



June 2, 2024 - 9:45 AM

WORSHIP MUSIC

Unclouded Day
Sweeter as the Days Go By
How Great is Our God
Boundless Love

SPECIAL MUSIC

He Is Exalted
Joshua Wortham

SCRIPTURE

John 13:1-20
Luke 14:7-11

MESSAGE

The Greatest of All
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 2, 2024—8:30 AM



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

WORSHIP MUSIC

Majestic
Glory to God Forever
King of Kings
This is Amazing Grace

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June 2, 2024

A Service of Worship and Praise
11:00 AM

Second Sunday
after Pentecost

Welcome, Announcements, and Greeting

Prelude

He Leadeth Me

Handbells

* Call to Worship¹

Leader: God has created us, called us from our mother's wombs and formed of us a people.

People: No longer are we lonely individuals, but part of the whole human race, living and sharing with others.

Leader: We discover life to be so complex. It is tears; it is smiles; it is joy; it is sorrow.

People: It is a gift from God. Laugh, cry, sing, be silent; in whatever way we live, be thankful unto God! Amen!

* Opening Prayer²

O God of love, Your Son came to the table to give us His commandment: love one another. Touch our hearts with wonder to see the Lord, enwrapped in glory, tie a towel around his waist; the Master, whom raging seas obey, pour water into a servant's basin; the one whom angels wait on, kneel down to wash the disciples' feet. As we enter these summer days, cleanse us within that we may live in sincerity and truth. We ask this through your Son, the Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen.

* Hymn No. 158

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

Anthem

He Is Here

Chancel Choir

Scripture Reading

John 13:1-20

Why We Give

Offertory

He Is Exalted

Joshua Wortham, 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. 389

Freely, Freely

Scripture Reading

Luke 14:7-11

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Holy Communion

* Hymn No. 581

Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service

Stanzas 1, 3, & 4

* Benediction

* Choral Amen

Chancel Choir

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

¹from "Flames of the Spirit" by Ruth Duck, pg. 65, No. 36

²<https://www.stgilesparish.org/Communications/Holy-Thursday-Footwashing-Ceremony-At-Home.pdf>

Today's Music includes "He Is Here" by the Chancel Choir. This was the first anthem I directed at Chester UMC on Sunday, June 6, 2004. I'm delighted to have the choir singing it again as today marks my 20th anniversary of ministry at CUMC. I'm also playing "He Is Exalted" arranged by Marcus Vinicius Vianna. Right after graduating from Campbellsville University in May 2004, and just before moving to Virginia, I took part in a 10-day performance tour throughout Brazil. Our accompanist, Marcus, lived in Brazil and joined us for the tour. He gave me a copy of his own arrangement of "He Is Exalted" which he performed throughout the tour, and I then played in my earliest days at CUMC. I am thankful for the incredible work God is doing through our church family and look forward to 20 more years of ministry together!

The Flowers on the Altar are given by Wayne & Melanie Scruton, to the glory of God, and in honor of our parents, Rev. Paul & Marjorie Scruton, and Rev. Edward & Joyce Bracy.

Calendar

June 2, 2024 – June 9, 2024

Today: June 2

- 8:15 AM Nursery until 12 PM
- 8:30 AM Fresh Start Worship- DFH
- 9:45 AM Bridge Worship- Sanctuary
Sun Sch PreK-107
Sun Sch Gr K-5-206
Adult SS-Various
- 11:00 AM Traditions- Sanctuary
- 12:00 PM Celebrate Pastor Chad-
DFH
- 12:00 PM TDHS Key Club Board-
116
- 3:15 PM Youth Girls Nite Out- Buff
City Soap
- 4:00 PM No Youth Activity today

Mon: June 3

- 6:00 PM Strum & Smile- Music Ste
- 6:30 PM Boy Scouts
- 7:00 PM Jean Craig Fellowship- 205
- 7:30 PM Beginner Music Reading-
Music Suite

Tues: June 4

- 10:30 AM Joy Singers-Music Suite
- 2:00 PM Stephen Ministers-226
- 3:00 PM Rest Stop

Wed: June 5

- 10:00 AM Visitation Team-226
- 12:00 PM Bulletin Deadline

6:00 PM Cub Scouts- 226

7:00 PM Chancel Choir-Music Suite

Thurs: June 6

11:00 AM Contemplative Prayer-
Trinity UMC

1:30 PM Prayer Shawl-Parlor

6:30 PM Women's Christian Book
Club- Parlor

Fri: June 7

6:30 PM Sueños Health & Safety-
DFH & 226

Sat: June 8

4:00 PM Backyard VBS- Chester
Village Green

Next Sunday: June 9

8:15 AM Nursery until 12 PM

8:30 AM Fresh Start Worship- DFH

9:45 AM Bridge Worship-Sanctuary
Sun Sch PreK-107
Sun Sch Gr K-5-206

Adult SS-Various

11:00 AM Chancel Choir Tour Home
Concert-Sanctuary

12:15 PM Bridge Builders- 116

4:00 PM Youth Activities- Annex

Sunday Worship Schedule

Date

June 9

Sermon Title

8:30/ 9:45 Reaching New Children
11:00 Chancel Choir Home Concert

Scripture

Matthew 19:13-15 NSRVUE

June 16

Being Nice at the Family Table

Ephesians 4:25-5:2 NRSV

*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 AM, Room 105.

Celebration of Chad Beck's Ministry: Today, 12:00 PM, Fellowship Hall. Join us as we celebrate Chad Beck's ministry and wish a fond farewell to Chad and his family. Potluck style luncheon with chicken tenders provided. Bring a side dish or dessert to share.

Girls Nite Out: Today, 3:45 PM. Buff City Soap. Calling all middle school and high school girls! Cost is \$25. Bath bomb making and dinner included. Meet at the church at 3:15 PM – returning at 5:45 PM.

POC: Emily Smith, (804) 721-2168 or Juliana Paradie, julianaparadie@chesterumc.org

Sueños Health & Safety for Latino Families: Friday, June 7, 6:30 PM, Davis Fellowship Hall. Variety of topics, good food, and childcare provided.

POC: Pastor Chad chadbeck@chesterumc.org

Chancel Choir Tour Home Concert: Sunday, June 9, 11:00 AM, Sanctuary. Join us for a captivating musical experience! The Chancel Choir invites you, your family, and friends to our Home Concert. All are welcome to join us for this special musical performance. Come, be a part of our musical journey! POC: Joshua Wortham music@chesterumc.org

Bridge Builders: Sunday, June 9, 12:15 PM, Room 116. Meets 2nd Sundays, 12:15 PM, Room 116 (*No Meetings in July & August*). If you feel called to Build relationships in the community, fostering understanding and appreciation of our differences then join us as we pursue Acceptance and Unity. POC: Maureen Coker mcoker2003@comcast.net

Join Us for a Special General Conference Presentation! Sunday, June 23, 5:00 PM, at CUMC. Mark your calendars for this event. Guest Speakers- *Beth Givens*: Newly appointed District Superintendent of the Coastal District and seasoned General Conference delegate from Virginia. *Mochel Morris*: A respected retired Virginia clergywoman who attended the General Conference as an observer. You can expect to gain valuable insights into the workings of the General Conference and learn about the latest developments and decisions impacting our community. Have your questions answered by these knowledgeable speakers. This event is open to everyone! Your presence and participation are warmly welcomed. Don't miss this opportunity to deepen your understanding and engagement with our shared journey. We look forward to seeing you there! POC: Pastor Nathan Decker nathandecker@chesterumc.org

KEEP IN PRAYER: The family of Malcom Stone; Charles Cressell; John Dietrich; The family of Brian Vokey; Harold Worcester; The family of Mack Theodore Daniels; Debra Harms; Gwen Byer; Jimmy Willingham; Bill Johnson; The family of Susan Henry; Kevan Spiers; Casey Jones and family; Mary Ann Bellamy; Elizabeth Cave; Karen Cole; Dick Weis; Penny Creed; Bryan Manna; Joe & Diane Manna; Summer Vaughn; Margie Donald; Lynda Richardson; Sandra Cherny; Mary Tyree; Ken Farmer; Dee Watkins; Susie Hall; Ella Hilton; Jo Kiser; Erika Hilton.

Our Presence on May 26, 2024

8:30 AM Fresh Start.....	87
9:45 AM Bridge Worship.....	42
11:00 AM Traditions.....	139
Online.....	37
Total Worship Attendance.....	305

CHESTER UMC ONLINE RESOURCES

- **Website:** www.chesterumc.org
- **Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/ChesterUnitedMethodistChurch/>
- **Facebook Closed Group:** <https://www.facebook.com/groups/ChesterUMC/>
- **Instagram:** [Instagram.com/chesterumc](https://www.instagram.com/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.
- **The Chimes** – Submit items to assistant@chesterumc.org no later than the 3rd Wednesday of January, March, May, **July**, September, and November.

Leading Our Worship Today, June 2, 2024

Greeters:	8:30	William & Karen Comer	
	9:45	Stephanie Decker	
	11:00	Donna Nunery, Betty Labin	
Ushers:	8:30	Bill Comer*, Ron Dombrowski	* Head Ushers
	9:45	Jim Watkins*, Pat Stanfield	
	11:00	Beth Stewart*, Andrew Brummette, Jeff Marlin, Tom Petrey, Bob Kutz	
Communion:	8:30	Kinsley Johnston, Amelia Morgan	
	9:45	Cornelia DeWitt, John & Dawn Hall	
	11:00	Sandy Sims, Dawn York	
Nursery:	8:30, 9:45, 11:00	Staff Members; Carla Adams, Samantha Garcia	

A Place of Miracles Cafe Clothing Closet is currently in need of men's clothing of all sizes, bed linens, and baby items: wipes, diapers, car booster seats, toddler toys; especially push toys and cognitive/physical development play. Please place donations in the Church Missions Closet.
POC: Diane Merryman at dianemerryman@gmail.com, 804-586-4189.

CUMC Preschool is Hiring Teachers & Assistants: CUMC Preschool is looking for energetic, creative, confident, and loving teachers and assistants for the 2024-2025 school year starting this fall. Apply Now! Send your resume to Whitney Graham preschool@chesterumc.org.
POC: Whitney Graham 804-748-2275.

Save the Date- Ice Cream Social: Sunday, July 14, 12:00 PM, DFH. Join us as we celebrate our friends and family aged 90 and above! Enjoy some delicious ice cream and fellowship immediately following the 11:00 AM Traditions Worship Service.

Rise Against Hunger: Sunday, August 18, 12:30 PM, Fellowship Hall. Our goal is to achieve a 50% increase in our number of meals. Snacks and drinks will be provided.
POC: Eric Hougland ehougland88@gmail.com

Youth Mission Trip: Harvest of Hope! Sunday September 27 – 29. We are headed to Lynchburg to be a part of the Harvest for Hope Ministry! This is a ministry that would allow our youth to participate in the gleaning and distribution of produce that remains in the fields after harvest! They will learn about the reality of hunger each evening. We will partake in worship and fellowship! The cost is \$150 per person. Meals and lodging are included. Scholarships are available. Please do not let the cost deter your child from attending. If interested contact Juliana Paradie no later than Sunday, June 16. No payment is due at this time. Use this link to read more about this organization: <https://endhunger.org/hoh/>
POC: Juliana Paradie julianaparadie@chesterumc.org

CUMC Medical Closet Needs Donations: We gladly accept wheelchairs, walkers, rollators, elevated toilet seats, bath/shower seats, etc. To loan out and give away to individuals in need. For more information, please email or call the Church Office, office@chesterumc.org.

Leading Our Worship Next Sunday, June 9, 2024

Greeters:	8:30	Steve & Joan Osborne
	9:45	Ed & Marian Garrett
	11:00	Jim Rhodes, Sharon Buchanan
Ushers:	8:30	Wendell Landis*, Bill Comer * Head Ushers
	9:45	Linda D'Agostino*, Scott Pugh
	11:00	Gary Williams*, James Bartlett, Harold Crowder, Marshall Henry, Kay Williams
Nursery:	8:30, 9:45, 11:00	Staff Members; Carla Adams, Samantha Garcia

SUNDAY SMALL GROUPS

Children's Sunday School, KIDZ ZONE: 9:45 AM. Pre-K (Rm. 107); Grades K-5 (Rm. 206)
Come join our Kidz Zone Ministry. POC: Juliana Paradie julianaparadie@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. *From Jesus to Constantine*, by
Professor Bart D. Ehrman. Step back to Christianity's first three centuries to see how it
transitioned from the religion of Jesus to a religion about Jesus. Visitors and new members
are always welcome. POC: Susan Petrey, 804-938-5396.

Friendship Ministry Class: 10:40 AM, Room 116, for adults who are developmentally
challenged. POC: Mari and Dan Hayes JLMinNaples@msn.com

The Gathering Small Group: 9:45 AM, Room 205. Will resume in September. Join with other
young families for a time of study and fellowship. POC: Brion & Sonja Seward
lbseward@comcast.net, /Andrew Brummette.

Journey Sunday School Class: 9:45 AM, Annex and Google Meet, Join by video link:
<https://meet.google.com/ptm-pieh-vve>. We are studying the book of Luke.
POCs: Carolyn Landis landisfamily05@gmail.com and Eric Houglund ehouglund88@gmail.com

Seekers Sunday School Class: 9:40 AM, Room 226. Join us as we study the book, *The Ten
Commandments From The Backside*, by J. Ellsworth Kalas, from May 19-Aug. 4. Discover how
the law was meant to make life richer and more fulfilling. Gain new insights into positive
possibilities for holy living. All adults are welcome.
POC: Gordon Jones JONESGJ215@gmail.com

Senior Singles Sunday School Class: 9:45 AM, Parlor. Will resume in September.
POC: Cynthia Corley cacorley@ctsi.net

Middle & High School, Sunday School Class: 9:45 AM, Annex Loft. Bring your friends!
Grades 6-12. POC: Juliana Paradie julianaparadie@chesterumc.org

Middle & High School: 4:00 PM, Annex Loft. Breaks for summer June 16-August. Come out
for some fun and hear an amazing lesson that is being taught by one of our incredible leaders.
Bring your friends! Grades 6-12. POC: Juliana Paradie julianaparadie@chesterumc.org

Bridge Builders-Jail Ministry: Meets 2nd Sundays, 12:15 PM, Room 116. Please join us as we
look to strengthen our Jail Ministry with Chesterfield County HARP.
POC: Maureen Coker mcoker2003@comcast.net

OTHER SMALL GROUPS

Faith Keepers Women's Prayer Group: Mondays, 9:00 AM at Grants Coffee Co. (11884 Chester Village DR). POC: Sherri Morris smorris787@aim.com

Village People Study, Socialize, & Service Group: 3rd Mondays, 2:00 PM, Community Room at Chester Village Senior APTS (11701 Chester Village Drive).

Joy Singers: Summer break starts June 11, Resumes in the fall, Tuesdays, 10:30 AM, Music Suite. Rehearsals for our retired folks. This group sings for local nursing home residents and community groups. POC: Joshua Wortham. music@chesterumc.org

Sueños ESL Classes: New semester starts September 3, Tuesdays & Thursdays, 7:00 PM–8:30 PM, Rooms 205, 214, 221, 226. POC: Pastor Chad Beck (chadbeck@chesterumc.org)

Chancel Choir Rehearsals: Summer break starts June 5, Resumes in the fall, Wednesdays, 7:00 PM. Singers of all skill levels are welcome to join! POC: Joshua Wortham music@chesterumc.org

Handbells: Resumes in the fall, Wednesdays, 5:45 PM, Sanctuary; For Adults. POC: Joshua Wortham.

Thursday Morning Men's Group: Thursdays, 7:30 AM at Grants Coffee Co. (11884 Chester Village DR). POC: Gordon Morris gordo1545@aim.com

Contemplative Prayer Group: Thursdays, 11:00 AM, Trinity UMC. Read scripture, focus, pray, chat, connect with God. Summer months have reduced meeting schedules. Please contact Lisa to confirm dates. POC: Lisa Stanfield: lisajostanfield@gmail.com

Women's Fellowship Luncheon: 3rd Thursdays, 1:30 PM. Join us at a local restaurant for good food and great conversation. POC: Joan Osborne josbor61@gmail.com

Prayer Shawl Group: Thursdays, 1:30 PM, Parlor, or 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 (804) 914-0433 wva_lady@verizon.net

Women's Christian Book Club: 1st Thursdays, 6:30 PM, Parlor. *Woman of God*, by James Patterson. Amazon book link ... <https://a.co/d/7u8hnUA>. Next meeting June 6. POC: Jennifer Brame jrbrooksiee@gmail.com

Strum and Smile: Mondays, 6:00 PM, Music Suite. This is a group of guys and gals who play stringed instruments with no intention of performing. POC: Keith Woods

Kidz Zone Night: 3rd Saturdays, 6:00 PM, Join us for food and a variety of fun activities! POC: Charlotte Brummette Charl208@yahoo.com (804) 833-1174

The United Methodist Women (UMW): is to “be a community of women whose purpose is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ, to develop a creative, supportive fellowship, and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.” Call Susan Petrey, 804-938-5396, to learn more about UMW, our two participating fellowships, and how you can become involved.

- **Jean Craig Fellowship:** will meet on Monday, June 3, 7:00 p.m. Room 205, (1st Mondays) to compile Hygiene Kits for UMCOR. On July 1, we will take a tour of Hollywood Cemetery and visit the grave of our namesake, missionary Jean Craig. Call Susan Petrey for details, 804-938-5396.
- **Ada Mae Bookman Fellowship:** will resume meeting on 2nd Thursdays in September. Call Martha Miles, 748-5476, for details.

Backpack Ministry: Thanks to your generous support, we have been able to send food home each weekend to help 55 families. Almost every week our bin in the Church Mission Closet has received donations of food items we use. This enables us to use our monetary donations more wisely. Thank you to all who give food, money, and support to this vital ministry.

POC: Karen Comer kgcomer@verizon.net

Rest Stop is a Chester UMC after school program designed to provide rest and encouragement to at-risk youth from Thomas Dale High School. Do you have a special gift to share with these young people or just an abundance of love to give? Make a check payable to CUMC, (memo: Rest Stop) to help cover our small expenses including gas for the church bus. Contact leader, Susan Petrey, 804-938-5396, for information, volunteering, and providing meals. You will leave REST STOP with a joyful heart, receiving more than you gave! Please prayerfully consider how you can help.

Stephen Ministry: Are You Stressed? Discouraged? Feeling Down? You don't have to go through difficult times alone. Our Stephen Ministers are ready to provide confidential, one-to-one, Christian care and support to help you get through a tough time. So don't struggle alone. Our Stephen Ministers are here to care. To find out more about Stephen Ministry, please call Steve Osborne at 407-921-022



United Methodist Men's Gathering: June 30, 4:00 PM. Painting and patching the Church parking lot. Going forward, UMM will meet every third Sunday of each month, 4:00 PM. If you are seeking to give and receive fellowship, mentorship, service to Church and community, and study The Word of God with other men POC: Brion Seward 1bseward@comcast.net

VBS Volunteers Needed: Be a Hero! We are looking for VBS Volunteers to help June 24-28 from 9:00 AM-12:00 PM. If you would like to volunteer or have any questions, please sign up in the pew pad today or use this QR code.

POC: Juliana Paradie julianaparadie@chesterumc.org



Vacation Bible School: June 24-28 from 9:00 AM-12:00 PM. Register children today by using this QR Code. VBS is for children that turn age four by September 1, through children entering the 6th grade. Don't miss out on all the fun at CUMC Vacation Bible School! Register today, using this QR code or this link:

<https://chester-umc.mycokesburyvbs.com/register-child>

POC: Juliana Paradie julianaparadie@chesterumc.org



Vacation Bible School Donations: We need your support to make this year's program a success. We are requesting donations of specific snacks and supplies. Here's how you can help make a difference. Your generosity will play a vital role in creating a memorable and enriching experience for our children as they explore faith and friendship at Vacation Bible School. Thank you in advance for your support and generosity! Together, let's make this year's Vacation Bible School an unforgettable journey of faith and fun for our children. Use this QR code to see the list of needed items.

POC: Juliana Paradie julianaparadie@chesterumc.org



College Age, Young Adults! Age 18-29, Saturday, July 6, 7:00 PM, Pastor Nathan's residence. Get ready to fire up the grill and spice up your summer! Join us for the ultimate cookout, where good food and great vibes collide! This is your chance to savor delicious food and fellowship with awesome company. Mark your calendar and do not miss out on the coolest cookout of the summer! Use this QR code to sign up. Or text "YoungAdult" to 804-979-2922.

Texting In Church! Join us to help our Church stay connected! Sign up and be a part of our Text Ministry, by scanning the QR code and texting the word "connect" to get a weekly text from CUMC about ways you can get involved as we embrace, love, and impact our community. Text the word "music" to 804-979-2922 to subscribe to the announcements about upcoming concerts at Chester UMC!

