, rug hook, etc. New members are welcome! POC: [knit9grammy@gmail.com](mailto:knit9grammy@gmail.com) (804) 586-0735)

**What Is Stephen Ministry?** Scan the QR code to learn more about this one-to-one, Christ-centered ministry of care. Stephen Ministers are available to members of our congregation and community who are experiencing life difficulties. POC: Steve Osbourne ([sosboro60@gmail.com](mailto:sosboro60@gmail.com))



**Retirement Reception Honoring Terry Wisegarver**: Sunday, July 2, 12:15 PM in Davis Fellowship Hall. Join us for sweets and fellowship as we celebrate the retirement of our Office Manager, Terry Wisegarver.

**KEEP IN PRAYER:** family of Judy Dee[Alice]; Rev. Eddie and Becky Leonard; family of David Overton [Pamela]; family of Mary Davis; Will Herrmann; Ed Garrett; Bobbi Morrisette; 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 Mannelta); Ethan Rutledge [Amanda]; Andrew Dyson; Joe & Diane Mannelta; 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 June 11, 2023**

|                                       |            |
|---------------------------------------|------------|
| 8:30 Fresh Start Service .....        | 76         |
| 9:55 The Bridge Service .....         | 56         |
| 11:00 Traditions Service .....        | 109        |
| Online.....                           | 27         |
| <b>Total Worship Attendance .....</b> | <b>268</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 Michelle at [office@chesterumc.org](mailto:office@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)).

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

| <b><u>Leading Our Worship TODAY, June 18, 2023</u></b> |   |
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| <b>Greeters:</b>                                       | <b>8:30</b> Karen & Bill Comer  |
|  | <b>9:55</b> Stephanie Decker  |
|  | <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> Jim Watkins*, Pat Stanfield   |
|  | <b>11:00</b> Gordon Jones*, Larry Koon, Emory Large, Geoff LeSueur, Jeff Marlin |
| <b>Nursery:</b>  | <b>8:30, 9:55, 11:00</b> Staff Members, Carla Adams, Jessica Hargraves          |

**Fresh Start Sunday School Class:** 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](mailto:telluwhatbarbara@aim.com))

**THE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN (UMW)**

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

**Leading Our Worship Next Sunday, June 25, 2023**

|                  |   |             |
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| <b>Greeters:</b> | <b>8:30</b> Andy and Eileen Steck   |             |
|                  | <b>9:55</b> Donna Nunery  |             |
|                  | <b>11:00</b> Janis Hargrave, Linda Large  |             |
| <b>Ushers:</b>   | <b>8:30</b> Wendell Landis*, Bill Comer   | *Head Usher |
|                  | <b>9:55</b> Gordon Jones*, Diane Medina   |             |
|                  | <b>11:00</b> Gary Williams*, Marshall Henry, Willie Orton, Vann Stanfield, Kay Williams |             |
| <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** *(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](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** *(on summer break June 4-September 3)*

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

**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)

**Play 'N' Share:** Next meeting June 18, 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.

## OTHER SMALL GROUPS

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

Monthly gatherings in June, July, and August for rising 6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:juliejerry@gmail.com))

**Village People Study, Socialize, & Service Group**: 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 ([lisajostanfield@gmail.com](mailto:lisajostanfield@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](mailto:vannstan34@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, July 6, 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 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](mailto:the.gibson.kw@gmail.com))

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

**Welcome Our New Office Manager, Michelle Couvillion:**

Michelle Couvillion joined CUMC on Monday, June 12, as our new Office Manager. She holds a master's degree in Elementary Education and has worked for many years as an Elementary School Teacher. Michelle has 2 adult children and lives in Henrico County with her two adorable dogs. When she's not working, Michelle enjoys being outdoors hiking, exploring local parks, and just enjoying nature. Please give Michelle a warm Chester welcome when you see her in the Church Office!

Michelle's email address is [office@chesterumc.org](mailto:office@chesterumc.org).



**Church Office Position Responsibilities:** Please help our new Office Manager, Michelle Couvillion, and our Office Assistant, Sally Maxwell, make the transition from the Terry/Joshua duo to the Michelle/Sally duo a smooth one by respecting their respective job duties. When in doubt, always contact Michelle first.

Contact Michelle ([office@chesterumc.org](mailto:office@chesterumc.org)) for the following:

- Weekly and special bulletins
- Pastor Nathan's calendar and scheduling appointments
- Use of church facilities i.e. scheduling an event, reserving rooms
- Scheduling use of the Church Van
- Scheduling Altar flowers

Contact Sally ([assistant@chesterumc.org](mailto:assistant@chesterumc.org)) for assistance with the following:

- Daily News i.e. Mail Chimp blasts
- The Chimes bimonthly newsletter
- Website & Social Media
- Food Pantry

**Today's Sermon** is inspired by this stained-glass window from our original 1927 chapel. Our historical collection of stained-glass windows is now proudly displayed in the Sanctuary.



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## **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 <sup>th</sup> )<br>Adult Sunday School |
| 9:55 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 <sup>th</sup> )<br>Adult Sunday School |
| 10:30 AM | Combined Worship Service   |