

## **Sharing in Worship Leadership this morning:**

Preacher: Rev Kelly Conner
Organist: Carmella Lynch
Bell choir Director: Pam Manochio
Special Music: Laura Crail Putman
Greeter: Lorraine MacMillan
Usher: Laura White
Worship Leader: Rich Kuc

Altar flowers are given to the glory of God

## **Prayer Joys and Concerns:**

H=Health; L=Loss; LT=Long Term; O=Other

Linda Lyons (H); Nancy Storer (H); the family of Lillian Williams (L); Jean Andrews (H); Andrew R.(O); Bill and Doreen Jones (H); Mary Ann Box (H); Darene Hazel (H); Ramona Harlow (LT); Jane Dean (H); Holly Dorner (H); Donna McCormick (H); DeBrock Family (O); Laura White (H); Allison (H); Kim Nally; Amy (H); Gail Kracyla (H); Dominic King (LT); Jill Brownback (LT); Nancy Walker (H); Mabel & Alan Ladd (H); MaryAnn Rumford (LT); Rick Browne (LT); all peoples impacted by war.

Please add prayer requests and updates to the list in the Narthex

# Chester Bethel UMC

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#### **Announcements**

- Neighborhood House thanks Chester Bethel congregation for generous donations of socks, hats, etc. for their two houses—see the letter on the bulletin board.
- Our book study\_continues every Tuesday evening (zoom) and Thursday morning and end the week before
   Thanksgiving, on November 19<sup>th</sup> and 21st. We are reading Nancy Guthrie's <u>Blessed: Experiencing the Promise of the Book of Revelation --</u> Tuesday nights at 7 on Zoom; Thursday mornings at 10 am in Room 1.
- Remember the congregational meeting to discuss changes in the building layout; Nov. 23 at 3 PM. Pastor's letter was emailed and is available online as well.

## **Dates to remember:**

- Nov 12—SPRC at 3:30 PM
- Nov 12—Trustees at 6 PM
- Nov 13—Admin Council at 6 PM
- Nov 23 Sat. Congregational meeting 3 PM
- Nov 24—Christ the King Sunday
- Nov 26—Newsletter Deadline for Dec/Jan issue
- Nov 28 Thanksgiving!
- Dec 1—Advent begins

November 10, 2024 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

**PRELUDE** 

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER AFTER AN ELECTION<sup>1</sup>

Almighty God, you rule all the peoples of the earth. Inspire the minds of all women and men to whom you have committed the responsibility of government and leadership in the nations of the world. Give to them the vision of truth and justice, that by their counsel all nations and peoples may work together. Give to the people of our country the zeal for justice and the strength of forbearance, that we may use our liberty in accordance with your gracious will. Forgive our shortcomings as a nation; purify our hearts to see and love the truth. We pray all these things through Jesus Christ. Amen.

Regardless of how we voted or our feelings about the result, we are united as one family in Christ!

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Psalm 146)

Leader: Praise the LORD, O my soul!

People: I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God all my life long.

Leader: Do not put your trust in princes, in mortals, in whom there is no help.

People: When their breath departs, they return to the earth; on that very day their plans perish.

Leader: Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord their God,

People: who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them; who keeps faith forever;

Leader: who executes justice for the oppressed; who gives food to the hungry.

People: The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> UMC *Book of Worship* #442.

loves the righteous.

All: The Lord will reign forever, your God for all generations!

\*OPENING HYMN – "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" UMH #384

#### OPENING PRAYER

O God, you so loved the world as to give your only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. Grant to us the precious gift of faith, that we may know that the Son of God is come, and may have power to overcome the world and gain a blessed immortality; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.<sup>2</sup>

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – from Romans 8

UMH #887

SPECIAL MUSIC

#### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God of extravagant grace, may your Spirit refresh our hearts through the reading of the Scriptures, so that we may perceive all the good we can do in your Kingdom. Infuse your Word in our hearts, and grow our faith toward our Lord Jesus. Amen.<sup>3</sup>

OLD TESTAMENT READING
NEW TESTAMENT READING

Ruth 3:1-11 Hebrews 9:24-28

**SERMON** 

SPECIAL MUSIC

\*HYMN OF REPSONSE – "Where Charity and Love Prevail" vv. 1,2 & 4 UMH #549

THANKSGIVINGS AND INTERCESSIONS 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.

### GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

You are invited to give in one of the following ways:

- 1. You may place your cash or check offering into the plates we pass around at this time
- 2. You may mail your tithes and offerings to the church office Thank you for your donations and the ways in which you all use your gifts to work as Christ's hands and feet in the world!

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

\*OFFERTORY

\*DOXOLOGY

UMH #94

Praise God from whom all blessings flow! Praise Him all creatures here below! Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise Him, the source of all our gifts; praise Jesus Christ whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

\*CLOSING HYMN – "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" UMH #557

\*BENEDICTION

**POSTLUDE** 

\*Standing, in body or spirit

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The UMC *Book of Worship*.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup>Adapted from original: <u>https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2017/11/prayer-of-illumination-philemon-4-7.html.</u>