

## LOOKING AHEAD

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| August 28   | 5:00 pm         | Soup Kitchen                                |
|             | 8:00 pm         | AA  |
| August 31   | 5:00 pm         | Montessori School Pot Luck Dinner           |
| September 2 | <b>8:15 am</b>  | <b>Coffice hours at Simon's Marketplace</b> |
| September 4 | <b>10:00 am</b> | <b>Worship</b>                              |
|             | 5:00 pm         | Soup Kitchen                                |
|             | 8:00 pm         | AA  |

## NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome! No matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here at the United Church of Chester, an Open and Affirming Church and a member of the United Church of Christ. **The United Church of Chester is centered in Christ's love, embracing, nurturing, serving all, and committed to justice and peace.**

The Deacon for August is **Michele Procko**. Flowers are given on the altar by **Sally Marston** in celebration of our church family. Our Greeter for today is **Ruth Mowrey**.

Thank you to **Diane Adams** who has been substituting for Karli these last two weeks in August.

**[Remember starting next week the worship service returns to 10:00 AM.](#)**

Save the Date! Picnic on September 11<sup>th</sup>! Following our worship service there will be an outside picnic in the churchyard. Please bring your own food to enjoy.

**ALAN'S OFFICE HOURS:** Wednesday-Friday 8:30 am-12:30 pm, other times by appointment

**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:** Tuesday-Friday 9am-1pm.

# The United Church of Chester

An Open and Affirming Church

August 28, 2022



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# THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHESTER

An Open & Affirming Congregation of  
The United Church of Christ  
August 28, 2022 9:00 a.m.  
*Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost*

## PREPARATION FOR THE WORD

WELCOME

PRELUDE *One Day* Matisyahu

INTROIT *Morning Has Broken* (vv. 1 and 2) 258

CALL TO WORSHIP

This morning may God move us through the ministry of melody –

**through the sounds and senses of song –**

Through the wordless wonder which fills our souls with heaven –

**through the Spirit which teases our toes to tap and our hearts to overflow –**

Through the moments and mystery and magic of music –

**God, sing to us and through us your song of salvation! Amen.**

\*HYMN *I Love to Tell the Story* 360

INVOCATION Michele Procko, Deacon

**Lord, be the light to our eyes, the music to our ears, the sweetness to our taste, the contentment of our hearts. Be the sunshine to our day, our food at table, our repose in the night, our comfort and succor in all necessities. Lord, we give you ourselves: body and soul and substance; fame and friends, liberty and life. Employ us, and all we have, as is pleasing to you, and to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

## PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Zephaniah 3.14-20

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel!

Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem!

The LORD has taken away the judgements against you, and has turned away your enemies.

The king of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst; you shall fear disaster no more.

On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem:

Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands grow weak.

The LORD, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory;

God will rejoice over you with gladness, will renew you in holy love;

and will exult over you with loud singing as on a day of festival.

I will remove disaster from you, so that you will not bear reproach for it.

I will deal with all your oppressors at that time.

And I will save the lame, gather the outcast,

I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth.

At that time I will bring you home, at the time when I gather you;

for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth,

when I restore your fortunes before your eyes, says the LORD.

ANTHEM *Seek Ye First* Karen Lafferty  
*Somebody's Knockin' at Your Door* 305

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON II Thessalonians 2.13-17

SERMON *"Sing, Sing, Sing"* Rev W. Alan Froggatt  
**(Overlooked and Underpreached VII)**

HYMNS *In the Garden* (vv. 1 and 2)  
*Amazing Grace* (vv. 1 and 2) 401

## RESPONSE TO THE WORD

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER (*"trespasses"*)

ANTHEM *I'll Fly Away* Albert E. Brumley

POEM *The Gift to Sing* James Weldon Johnson, 1871-1938

\*HYMN *This Is the Day* 257

BLESSING & BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE *Let There Be Peace on Earth* 512

## *Morning Has Broken*

Morning has broken like the first morning, blackbird has spoken like the first bird. Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning! Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word.

Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven, like the first dewfall on the first grass. Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden, sprung in completeness where his feet pass.

## *I Love to Tell the Story*

I love to tell the story of unseen things above, of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love. I love to tell the story, because I know 'tis true; it satisfies my longings as nothing else can do.

### *Refrain*

*I love to tell the story, 'twill be my theme in glory, to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.*

I love to tell the story; 'tis pleasant to repeat what seems, each time I tell it, more wonderfully sweet. I love to tell the story, for some have never heard the message of salvation from God's own holy word.

### *Refrain*

I love to tell the story, for those who know it best seem hungering and thirsting to hear it like the rest. And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song, 'twill be the old, old story that I have loved so long.

### *Refrain*

## *This Is the Day*

This is the day, this is the day that our God has made, that our God has made; we will rejoice, we will rejoice and be glad in it, and be glad in it. This is the day that our God has made, we will rejoice and be glad in it; this is the day, this is the day that our God has made.

This is the day, this is the day Jesus rose again, Jesus rose again; we will rejoice, we will rejoice and be glad in it, and be glad in it. This is the day Jesus rose again, we will rejoice and be glad in it; this is the day, this is the day Jesus rose again.

This is the day, this is the day when the Spirit came, when the Spirit came; we will rejoice, we will rejoice and be glad in it, and be glad in it. This is the day when the Spirit came, we will rejoice and be glad in it; this is the day, this is the day when the Spirit came.

## *Amazing Grace! How Sweet the Sound*

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound that saved and set me free!  
I once was lost, but now am found; was blind but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;  
how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!