



CHESTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sixth Sunday of Easter

10:00AM

May 9, 2021

WELCOME

VOLUNTARY

Nobody Knows/All Night, All Day

Mark Hayes

CALL TO WORSHIP

Sing to our God a new song.

God has done marvelous things!

Make a joyful noise to the Lord!

Break forth into joyous song and sing praises.

Let the sea roar and all that fills it.

Let the world and its people sing together for joy!

CONFESSION LITURGY

We have been called to follow Christ by obeying his one commandment:

that we love one another as he has loved us.

Let us confess how we have fallen short of that love.

Loving God, we have not loved you or each other with our whole hearts. Forgive us, we pray, and lead us toward wholeness, that we may be filled with your joy. In Jesus' name we pray...(Silent, personal confession).

Christ loves us so much that he laid down his life for us and calls us his friends.

If we can forgive our friends, how much more does Christ forgive us! Thanks be to God!

CHORALE

The Church's One Foundation

CPC Choir

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

READING

Psalm 98

CHORALE

Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me

CPC Choir

LESSON

John 15:9-17

MEDITATION

True Friendship

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers

K. Lee Scott

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Holy God, in Christ you have chosen us to be your friends and to know your will in the world. Therefore we pray in Jesus' name that these tithes and offerings spread your love near and far. Amen.

BENEDICTION

CLOSING MUSIC

Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song

Peter Cutts

Gordon Mapes, Pastor
Sandra Bottoms, Director of Christian Formation
Jonathan Durkovic, Director of Music
Mary Owens, Lay Leader
Lamar Lockhart, Nancy Gefert, Diana Martyn, & Jimmy LaBrecque, Ushers
Todd Woerner, Audio-Video Team
Mark Entwistle, Livestream
Trey Taylor, Sanctuary Guild

Radio broadcast of worship is available in the parking lot on station 97.5FM. Worshipers are also invited to bring lawn chairs to sit on the grass during the service. *A Gallery of the Arts* is open upstairs, as well as the restrooms. Masks and social distance are required indoors.

An offering will be received at the receptacle in the worship area, or by the ushers. Thank you to all who continue to mail or contribute online to the ministries of Chester Presbyterian Church.

Inclement weather (Rain!) In the event of a rain forecast, a call will be made by 6:00AM Sunday. No outdoor worship will occur and a 10:00AM livestream broadcast will take place. Stay dry at home worshipping virtually. Text and email messages will be sent, and office voicemail changed. Call the office to opt-in to automatic CPC text updates.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Members: Susan Hendler, Frank Brownlee, Roger Clifton, Bob Elliot, AJ Schuetze, Linda Taylor, Edith Turner, Mary Weaver, Helen Hines, Betty Crenshaw; Jafar and Lee Farman; Tim Feserman; The Rinaca Family; Larry Turner Sr.

Family: John and Ann Frost's son, John Frost, Jr.; Mike and Jackie Rose's son, Aaron; Jana Wood's father, Wayne Bailey; Chris Hale; Sadie Benton's grandson, Scott Pritchett; Barbara Hignutt's son, Chris; Bob Lynn's sister, Jean Lynn; Diana Martyn's sisters, Patty Farnsworth and Janine Bessert; Cliff Noe's brother, Bruce Noe; and cousin, Sarah Cheek; Ginger Summers nephew, William Summers; Kathy Talley's daughter.

Friends: Dorinda Davidson's friend, Shirley Yankowsky and Shirley's husband, Tony; David Previs, friend of Nancy Gefvert; Grace Cafe Regular, Amy Jenkins and her daughter Shawn; Cliff Noe's friends: Bryan Foutz, Steve Brigham; Bryan Schiano's friend, Buster Keatley; Mary Schiano & Cathy Marny's friend, Tawni Barlow; Becky Lang's friend.

Shut-Ins and Assisted Living Facilities: Wayne Alfred; Judy Danford; Tim Williams; Catherine Spence; Dick Uhrig; Helen Hines; Nancy Porterfield.

Our Military: especially members and friends serving overseas, Christopher Noe.

Ushers and Greeters Needed!

In-person worship is back! We enjoy attending in person, but please remember what it takes to assist in worship each week. For that to happen, we need many volunteers to serve each Sunday as ushers and greeters.... enough so that the same people do not have to serve more than once a month. That takes a lot of volunteers! Volunteer please! It's easy to serve! And it's also a wonderful way to see your friends...and meet new ones! Contact me as soon as you can! Linn Coghill at 748-4636 or lcoghill@chesterpres.org.

Graduation season is here! Graduate information is needed for all high school, college, technical or advanced degree graduates. If you or your student is graduating this spring, please contact Linn Coghill (lcoghill@chesterpres.org) with the following information: graduate's name, address, school and type of degree that will be received (if applicable).

THIS WEEK AT CPC

Sunday, May 9

10:00 AM Worship Live Stream

Monday, May 10

5:30 PM Finance Committee Meeting Virtual
6:30 PM Mission Committee Meeting Virtual & Pastors' Gallery
7:00 PM Scouts Rudy Center & F. H.

Tuesday, May 11

10:30 AM CPC Staff Meeting Sanctuary
2:00 PM Grace Café Food Prep Kitchen
5:00 PM Grace Café Fellowship Hall
6:30 PM Handbell Choir 206 Bell Room

Wednesday, May 12

7:30 AM Men's Breakfast Fellowship Hall
10:00 AM Pastor's Bible Study Pastors' Gallery
3:00 PM Happy Quilters Fellowship Hall
7:00 PM AA Living Life Fellowship Hall
7:00 PM Worship Committee Meeting Virtual

Thursday, May 13

6:30 PM AWE Choir Rehearsal Sanctuary
7:30 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal Sanctuary
7:30PM Narcotics Anonymous Virtual

Friday, May 14

8:00PM AA Big Book Study Fellowship Hall

Saturday, May 15

8:00 AM Men's Breakfast Fellowship Hall

Office Hours: 8:30AM – 3:00PM Monday – Friday. Church staff can be reached at 748-4636

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Today's Scriptures

Psalm 98

¹O sing to the LORD a new song,
for he has done marvelous things.
His right hand and his holy arm
have gotten him victory.

²The LORD has made known his victory;
he has revealed his vindication in the sight of the nations.

³He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness
to the house of Israel.
All the ends of the earth have seen
the victory of our God.

⁴Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth;
break forth into joyous song and sing praises.

⁵Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre,
with the lyre and the sound of melody.

⁶With trumpets and the sound of the horn
make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD.

⁷Let the sea roar, and all that fills it;
the world and those who live in it.

⁸Let the floods clap their hands;
let the hills sing together for joy

⁹at the presence of the LORD, for he is coming
to judge the earth.

He will judge the world with righteousness,
and the peoples with equity.

John 15:9-17

⁹ As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. ¹⁰ If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹ I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

¹² "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³ No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. ¹⁴ You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵ I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. ¹⁷ I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

Worship in Song

The words sung by our choirs this Sunday.

The Church's One Foundation

The Church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord. She is his new creation by water and the word.
From heaven he came and sought her to be his holy bride. With his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
Elect from every nation, yet one over all the earth, her charter of salvation, one Lord, one faith, one birth.
One holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food, and to one hope she presses, with every grace endued.
Though with a scornful wonder this world sees her oppressed, by schisms rent a sunder, by heresies distressed,
Yet saints their watch are keeping, their cry goes up, "How long?" and soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.

Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me

Jesus, thy boundless love to me no thought can reach, no tongue, declare.
O knit my thankful heart to thee and reign without a rival there.
Thine wholly, thine alone, I'd live, myself to thee entirely give.
O grant that nothing in my soul may dwell, but thy pure love alone.
O may thy love possess me whole, my joy, my treasure and my crown!
All coldness from my heart remove, may every act, word, thought be love.
O love, how gracious is thy way! All fear before thy presence flies.
Care, anguish, sorrow melt away wherever thy healing beams arise.
O Jesus, nothing may I see, nothing desire, or seek, but thee.

Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers

Rejoice, rejoice, believers, and let your lights appear. The evening is advancing, and darker night is near.
The bridegroom is arising and soon is drawing nigh. Up, pray and watch and wrestle, at midnight comes the cry.
The watchers on the mountain proclaim the bridegroom near. Go forth as he approaches with alleluias clear.
The marriage feast is waiting, the gates wide open stand. Arise, O heirs of glory, the bridegroom is at hand.
The saints, who here in patience their cross and sufferings bore, shall live and reign forever when sorrow is no more.
Around the throne of glory the lamb they shall behold. in triumph cast before him their diadems of gold.
Our hope and expectation, O Jesus, now appear. A rise, arise over this benighted sphere.
With hearts and hands uplifted, we plead, O lord, to see the day of earth's redemption that sets your people free!

Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song

Like the murmur of the dove's song, like the challenge of her flight, like the vigor of the wind's rush,
like the new flame's eager might, Come, Holy Spirit, come.
With the healing of separation with the ceaseless voice of prayer, with the power to love and witness,
with the peace beyond compare, Come, Holy Spirit, Come.