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THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHESTER

An Open & Affirming Congregation of
The United Church of Christ
June 15, 2025 10:00 a.m.
Trinity Sunday

PREPARATION FOR THE WORD

WELCOME		Jennifer Gill, Deacon
PRELUDE	*Nocturne in E Flat Major*	F. Chopin
INTROIT	*Come and Fill Our Hearts*	Taize

CALL TO WORSHIP
We are gathered in the presence of the risen Christ, who remains with us forever.
When we live the love and justice of Jesus, love, joy and peace grow.
We are rooted in Christ's love that we may bear these fruits together with all God's people.
With the faithful of every race, tribe, people and nation, we sing: Blessing and honor, glory and power be to God forever and ever. Amen!

*HYMN *Come, Christians, Join to Sing* 108

Come, Christians, join to sing: Alleluia! Amen! Loud praise to Christ we bring: Alleluia! Amen! Let all with heart and voice, with hymns of thanks rejoice; praise we with grateful choice: Alleluia! Amen!

Come lift your hearts on high: Alleluia! Amen! Let praises fill the sky: Alleluia! Amen! Christ is our Guide and Friend on whom we can depend; his love shall never end: Alleluia! Amen!

Praise yet our Christ again: Alleluia! Amen! Life shall not end the strain: Alleluia! Amen! On heaven's blissful shore Christ's goodness we'll adore, singing forevermore: Alleluia! Amen!

INVOCATION

How good it is to be together, God: your people, gathering, singing, praying and listening for your word in song and silence, in scripture and sermon, in word and wisdom. We do not always recognize how good it all is, and our joy ebbs and flows. Build within us now good experiences and memories which will sustain us in times of stress and longing, as well as times of health and opportunity, now and in the days to come; through Jesus our Lord, Amen.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Psalm 98 (p 540)

ANTHEM *I Shall Not Be Moved* arr A. Parker

APOCRYPHA LESSON Sirach 32.1-6

If they make you master of the feast, do not exalt yourself; be among them as one of their number. Take care of them first and then sit down; when you have fulfilled all your duties, take your place, so that you may be merry along with them and receive a wreath for your excellent leadership. Speak, you who are older, for it is your right, but with accurate knowledge, and do not interrupt the music. Where there is entertainment, do not pour out talk; do not display your cleverness at the wrong time. A ruby seal in a setting of gold is a concert of music at a banquet of wine. A seal of emerald in a rich setting of gold is the melody of music with good wine.

SERMON *"Serenade to Music(ians)"* Rev. W. Alan Froggatt

"Let the floods clap their hands, let the hills sing together with joy."
(Psalm 98.8)

CHOIR APPRECIATION

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

OFFERTORY *Daddy Sang Bass* C. Perkins arr K. Shaw

*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 *Serenade to Music* Ralph Vaughn-Williams (1872-1958)
(adapted from *The Merchant of Venice,* V, i, William Shakespeare)

*HYMN *O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing* 39

O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise, the glories of my God and King, the triumph of God's grace!

My gracious Savior and my God, assist me to proclaim, to spread through all the earth abroad the honors of your name.

Jesus! The name that calms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease, is music in the sinner's ears, is life, and health, and peace!

Glory to God, and praise and love be ever, ever given by saints below and saints above, the church in earth and heaven.

*BLESSING & BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE *Let All Things Now Living*
anon.

(* all who are able may stand)

LOOKING AHEAD

June 15	**10:00 am** 5:00 pm	**Worship – Choir Appreciation Sunday** Soup Kitchen	June 20	**8:15 am**	**Coffice Hours at Simon's Marketplace**
June 17	8:30 am	Yoga	June 22	**10:00 am** 5:00 pm	**Worship** 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 June is **Jennifer Gill** The flowers in the chancel were provided by **Daphne Stitt**. The greeter this morning is **Daphne Stitt**. Coffee Hour is being hosted by **Peggy Phillips.**

Thank You Choir
Thank you to our Choir members and Karli who provide such beautiful music throughout the year. Enjoy your summer!

Welcome Back – Treehouse Players
Treehouse Players children's theater camp is returning to United Church of Chester this summer. They will be here from June 16th through August 15th.

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

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: Tuesday – Friday 9:00 am – 1:00 pm