



CHESTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Fifth Sunday of Easter

10:00AM

May 2, 2021

WELCOME

PRELUDE

What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine

CALL TO WORSHIP

In the wilderness, water brings life.

Seek us out, O God, and take us to the water.

In the Word of God, the good news gives light.

Seek us out, O God, and fill us with understanding.

In the bread and the wine, the body of our Savior nourishes everyone.

Seek us out, O God, and give us your self.

Here is the water of life, the word that feeds, the food of eternity. Come and praise the vine that gives all goodness.

Let us worship God!

CONFESSION LITURGY

Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess to God and to one another our failure to love our neighbor.

God of mercy, we confess that we have not borne the fruit of the Spirit. We have not loved others as you have loved us. We have denied the promises of baptism and cut ourselves off from you. Forgive us, restore us, that we may abide in your love and live out your mercy, for the sake of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray...

(Silent, personal confession)

You have already been cleansed by the word that God has spoken to you. In baptism God claimed you and joined you to Christ, as branches to a vine. Believe the promise given to you: in Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

CHORALE

Be Thou My Vision

CPC Choir

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

LESSON

John 15:1-8

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Shalom

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MEDITATION

Abide in Me

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY CHORALE

Abide with Me

CPC Choir

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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.

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

You Feed Us, Gentle Savior

AWE Singers

The End of Worship, the Beginning of Service

Gordon Mapes, Pastor

Jonathan Durkovic, Director of Music

Sandra Bottoms, Director of Christian Formation

Sue Williams, Lay Leader

Nancy Muller, Ann Dunbar, Tom & Linn Coghil, Ushers

Muriel Phaup, Sanctuary Guild

Mark Entwistle & Warren Trevvett, Live Stream

Harris Family, Camera

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**Radio broadcast** of worship will be available in the parking lot on station 97.5FM. Worshippers 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.

**Communion** will be celebrated today. Worshippers are encouraged to bring their own elements, (bread, cracker, beverage). If you have not brought elements from home, retrieve elements from an usher prior to the start of worship. At-home worshippers are invited to prepare bread and cup elements prior to worship and partake as we do on the grounds at that point in the service.

**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.

**Five-Cents-a-Meal** - we collect for this ministry on the first Sunday of each month. Please consider making a donation to this ministry using your regular contribution method - online or by check. Just indicate that it's a "Five-Cents-a-Meal Offering" so we can make sure it gets designated to the right fund. If you were to set aside a nickel at every meal during the month, it would come to about \$4.50. Once collected, we send these funds to the Presbytery of the James. The majority of funds distributed by the Hunger Ministry provide emergency food relief to people in need:

Church emergency food centers

School backpack programs

County food pantries

**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 Fesperman; 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!

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](mailto:lcoghill@chesterpres.org).

**Can you believe graduation season will soon be 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](mailto: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 2***

10:00 AM Worship Virtual

***Monday, May 3***

1:00 PM Arts Dream Team 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Conference Room

6:00 PM Property Committee Meeting 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Conference Room

7:00 PM Scouts Rudy Center & F. H.

***Tuesday, May 4***

10:30 AM CPC Staff Meeting 1st Floor Conf. Room

2:00 PM Grace Café Food Prep Kitchen

5:00 PM Grace Café Fellowship Hall

6:30 PM Handbell Choir 206 Bell Room

6:30 PM Nominating Committee 2nd Floor Conference Room

7:00 PM Stewardship Committee Virtual

***Wednesday, May 5***

7:30 AM Men's Breakfast Fellowship Hall

10:00 AM Pastor's Bible Study Pastors' Gallery

6:30 PM Personnel Committee Meeting Virtual

7:00 PM AA Living Life Fellowship Hall

8:00 PM Diaconate Meeting Virtual

***Thursday, May 6***

6:30 PM AWE Choir Rehearsal Sanctuary

7:30 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal Sanctuary

7:30PM Narcotics Anonymous Virtual

***Friday, May 7***

8:00PM AA Big Book Study Fellowship Hall

***Saturday, May 8***

8:00AM Men's Breakfast Fellowship Hall

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

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### *Today's Scripture Text*

#### **John 15:1-8**

15 "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. 2 He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. 3 You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. 4 Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. 5 I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. 6 Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. 7 If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. 8 My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

### *Worship in Song*

*The words sung by our choirs today*

#### **Be Thou My Vision**

Be thou my vision, o Lord of my heart., naught be all else to me, save that thou art.  
Thou my best though, by day or by night, waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.  
Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word. I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord.  
Thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tower, raise thou me heavenward, O power of my power.

#### **Shalom**

Peace I leave with you, peace I give to you, shalom, shalom, shalom.  
Peace not of this world have I given you, shalom, shalom, shalom.  
Take this bread, take this wine, make my life your own.  
Heart to heart, branch to vine, shalom, shalom, shalom.  
Though I go away, I will be with you, shalom, shalom, shalom.  
Here to fill your hearts, here to comfort you, shalom, shalom, shalom.  
And when you eat, remember. And when you drink, recall, this is my body, this is my blood I give once for all.  
Peace I leave with you, peace I give to you, shalom, shalom, shalom.  
Peace not of this world have I given you, shalom, shalom, shalom.

#### **Abide with Me**

Abide with me, fast falls the eventide. The darkness deepens, Lord, with me abide!  
When other helpers fail and comforts flee, help of the hopeless, o abide with me.

#### **You Feed Us, Gentle Savior**

You feed us gentle savior, the bread that makes us whole, the wine of your compassion poured out into our soul.  
The flood of your own presence, your spirit, strong with in, the grace that heals us deeply and overcomes our sin.  
You call us, gentle savior, and send us in your name. you teach and heal and show us how we can do the same.  
So strengthened by your spirit and nourished by your grace, we go to be your presence in love in every place.