LOOKING AHEAD

October 16	**11:00 am**	**Christmas Fair Meeting**
	1:00 pm	Montessori School Picnic
	5:00 pm	Soup Kitchen
	8:00 pm	AA
October 17	6:30 pm	Scouts – Arrows of Light
October 18	**4:00 pm**	**Endowment Committee Meeting**
October 19	6:00 pm	Scouts – Bear Den
October 20	10:00 am	Backpack Program
October 21	8:15 – 9:15 am	**Coffice Hours** at Simon's Marketplace
October 22	Noon – 9 PM	Brian House Halloween Party
October 23	**10:00 am**	**Worship**
	11:00 am	**Council Meeting**
	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 October is **Pat Holloway.** Flowers are given on the altar by **Bob and Liz Luther** in memory of Bob's mother Herta Luther . Our Greeters for today is **Laurel Johnson**

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

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

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THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHESTER

An Open & Affirming Congregation of
The United Church of Christ
October 16, 2022 10:00 a.m.
Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

PREPARATION FOR THE WORD

WELCOME — Pat Holloway, Deacon

PRELUDE — *Prelude and Fugue #5* — C. Pennfield

INTROIT — *As We Gather* — M. Fay

CALL TO WORSHIP

Jesus the light of the world, shine your life through us.
May we refract your brilliance in a thousand different hues.
Red and yellow, black and white, all are precious in your sight,
Jesus, love all the children in your world!
And as you have given your covenant promise to vouchsafe all creation,
Let us be the prism of promise that gathers everyone together, and leaves no one in darkness. Amen.

*HYMN — *Our God, Our Help in Ages Past* — 80

INVOCATION

Loving God, as we worship you, lead us into life in all its fullness. Help us to worship you with all we have and all we are. Let our laughter and tears be instruments of prayer; let our loves and delights paint our world and our worship with color and sound; make our doubt the clay from which our faith is fashioned and formed; let our fears boil within us until they emerge as shining hope. And let the light of the world be born and reborn within us until we radiate the love that is Jesus Christ, Amen.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

SCRIPTURE LESSON — Genesis 9.1-3

God blessed Noah and his children, and said to them, 'Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth. The fear and dread of you shall rest on every animal of the earth, and on every bird of the air, on everything that creeps on the ground, and on all the fish of the sea; into your hand they are delivered. Every moving thing that lives shall be food for you; and just as I gave you the green plants, I give you everything.

II Chronicles 2.5-7

The house that I am about to build will be great, for our God is greater than other gods. But who is able to build him a house, since heaven, even highest heaven, cannot contain him? Who am I to build a house for him, except as a place to make offerings before him? So now send me an artisan skilled to work in gold, silver, bronze, and iron, and in purple, crimson, and blue fabrics, trained also in engraving, to join the skilled workers who are with me in Judah and Jerusalem, whom my father David provided.

ANTHEM — *African Psalm* — P. Liebergen

SCRIPTURE LESSON — Daniel 7.9-10
Acts 2.1-4

SERMON — *"True Colors"* — Rev W. Alan Froggatt

"I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and all the earth."
Genesis 9.13

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

ANTHEM — *The Healing Place* — J. Martin

JOYS AND CONCERNS

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

POEM — *Color Effect* — William Henry Dawson

*HYMN — *De Colores (Sing of Colors)* — insert

BLESSING & BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE — *God Be With You* — R. Vaughan Williams

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

Our God our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home!

Under the shadow of thy throne thy saints have dwelt secure; sufficient is thine arm alone, and our defense is sure.

Before the hills in order stood, or earth received her frame, from everlasting thou art God, to endless years the same.

A thousand ages in thy sight are like an evening gone, short as the watch that ends the night before the rising sun.

Time, like an ever-rolling stream, bears mortals all away; they fly, forgotten, as a dream dies at the opening day.

Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, be thou our guard while troubles last, and our eternal home.

De Colores (Sing of Colors)

Sing of colors, sing of colors that over the hills in profusion are springing; Sing of colors of the birds that fly outside my window their canticles singing; Sing of colors, in the rainbow's bright colors God's promise of hope we recall; Sing of colors that make up the earth and give thanks to the God who created us all. Sing of colors that make up the earth and give thanks to the God who created us all.

Sing, rejoicing! Every creature that breathes raise a song to the God of creation. Sing, rejoicing! Sing to God who so earnestly cares, who has offered salvation. Sing the good news! Sing the love of the Savior reflecting the colors of all. Many colors that shine from God's face, many colors that tell us God's love to recall. Many colors that shine from God's face, many colors that tell us God's love to recall.