

**The United Church of Chester
An Open and Affirming Church**

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THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHESTER

An Open & Affirming Congregation of

The United Church of Christ

August 13, 2023, 9:00 a.m.

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

WELCOME

Deb Calamari, Deacon

PRELUDE

For the Beauty of the Earth

C. Kocher

INTROIT

Sanctuary

Scruggs and Thompson

Pat Holloway, Ruth Mowrey (soloists)

CALL TO WORSHIP

The Spirit of God calls to us,

With sighs too deep for words.

The Spirit of God calls to us,

Claiming us,

Summoning us to become more than we now are.

Calling us by name: God's children.

Come let us worship God.

*HYMN

Let All Things Now Living

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Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving to God our creator triumphantly raise; who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us by guiding us onto the end of our days. God's banners are o'er us, pure light goes before us, a pillar of fire shining forth in the night: till shadows have vanished, all fearfulness banished, as forward we travel from light into light.

By law God enforces. The stars in their courses, the sun its orbit obediently shine; the hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains, the depths of the ocean proclaim God divine. We, too, should be voicing our love and rejoicing; with glad adoration a song let us raise till all things now living unite in thanksgiving; "To God in the highest, hosanna and praise!"

*INVOCATION

Gracious and Holy God, we come to you because you have first come to us. We know you because you have revealed yourself in all Creation and in Jesus Christ. Give us in this time of worship a new sense of your Spirit breathing through us. Lift our hearts with the song of music, heal our souls with the balm of prayer,

*BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Let All Things Now Living

(tune: Ashgrove)

LOOKING AHEAD

August 13	5:00 pm	Soup Kitchen	August 18	8:15 am	Coffice Hours at Simon's Marketplace Worship
August 15	8:30 am	Yoga	August 20	9:00 am	
August 17	8:30 am	Yoga		10:00 am 5:00 pm	Deacon's Meeting Soup Kitchen

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 the month of August is **Deb Calamari**. Our Greeter for today is **Diane Lindsay**. Flowers on the altar were provided by **Diane Lindsay**. Coffee hour is being hosted by **Eileen Sypher**.

Closer to Free Fundraiser

On September 9th our parking lot will be used as a rest stop for the Closer to Free Fundraiser bicycle ride for Smilow Cancer Center. If you are interested in volunteering please contact the church office at 860 526-2697.

ALAN'S OFFICE HOURS: Wednesday – Friday 8:30 am – 12:30 pm, or by appointment

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: Sally is on vacation this week.