THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHESTER

An Open & Affirming Congregation of
The United Church of Christ
May 10, 2026, 10:00 a.m.
Sixth Sunday of Easter

WELCOME — Deb Germini Calamari, Deacon

PRELUDE

INTROIT — *Now It's Spring* — Paie Cantiones 1582

CALL TO WORSHIP

*HYMN — *For the Beauty of the Earth* — 54

For the beauty of the earth, for the splendor of the skies, for the love which from our birth over and around us lies, Lord of all to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the beauty of each hour of the day and of the night, hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light, Lord of all to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's delight, for the mystic harmony linking sense to sound and sight, Lord of all to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child, friends on earth and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild, Lord of all to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For each perfect gift of thine unto us so freely given, graces, human and divine, flowers of earth and buds of heaven, Lord of all to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

ANTHEM *Inspirare Spirito* J. Fritz

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

SERMON Rev. W. Alan Froggatt

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

OFFERTORY *In Remembrance* E. Daley

*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 AND LORD'S PRAYER *("trespasses")*

POEM

*HYMN *Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth* 84

Mothering God, you gave me birth in the bright morning of this world. Creator, source of ev'ry breath, you are my rain, my wind, my sun.

Mothering Christ, you took my form, offering me your food of light, grain of life, and grape of love, your very body for my peace.

Mothering Spirit, nurturing one, in arms of patience hold me close, so that in faith I root and grow until I flow'r, until I know.

*BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE *Now It's Spring* Paie Cantiones

LOOKING AHEAD

May 10	**10:00 am** 5:00 pm	**Worship** Soup Kitchen	May 14	8:30 am **7:00 pm**	Yoga **Choir Rehearsal**

May 11	5:30 pm	Irish Dance	May 15	**8:15 am**	**Coffice Hours at The Villager**
May 12	8:30 am 7:00 pm	Yoga Chester Garden Club	May 17	**10:00 am** **11:00 am** 5:00 pm	**Worship** **Annual 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 May is **Deb Germini Calamari.** Chancel flowers were provided by **Deb Germini Calamari** in celebration of all mothers for Mother's Day. You were greeted this morning by **Norma Stearns**. Coffee hour is being hosted by a smiling face.

Annual Meeting – Sunday, May 17th

Please join us following the worship service for our Annual Meeting on Sunday, May 17th. Annual Reports will be available today for your review prior to the meeting. Thank you.

Katie Wilcox Day – Sunday, May 31st

This year we will celebrate Katie Wilcox Day on May 31st. A special donation will be collected for Lady Doak College on that date. Separate envelopes will be provided starting next week. Thank you.

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

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

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