LOOKING AHEAD

October 2	5:00 pm	Soup Kitchen
	8:00 pm	AA
October 3	5:15 pm	Scouts – Lions & Tigers
	6:30 pm	Scouts – Webelos
October 6	6:30 pm	Scouts – Wolf Den
October 7	**8:15 am**	**Coffice Hours at Simon's Marketplace**
October 9	**10:00 am**	**Worship**
	5:00 pm	Soup Kitchen
	8:00 pm	AA

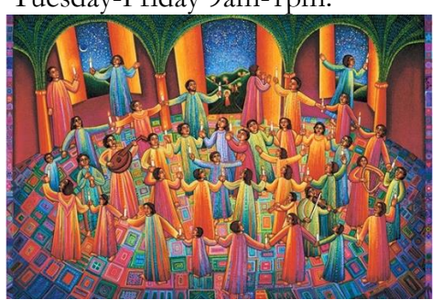
NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**.

This morning's deacon is **Barbara-Jan Wilson.** Flowers are given on the altar by **Tim Napier** in celebration of all the wonderful women with October birthdays in our lives - particularly Sarah Elizabeth and Barbara-Jan. Our Greeter for today is **Sarah Wilson Murcko**.

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

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



"Celebration" by John August Swanson

The United Church of Chester

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THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHESTER

An Open & Affirming Congregation of
The United Church of Christ
October 2, 2022 10:00 a.m.
World Communion Sunday

PREPARATION FOR THE WORD

WELCOME — Barbara-Jan Wilson, Deacon

PRELUDE — *Communion Around the World, a Medley*
(A medley of French, Native American, Nicaraguan, Spanish, German, Chinese melodies)

INTROIT — *As We Gather* — M. Fay

CALL TO WORSHIP — Book of Common Worship
This morning we gather to ask God's blessing on this church, this body of Christ:
May the faithful find salvation, and the careless be awakened.
May the doubting find faith, and the anxious be encouraged.
May the tempted find help, and the sorrowful comfort.
May the weary find rest, and the strong be renewed.
And may every child of God find consolation and inspiration through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*HYMN — *God Is Here!* — 253

INVOCATION
Gracious God, this morning we ask the blessing of your presence among us. We gather in your name from many places and in this moment we call this church home. In every new day we come to you full of excitement and promise for the work we do together. Bless this church family - bless singers and speakers, bless players and prayers, bless leaders and servers of so many kinds, that all our worship and all our ministry might be to your greater glory, and that our gifts of the Spirit might build up the body of Christ, in whose name we pray, Amen.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON — Genesis 2.4a-7, 18-23

ANTHEM — *"Haleluya"* — a Swahili Tune

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON — I Corinthians 12.14-27
Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot were to say, 'Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body', that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear were to say, 'Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body', that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, 'I have no need of you', nor again the head to the feet, 'I have no need of you.' On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it. Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.

SERMON — *"Embodiment"* — Rev W. Alan Froggatt
"Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it."
I Corinthians 12.27

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

ANTHEM — *Prayer of St. Francis* — S. Temple
(Ruth Mowrey, Jennifer Gill, Diane Adams, soloists)

JOYS AND CONCERNS

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

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

POEM — *And The Table Will Be Wide* — Jan Richardson
(A Blessing for World Communion Sunday)

*HYMN — *Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ* — 316

BLESSING & BENEDICTION

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

God Is Here!

God is here! As pilgrim people met to offer praise and prayer, may we find in fuller measure what it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the world around us, all our varied skills and arts wait the coming of the Spirit into open minds and hearts.

Here are symbols to remind us of our lifelong need of grace; here are the table, font, and pulpit; here the cross has central place. Here in honesty of preaching, here in silence, as in speech, here, in newness and renewal, God the Spirit comes to each.

Here our children find a welcome in the Shepherd's flock and fold; here as bread and wine are taken, Christ sustains us, as of old. Here the servants of the Servant seek in worship to explore what it means in daily living to believe and to adore.

Lord of all, of church and kingdom, in an age of change and doubt keep us faithful to the gospel; help us work your purpose out. Here, in this day's dedication, all we have to give, receive; we, who cannot live without you, we adore you! We believe!

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

Let us talents and tongues employ, reaching out with a shout of joy: bread is broken, the wine is poured, Christ is spoken and seen and heard.

Refrain

Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again, pass the Word around: loaves abound! (2x)

Christ is able to make us one, at the table he sets the tone, teaching people to live to bless, love in word and in deed express.

Refrain

Jesus calls us in, sends us out bearing fruit in a world of doubt, gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Immanuel) everywhere!

Refrain