



June 25, 2023, 9:55 AM

WORSHIP MUSIC

I'll Fly Away
I Feel Like Traveling On
Boundless Love
Jesus Built This Church on Love

SPECIAL MUSIC

Brian Baez

SCRIPTURE

1 Corinthians 13:1-7, 13
KJV

MESSAGE

Faith, Hope, and Charity
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 25, 2023—8:30 AM



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

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Sing, Sing, Sing
Everlasting God
We Believe
I Will Follow

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A Service of Worship and Praise
11:00 AM

4th Sunday
after Pentecost

Welcome, Announcements, and Greeting

Prelude

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

Chancel Choir

* Call to Worship¹

Leader: Lord- we've been through hell. Yet, the dumpster fires have illuminated hidden faces. From the protest shouts, silenced voices find song.

People: You are in me, and I am in You: in Christ We are One.

Leader: Lord- we grow tired of being told "not yet" to justice, weary of standing on the outside, heartbroken, unwelcomed, and unaffirmed.

People: You are in me, and I am in You: in Christ We are One.

Leader: Lord- you started a song long before we were born. A song spectrumed with hues and cultures, expressions of passion, commitment, and love.

People: You are in me, and I am in You: in Christ We are One.

Leader: Lord- your song employs melodies and harmonies: black, brown, white, gay, straight, trans, rich, poor, differently abled. Whatever our unique voice, all together we sing.

People: You are in me, and I am in You: in Christ We are One.

Leader: Lord- the uncontainable song bursts from our hearts, welcomed, affirmed, included, beloved – a gift of grace, "you have loved them just as you loved me."

People: You are in me, and I am in You: in Christ We are One.

Leader: No barriers based on judgment, no boundaries based on birth, no barrenness based on ability or contribution.

People: You are in me, and I am in You: in Christ We are One.

Leader: Lord -we've seen a glimpse of heaven. The light of glory resurrects hope on earth. From the pain and sorrow, joys dance in hope's revelation.

People: You are in me, and I am in You: in Christ We are One.

* Opening Prayer²

Like the sun that is far away and yet close at hand to warm us, so God's Spirit is ever present and around us. Come Creator into our lives. We live and move and have our very being in you. Open now the windows of our souls. Amen

* Opening Hymn No. 158

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

* 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

Brian Baez

Why We Give

Offertory

Brian Baez

* 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. 347

Spirit Song

Remain seated.

Children's Message

Pastor Chad Beck

Scripture

1 Corinthians 13:1-7, 13

KJV

Sermon

Faith, Hope, and Charity

Pastor Nathan Decker

* Closing Hymn No. 408

Gift of Love

* 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 honor of Rachel Epps, mother of Cathy Epps.

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² United Methodist Book of Worship, 1976, #473, p.472. United Methodist Clergywomen's Consultation, USA, 20th Cent. Alt.

CALENDAR

June 25--July 2, 2023

Today	8:15 AM Nursery until 12 PM	6:00 SPRC Meeting-226
	8:30 AM Fresh Start Service-DFH	6:30 Crew 2815-116
	9:30 AM Sun Sch PreK-107	Thurs: 1:30 PM Prayer Shawl-Parlor
	Sun Sch Gr K-5-206	Fri:
	9:45 AM Adult SS-Various	Sat:
	9:55 AM The Bridge-DFH	
	11:00 AM Traditions Service-DFH	Next Sunday: July 2
	12:15 PM Fiber Friends-205	8:15 AM Nursery until 12 PM
	Bridge Builders-116	8:30 AM Fresh Start Service-DFH
	2:00 PM Judy Dee Memorial	9:30 AM Sun Sch PreK-107
	4:00 PM Men's GaGa Pit Fun-Annex	Sun Sch Gr K-5-206
	6:30 PM Play 'N' Share-Point of Rocks Prk	9:50 AM Online Worship Service
Mon:	9:00 AM Stephen Leaders	9:45 AM Adult SS-Various
	6:30 PM Boy Scouts	9:55 AM The Bridge-DFH
Tues:	11:00 AM Contemplative Prayer-Parlor	11:00 AM Traditions Service-DFH
	7:00 PM ESL-205, 226, 221	12:00 PM Terry Wisegarver Recept-DFH
Wed:	12:00 PM Bulletin Deadline	1:00 PM TDHS Key Club-116
	Key Club BD-116	

SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

<u>DATE</u>	<u>SERMON TITLE</u>	<u>SCRIPTURE</u>
* July 2	A Compelling Invitation	Matthew 10:40-42 NRSV
July 9	The Sower Planting Seeds	Mark 4:26-34 NIV
July 16	The Dove	Genesis 8:6-12
* <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 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!*

Guest Soloist, Brian Baez, left RVA 8 years ago after spending much of his adult life in Richmond where he was an active part of the performing arts community. Since his relocation to Florida, Brian now oversees the Theatrical Casting department for Norwegian Cruise Line, Regent Seven Seas, and Oceania Cruises. As a singer/performer, Brian has performed in over 45 countries, shared the stage with Grammy nominee Jim Brickman as his guest vocalist, and continues to headline concerts in the Tampa Bay Area with groups such as the Florida Bjorkestra.

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

Bridge Builders: Today, June 25, 12:15 PM, Room 116. Final meeting until September. POC: Maureen Coker mcoker2003@comcast.net .

Fiber Friends: Today, 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, etc. New members are welcome! POC: Beth Powner (knit9grammy@gmail.com 804 586-0735).

Celebration of Life in honor of Judy Dee: Today, June 25, 2:00 PM-DFH. We will share memories and stories and enjoy a light desert reception. All members of the community are welcome to attend as we share about the love we received from Judy.

Play 'N' Share: Today, June 25, 6:30 PM (2nd & 4th Sundays), Point of Rocks Park playground, (201 Enon Church Rd, Chester). All ages are invited! POC: Pastor Chad. Bring the kids out for a fun time playing and socializing!

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.

Latino Health and Safety: Starting Friday, July 7, 6:30-8:00 PM, and continuing the first Friday of each month in Davis Fellowship Hall. A variety of topics related to health and safety, as well as food from different regions, will be presented at each gathering. Childcare provided. Register at <https://bit.ly/3pjbHYn>. POC: Pastor Chad

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 Morrissette; family of Doug Gestwick; family of Fred (Fritz) Buck; Billy Hopson; Suzanne Rountree; Beth Powner; Barbara Goodwyn; Peggy Bishop; 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; David Rossiter, (sister of Barbara Goodwyn).

Meal Train for our former pastor, Clara Gestwick, has been created by some friends and neighbors. Help support Clara as she grieves for the loss of her husband, recovers from breast cancer surgery, and begins radiation therapy. Please consider signing up to provide a meal or donations toward getting help around the house.

Visit <https://www.mealtrain.com/trains/kwrnmz> to volunteer or contact Beth Stewart (919-210-2220, bethstew@gmail.com).

Our Presence June 18, 2023

8:30 Fresh Start Service	75
9:55 The Bridge Service	47
11:00 Traditions Service	112
Online.....	33
Total Worship Attendance	267

CHIMES – NEW PROCEDURE: Submit items to assistant@chesterumc.org on the 3rd Wednesday of January, March, May, July, September, and November.

Leading Our Worship TODAY, June 25, 2023

Greeters:	8:30 Andy & Eileen Steck	
	9:55 Donna Nunery	
	11:00 Janis Hargrave, Linda Large	
Ushers:	8:30 Wendell Landis*, Bill Comer	*Head Usher
	9:55 Gordon Jones*, Diane Medina	
	11:00 Gary Williams*, Marshall Henry, Willie Orton, Vann Stanfield, Kay Williams	
Nursery:	8:30, 9:55, 11:00 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)

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.

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 Michelle at 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).

Leading Our Worship Next Sunday, July 2, 2023

Greeters:	8:30	Karen & Bill Comer	
	9:55	Stephanie Decker	
	11:00	Joan & Steve Osborne	
Ushers:	8:30	Gordon Jones*, Ron Dombrowski	*Head Usher
	9:55	Gordon Morris*, Diane Medina	
	11:00	Beth Stewart*, Bob Kutz, Emory Large, Joan Osborne, 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-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 18, 4:30 PM (2nd & 4th 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. (*will resume in 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).

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

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 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.

Star Wars VBS 2023 was a huge success! We had 92 children who learned to choose good, to choose to believe, to choose to be bold, to choose to follow, and to choose to be changed by grace! We are so grateful to our team of 42 adult and youth volunteers who offered grace and compassion to all of our participants. A special thank you to our Jedi Council who helped organize our journey to space!

Dee Castelvechi	Laura Houglan	Susan Petrey
Henry Castelvechi	Lisa Irving	Jill Seal
Vince D'Agostino	Sally Johnson	Andy Steck
Pastor Nathan Decker	Megan Johnston	Eileen Steck
Cathy Epps	Abby Miller	Beverly Trevillian
Jackie Farley	Stephanie Miller	Terry Wisegarver
Cheryl Green	Bradley Munchel	Joshua Wortham
Cyndee Highly	Donna Nunery	

Chester UMC is proud to be a Bridge Church, welcoming those who wish to remain United Methodist after their church disaffiliates. We will be a safe place of support and opportunities for connection and discernment, without pressure to assimilate or join our congregation. For more information about Bridge Churches visit <https://nextsteps.vaumc.org/bridge-churches/> .

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) 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) for assistance with the following:

- Daily News i.e. Mail Chimp blasts to promote scheduled events.
- 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.



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 |
| 9:55 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 th)
Adult Sunday School |
| 10:30 AM | Combined Worship Service |