



July 9, 2023, 9:55 AM

WORSHIP MUSIC

Boundless Love
Bigger Than All My Problems
He Knows Just What I Need
I Refuse

SPECIAL MUSIC

Live Like You Were Dying
Luke Carson

SCRIPTURE

Mark 4:26-34 NIV
Mark 4:13-20 NCV

MESSAGE

The Sower Planting Seeds
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

July 9, 2023—8:30 AM



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

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Let God Arise

Romans 12:1

Maker/Jesus Loves Me

I Refuse

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A Service of Worship and Praise
11:00 AM

6th Sunday
after Pentecost

Welcome, Announcements, and Greeting

Prelude

Praise Him! Praise Him!

Jean Wallace, pianist

* Call to Worship¹

Leader: God has abundantly cast God's seeds of love and hope upon us.

People: May we be fruitful soil for the planting and growing of hope and peace.

Leader: Come, let us praise God who is so generous with us.

People: Let us sing songs of joy to God.

Leader: Hallelujah!

People: Hallelujah!

* Opening Prayer²

God, you are life for us, Holy be your name. Your new day come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us this day our bread for the morrow; and forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Strengthen us in the time of test and deliver us from evil. For the power and the splendor and the fulfillment are yours, Now and forever. Amen.

* Opening Hymn No. 600

Wonderful Words of Life

* 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

Live Like You Were Dying

Luke Carson

Why We Give

Offertory

Wonderful Words of Life

Jean Wallace, pianist

* 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. 171 *There's Something About That Name* Remain seated.

Children's Message Pastor Nathan Decker

Scripture *Mark 4:26-34* *NIV*
 Mark 4:13-20 *NCV*

Sermon *The Sower Planting Seeds* Pastor Nathan Decker

* Closing Hymn No. 568 *Christ for the World We Sing*

* Benediction

**New life has bloomed here,
God's love has warmed us;
Now the world calls us
To go spread that love.
God's peace go with you.
May it sustain you,
And bring us together
To praise God again.**

* Postlude

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

The Flowers on the Altar are given by Jim Dyson and family to the glory of God and in honor of Judy Dyson's birthday on July 12.

¹ Ministry matters; Worship Collection: July 12, 2020, ministrymatters.com/all/entry/1137/worship-connectopn-july-12-2020

² Flames of the Spirit: Resources for Worship, Duck, Ruth C., page 82 and 95, 1985 Pilgram Press.

CALENDAR
July 9-July 16, 2023

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| <p>Today: 8:15 AM Nursery until 12 PM 8:30 AM Fresh Start Service-DFH 9:30 AM Sun Sch PreK-107 Sun Sch Gr K-5-206 9:45 AM Adult SS-Variou 9:50 AM Online Worship Service 9:55 AM The Bridge-DFH 11:00 AM Traditions Service-DFH 6:30 PM Play’N’Share-Pnt of Rocks Park</p> <p>Mon: 7:00 AM Woodman #159-DFH 7:00 PM Jean Craig Fellowship 6:30 PM Boy Scouts-205, 221, 226, DFH</p> <p>Tues: 11:00 AM Contemplative Prayer-Parlor 6:30 PM Crew 2815-116 12:00 PM Bulletin Deadline Rest Stop- Richmond Zoo</p> | <p>Wed: 10:00 AM NO Visitation Team in July</p> <p>Thurs: 1:30 PM Prayer Shawl-Parlor</p> <p>Fri: Sat:</p> <p>Next Sunday: July 16</p> <p>8:15 AM Nursery until 12 PM 8:30 AM Fresh Start Service-DFH 9:30 AM Sun Sch PreK-107 Sun Sch Gr K-5-206 9:45 AM Adult SS-Variou 9:55 AM The Bridge-DFH 11:00 AM Traditions Service-DFH</p> |
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SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

DATE

SERMON TITLE

SCRIPTURE

July 16
July 23
July 30

The Dove
The Lamb of Victory
The Cross and Circle

Genesis 8:6-12
John 1:29-34
I Corinthians 1:18-31



Online Giving: To contribute online, scan the QR code with your smartphone or visit www.chesterumc.org and click “Online Giving.”

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

***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.

Play 'N' Share: Tonight at 6:30 PM (2nd & 4th Sundays), R. Garland Dodd Park at Point of Rocks Park playground (201 Enon Church Rd, Chester). All ages are invited! POC: Pastor Chad

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/>.

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.

Rise Against Hunger Sunday, August 20, 12:00-2:00 PM in Davis Fellowship Hall. Help us package 10,152 meals to fight global hunger. *Please consider donating beyond your tithed giving to help defer the cost of supplies for this mission event* (Memo: Rise Against Hunger). You may register in the pew pad or go online to volunteer or give. (events.riseagainsthunger.org/ChesterUMC2023)

Volunteers Needed: Friday, August 25–Saturday, September 2, Chesterfield County Fair. Let's share God's love and grace with our community. Chester UMC will be financially compensated for our volunteer hours, so this is a great fundraising opportunity for our church. Chester UMC tee shirts will be provided to individuals who sign up by Monday, July 31. When signing up, make sure to include your shirt size. Sign up TODAY in the Atrium with Stacey Ferrer or visit <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0D44A5A72BA75-chesterfield>.

KEEP IN PRAYER: Nancy Corbin (friend of Fae Hardee); Victoria Harrington; Linda Willingham; Ruth Devore; family of Sara Deakin; family of Judy Dee; Rev. Eddie and Becky Leonard; family of David Overton; family of Mary Davis; Will Herrmann; Ed Garrett; Bobbi Morrisette; family of Fred (Fritz) Buck; Billy Hopson; Beth Powner; Barbara Goodwyn; Peggy Bishop; Jennifer Brittenham (daughter of Joe & Diane Manna); Andrew Dyson; Joe & Diane Manna; Malcom & Dollie Stone; Ginny Virag; Peggy Meehan (friend of Lisa Stanfield); Dee Watkins; Lynda Richardson; Jo Kiser; Kitty Lipscomb; Clara Gestwick; David Rossiter (brother of Barbara Goodwyn).

Our Presence July 2, 2023

8:30 Fresh Start Service 102
 9:55 The Bridge Service..... 55
 11:00 Traditions Service 137
 Online..... 42
Total Worship Attendance..... 336

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 TODAY, July 9, 2023

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| Greeters: | 8:30 | Laura Hougland | |
| | 9:55 | Donna Nunery | |
| | 11:00 | Hunter Beazley, Martha Miles | |
| Ushers: | 8:30 | Wendell Landis*, Bill Comer | *Head Usher |
| | 9:55 | Jim Watkins*, JR Irvin | |
| | 11:00 | Gordon Jones*, Dean Hutchins, Geoff LeSueur, Jeff Marlin, Willie Orton | |
| Nursery: | 8:30, 9:55, 11:00 | Staff Members, Carla Adams, Jessica Hargraves | |

Chester UMC's Prayer Shawl Group: provides Comfort and Kindness. Did you know that every week a dedicated group gets together to create prayer shawls? These beautiful shawls are then blessed by Pastor Nathan or Pastor Chad to provide comfort for all who receive them. The Prayer Shawl Group is working hard to keep up with demand, and they would really appreciate some help! Don't know how to knit or crochet? Free lessons are available! Can't make it to the group gatherings? Work from home is gratefully accepted! Don't have any yarn? Supplies will be provided! Please consider how you might be able to contribute to this wonderful ministry. Prayer Shawl Group meets weekly on Thursdays, 1:30 PM in the Parlor.
POCs: Beverly Trevillian (804 337-2367) and Betty Stone (wv_lady@verizon.net / 804 914-0433)

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) .

Organ Recital & Hymn Sing: Sunday, July 30, 12:30 PM., Grace Lutheran Church. This recital will be presented by Stephanie Ann Barth, MM, CAGO (nee Sloan). A goodwill offering will go toward the organ maintenance of the Lewis & Hitchcock (rebuilt in 2000), 11 rank organ which is nearly 100 years old.

| <u>Leading Our Worship Next Sunday, July 16, 2023</u> | |
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| Greeters: | 8:30 Laura Houglund 9:55 Ed & Marian Garrett 11:00 Will Schmidt, Linda Large |
| Ushers: | 8:30 Gordon Morris*, Ron Dombrowski * Head Usher 9:55 Beth Stewart*, Pat Stanfield 11:00 Will Hermann*, James Bartlett, Tommy Petrey, Scott Pugh, Don Schmidt |
| 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)

New Adult Group focusing on Spiritual Practices. Led by Pastor Nathan Decker,
Pastor Chad Beck, Lay Leader Claudia Nagy and Music Minister Joshua Wortham.
Meeting August 6, 13, 20, 27 at 9:30 AM, Room 205

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: 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 (lisajstanfield@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.
POCs: Beverly Trevillian (804-337-2367); Betty Stone (wva_lady@verizon.net/804-914-0433)

Women's Christian Book Club: Next meeting, Thursday, August 3, 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)

ESL: Classes will resume Tues., August 29, meeting every Tuesday and Thursday, 7:00-8:30 PM.

"Strum and Smile" Small Group: (*resumes 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: First Fridays, 6:30 PM, in Davis Fellowship Hall. Next event: Friday, August 4. A variety of topics related to health and safety, as well as food from different regions, will be presented at each gathering. Childcare provided. POC: Pastor Chad.

Women's Fellowship Luncheon: Thurs., July 20 at 1:30 PM, Ladies of the church are invited to come to a fellowship luncheon held on the 3rd Thursday of each month. This month's luncheon will meet at Ashton Creek Vineyard (14501 Jefferson Davis Hwy). POC: Joan Osborne (josbor61@gmail.com) on or before Monday, July 17, if you plan to attend.

Summer Worship Schedule

Nursery Available for all Services

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 |

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 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.

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.

