

## LOOKING AHEAD

June 19	5:00 pm 8:00 pm	Soup Kitchen AA
June 24	8:15 am	<b>Coffice hours at Simon's Marketplace</b>
June 26	10:00 am 5:00 pm 8:00 pm	<b>Worship</b> Soup Kitchen AA

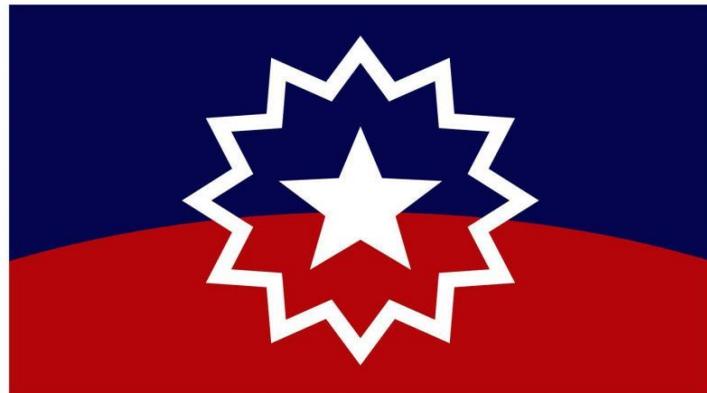
## NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 June is **Debra Calamari**. Flowers are given on the altar by **Pat Holloway** in celebration of all fathers on **Father's Day**. Our Greeter for today is **Sue Germini-Humble**.

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

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



# The United Church of Chester

An Open and Affirming Church

June 19, 2022



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# THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHESTER

An Open & Affirming Congregation of  
The United Church of Christ  
June 19, 2022 10:00 a.m.  
*Second Sunday after Pentecost*

## PREPARATION FOR THE WORD

PRELUDE *I've Got Peace Like a River* (spiritual)

INTROIT *Wade in the Water* (spiritual)

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Galatians 4 & 5)

For freedom Christ has set us free:

**We will stand firm and not submit again to the yoke of slavery.**

We are no longer children of the law,

**But now we are heirs of the promise through Jesus Christ.**

At one time we were children of the flesh and of desire;

**Now we are the children of the Spirit, children of freedom, children of God.**

**Amen.**

\*HYMN *When Israel Was in Egypt's Land (spiritual)* 497

INVOCATION Debra Calamari, Deacon  
**Redeeming God, be among us this morning as the One who makes us free. Liberate us from the burdens of the cares and concerns that divert our hearts from you. Set our focus on Jesus Christ, who releases us from our bondage to sin, and frees us to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk in humility with You. Let your presence now make us bold to serve you, as servants to your people, and let our witness be true to your highest hopes for us; through Christ our Lord, Amen.**

## PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Exodus 6.2-8; Leviticus 25.1-2, 8-12, 39-43

ANTHEM *In the Bulb There is a Flower* (Natalie Sleeth)  
Sung by Ruth Mowry, Jennifer Gill and Pat Holloway

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON John 15.12-17  
Jesus said, "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. 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. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another."

SERMON *"Jubilee-teenth"* Rev. W. Alan Froggatt  
"For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm, and do not submit to the yoke of slavery"  
(Galatians 5.1)

## RESPONSE TO THE WORD

JOYS AND CONCERNS

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

POEM *We Rose* by Kristina Kay

\*HYMN *Lift Every Voice and Sing* 481

BLESSING & BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE *We Shall Overcome* (US traditional)

## *When Israel Was in Egypt's Land*

When Israel was in Egypt's land, let my people go,  
oppressed so hard they could not stand, let my people go,  
*Refrain: Go down, Moses, 'way down in Egypt's land, tell old  
Pharoah to let my people go.*

Thus saith the Lord, bold Moses said, let my people go, if  
not I'll smite your first-born dead, let my people go,  
(Refrain)

The Lord told Moses what to do, let my people go, to lead  
the Hebrew children through, let my people go,  
(Refrain)

Then Miriam danced and sang her song, let my people go,  
"Our God has triumphed over wrong!" let my people go,  
(Refrain)

Oh, let us all from bondage flee, let my people go, and let  
us all in Christ be free,  
(Refrain)

## *Lift Every Voice and Sing*

Lift every voice and sing till earth and heaven ring, ring  
with the harmonies of liberty; let our rejoicing rise high as  
the listening skies, let it resound loud as the rolling sea.  
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;  
sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us;  
facing the rising sun of our new day begun, let us march on  
till victory is won.

Stony the road we trod, bitter the chastening rod, felt in the  
days when hope unborn had died; yet with a steady beat,  
have not our weary feet come to the place for which our  
people sighed? We have come over a way that tears have  
been watered; we have come, treading our path through the  
blood of the slaughtered, out from the gloomy past, till  
now we stand at last where the white gleam of our bright  
star is cast.

God of our weary years, God of our silent tears, God who  
has brought us thus far on the way; God, who by glorious  
might, led us into the light, keep us forever in the path, we  
pray. Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where  
we met you; lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the  
world, we forget you; shadowed beneath your hand, may  
we forever stand, true to our God, true to our native land.