

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 6, 2023, 10:00 a.m.

*Tenth Sunday after Pentecost*

WELCOME

Deb Calamari, Deacon

PRELUDE

*Intermezzo*

P. Mascagni

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

Creator of the Cosmos, of eternity and time,

**Be with us now in this time.**

Savior of the world, healer of the nations,

**Be with us now in this place.**

Breath of all that breathes, of people far and near,

**Stir now your mighty wind among us.**

Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, God of here and now,

**Be present in our gathering, that we may find new ways to be present in your world. Amen.**

\*HYMN

*Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty*

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Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee; holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty; God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! all the saints adore thee, casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea; cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee, God ever living, through eternity.

Holy, holy, holy! though the darkness hide thee, though the sinful human eye thy glory may not see; only thou art holy; there is none beside thee, perfect in power, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea; holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty; God in three persons, blessed Trinity!



PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

POEM

*Art and Heart* Ella Wheeler Wilcox (1850-1919)

\*HYMN

*God of the Fertile Fields*

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God of the fertile fields, shaper of earth that yields our daily bread; forth from your bounteous hand come gifts your love has planned, that all in ev'ry land be clothed and fed.

We would be stewards true, holding in trust from you all that you give; help us in love to share, teach us like you to care for people ev'rywhere, that all may live.

As grows the hidden seed to fruit that serves our need, your reign yet grows. So let our toil be used, no gift of yours abused, no humble task refused your love bestows.

God of the countryside, dear to the Christ who died to make us one; we pledge our lives anew in faithful love to you; guide all we say and do, till life is done.

\*BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

## LOOKING AHEAD

August 6	5:00 pm	Soup Kitchen	August 11	8:15 am	No Coffice Hours
August 8	8:30 am	Yoga	August 13	9:00 am 5:00 pm	Worship Soup Kitchen
August 10	8:30 am	Yoga			

## 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 **Daphne Stitt**. Flowers on the altar were provided by **Bridget Forant**.

**ALAN'S OFFICE HOURS:** Alan is on vacation this week.

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