

Chester Bethel UMC

March 23, 2025 9:30 AM



Sharing in Worship Leadership this morning:

Preacher: Rev Kelly Conner
Organist: Carmella Lynch
Bell choir Director: Pam Manochio
Special Music: Bell Choir
Greeter: Bill White
Usher: Sylvia Illuzzi
Worship Leader: Yvonne Kaciuban

*Altar flowers are given in honor of
Yvonne's birthday and
to the glory of God*

Prayer Joys and Concerns:

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

The White/Ladd family for their loss; Ken Donahoe (H); Joseph Glasgow (H); Dora Greer (H); Glenn Hazel (H); Bill Hazel (H); Linda Lyons (H); KFK (O); 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); Allison (H); Kim Nally; Amy (H); Gail Kracyla (H); Dominic King (LT); Jill Brownback (LT); Nancy Walker (LT); MaryAnn Rumford (LT); Rick Browne (LT); all peoples impacted by war (LT)

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



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Announcements

- **Our Finance Chair is now empty (thank you Kathy Kaczynski for years of service!)** Are you organized, good with numbers, capable of faithful oversight of the Finance Committee, and willing to serve for a limited period? Please see or call (302.249.6157) Pastor Kelly to discuss.
- **Easter Lilies** may be dedicated to loved ones and ordered with the enclosed form. Forms can be placed in the plate or by calling /mailing the office before April 3rd when orders are placed.

Dates to remember:

- Mar 30 –UMCOR Sunday
- Mar 30 – **Hymn sing service at 11** with potluck to follow, here. Mt. Lebanon will worship with us on this 5th Sunday.
- April 1 –Deadline to order Easter lilies
- April 12 –Easter Egg Hunt; 1-3 P.M.
- April 13 –Palm Sunday
- April 17 –Holy Thursday service; 6 PM at CBUMC
- April 20 –Easter Sunday 9:30 at CBUMC

March 23, 2025
3rd Sunday in Lent

9:30 AM

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Psalm 63)

Leader: O God, you are my God, I seek you, my soul thirsts for you;
People: **my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.**

Leader: So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory.

People: **Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you.**

Leader: So I will bless you as long as I live; I will lift up my hands and call on your name.

All: **My soul clings to you; your right hand upholds me.**

*OPENING HYMN – “There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”
UMH #121

OPENING PRAYER

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.¹

SPECIAL MUSIC

¹ The Episcopal *Book of Common Prayer*.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Holy Spirit, speak to us through your Word today, so that we may hear you calling us out of the wilderness places in our lives and into new places that you have promised to show us.

In the name of Christ, we pray. Amen.²

OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 55:1-9

NEW TESTAMENT READING 1 Corinthians 10:1-13

SERMON

SPECIAL MUSIC

*HYMN OF RESPONSE – “Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me”

vv. 1,2,3 UMH #361

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 #95

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below; Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN – “Forth in Thy Name, O Lord”

UMH #438

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Standing, in body or spirit

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²Adapted from original written by Amy Loving, and posted on The Worship Closet website: <http://worshipcloset.com/words-for-worship-18th-sunday-after-pentecost/>.