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THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHESTER

An Open & Affirming Congregation of
The United Church of Christ
August 11, 2024 9:00 a.m.
Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

PREPARATION FOR THE WORD

WELCOME — Peggy Phillips, Deacon

PRELUDE — *Minuet* — G.F. Handel

INTROIT — *The Sun is on the Sea and Shore* — M. Bain
Cheryl Archer, Paul Indorf, Pat and Rick Holloway

CALL TO WORSHIP
Praise God!
As long as I have breath in my body, I will praise God.
Don't pin your hopes on the genius of man. His ultimate end is the same as yours
And he becomes once more like the dust from which he came.
That person is secure who draws his strength from God.
He who created the earth and all that abides on it, he is that One who can heal the wounds and mend the fractures of this disjointed world.
He can break the bonds of obsession and pierce man's stupor with visions of truth.
He tenderly reaches out to those who are oppressed and reveals his concern for those who are lost and lonely.
He watches over his own while the paths of the godless lead to their own destruction.
This is the God who cannot die.
Praise God!
And all the people said "Amen."

*HYMN *"I've Got Peace Like A River"* (insert)

INVOCATION

O God, our Father, who showed forth your love by sending your only begotten Son into the world that all might live through him: pour your Spirit upon your church that it may fulfill his command to preach the gospel to every creature. Look upon

the sickness of the world and stretch forth your hand to heal. Make your church one and fill it with your spirit, that it may be the instrument of your reconciling power among the nations, and that all people may be drawn to you and to one another by the bands of your love. Give your peace, your help, and your love, in one body and one Spirit, in one hope of our calling. We pray for all those who are seeking for the nations of the world a way whereby order and freedom may be maintained, and differences of peoples be justly resolved. Establish their purpose on sure foundations, and prosper their work by your Holy Spirit. Out of the darkness of our divided world we cry to you, O God. Let not the hopes of people perish, or their sacrifice be in vain. Turn to yourself the hearts of rulers and peoples, that a new world may arise where all live as your children; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON 1 Kings 19:4-8

Then Elijah walked for a whole day into the desert. He sat down under a bush and asked to die. "I have had enough, Lord," he prayed. "Let me die. I am no better than my ancestors." Then he lay down under the tree and slept. Suddenly an angel came to him and touched him. "Get up and eat," the angel said. Elijah saw near his head a loaf baked over coals and a jar of water, so he ate and drank. Then he went back to sleep. Later the Lord's angel came to him a second time. The angel touched him and said, "Get up and eat. If you don't, the journey will be too hard for you." So Elijah got up and ate and drank. The food made him strong enough to walk for forty days and nights to Mount Sinai, the mountain of God.

ANTHEM *This Little Light of Mine* (spiritual arr. Patterson)

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON John 6.41-51 (p 974)

SERMON *"I've Had Enough, Lord!"* Claudia Epright

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

OFFERTORY *O Hear Me Prayin* spiritual

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow / Praise God all creatures here below
Praise God for all that love has done / Creator, Christ and Spirit, One. Amen

JOYS AND CONCERNS

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

POEM Aisha's Poem for Peace in Northern Nigeria (insert)

*HYMN *Let There Be Peace on Earth* (insert)

SANCTIFYING AND PERFECTING GRACE

431 Let There Be Peace on Earth

*Original words: With God as our Father, brothers all are we. Let me walk with my brother in perfect harmony.

WORDS: Sy Miller and Jill Jackson
MUSIC: Sy Miller and Jill Jackson; harm. by Charles H. Webb, 1987

WORLD PEACE
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BENEDICTION RESPONSE *Peace My Friends* (anonymous)

LOOKING AHEAD

August 11	**9:00 am** 5:00 pm	**Worship** Soup Kitchen	August 15	8:30 am	Yoga
August 13	8:30 am	Yoga	August 16	**8:15 am**	**Coffice Hours at Simon's Marketplace**
			August 18	**9:00 am** **10:00 am** 5:00 pm	**Worship** **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 **Peg Phillips.** You were greeted this morning by **Michele Procko.** Chancel Flowers were provided by **Michele Procko,** in celebration of all of our church family celebrating August birthdays/anniversaries - and especially our friend **Sarah Peters**, whose birthday is today! Coffee Hour is being hosted by **Pat & Rick Holloway, Cheryl Archer and Paul Indorf.**

Food Cards Needed
We are out of food cards that the church distributes as requested. Please consider picking up a food card in any denomination from Adams or Chester HomeTown Market. Cards can be dropped off at the church office or put in the secretary's mailbox. Thank you.

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

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: Tuesday - Friday 9:00 am to 1:00 pm