

ORDER OF WORSHIP
September 20, 2026

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Grant us, O Lord, not to mind earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to cleave to those that shall abide; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 105:1 (ESV)

Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon His name; and make known his deeds among the people!

+ **HYMN OF PRAISE**
The Hymnbook, no. 26

O Worship the King All Glorious Above

LYONS

O Worship the King all glorious above, O gratefully sing His power and His love;
Our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days, Pavilioned in splendor, and girded with praise.

O tell of His might, O sing of His grace, Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space.
His chariots of wrath the deep thunder clouds form, And dark is His path on the wings of the storm.

The earth with its store of wonders untold, Almighty, Thy power hath founded of old;
Hath stablished it fast by a changeless decree, And round it hath cast, like a mantle, the sea.

Thy bountiful care what tongue can recite? It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;
It streams from the hills, it descends to the plain, And sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail, In Thee do we trust, nor find Thee to fail;
Thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end, Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend.

+ **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Gracious Lord, we confess that we receive Your present blessings without recognizing them as promises for the future. We cling to the gifts You give us rather than trusting the Giver, and we allow fear and discontentment to obscure Your goodness. Forgive us for our lack of faith and teach us to see every blessing as evidence of Your covenant faithfulness. Amen.

+ **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Psalm 103:11-12 (ESV)

For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

+ **PSALM OF PRAISE**

At All Times I Will Bless the LORD

CHAMPS ELYSEES

The ARP Psalter, no. 34A (vs. 2)

They looked to Him and radiant were, Ashamed they shall not be.
The LORD heard when this poor man cried, From trouble set him free.
The Angels of the LORD encamps Around those fearing Him.
Those trusting Him He safely guards, And He delivers them.

PASTOR'S PRAYER

(Conclude with Lord's Prayer)

Our Father, who art in heaven; Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

+ **HYMN OF FAITH**

Fairest Lord Jesus

CRUSADER'S HYMN

The Hymnbook, no.135

Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature, O Thou of God and man the Son,
Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor, Thou, my soul's Glory, Joy, and Crown.

Fair are the meadows, Fairer still the woodlands, Robed in the blooming garb of spring:
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, Who makes the woeful heart to sing.

Fair is the sunshine, Fairer still the moonlight, And all the twinkling, starry host:
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer, Than all the angels heaven can boast.

Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations, Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and Honor, praise, adoration, Now and forevermore be Thine!

+ **STATEMENT OF BELIEF**

Rev. Davis

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

PRESENTATION OF THE TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

- + **DOXOLOGY** *Praise God from Whom All Blessing Flow* OLD HUNDREDTH
The Hymnbook, no. 544

SERMON TEXT

Deuteronomy 3:12-29

SERMON

You're Blessed. Will You Serve?

Rev. Davis

- + **HYMN OF COMMITMENT** *Seal Us, O Holy Spirit* MEREDITH
The Hymnbook, no. 238

Seal us, O Holy Spirit, Grant us Thine impress, we pray;
We would be more like the Savior, Stamped with His image today.
Seal us, Seal us, Seal us just now, we pray; Seal us, O Holy Spirit, Seal us for Service today.

Seal us, O Holy Spirit, Help us Thy likeness to show;
Then from our lives unto others Streams of rich blessing shall flow.
Seal us, Seal us, Seal us just now, we pray; Seal us, O Holy Spirit, Seal us for Service today.

Seal us, O Holy Spirit, Make us Thine own from this hour;
May we be useful, dear Master, Seal us with witnessing power.
Seal us, Seal us, Seal us just now, we pray; Seal us, O Holy Spirit, Seal us for Service today.

- + **CONCLUDING BLESSING**

- + **HYMN OF RESPONSE** *Benediction* STUART TOWNEND

May the peace of God our heav'nly Father, and the grace of Christ the risen Son, and the fellowship of God the Spirit keep our hearts and minds within His love. And to Him be praise for His glorious reign, from the depths of earth to the heights of heav'n. We declare the name of the Lamb once slain: Christ eternal, the King of kings!

POSTLUDE

PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK

Church Family: Maurice Bennett, Ann Colvin, Marilyn Crocker, Lois Hall, Lamar Kelsey, Elizabeth Levister, Jo Lewis, Sims Lynn, Lou Watts, and Walt Whitman.

Church Members: Greg Delleney, Becky Delleney, Kathy Dickinson, Beth Edwards, Ron Edwards, Jane Edwards, and Nancy Ford.

Community: David Brown, Tommy Hamilton, Mac Turner, Rick Ward, and the family of Frankie Wright.

Christian/Churches Around the World: Lancaster ARP Church, Persecuted Christians in China, Displaced Syrian and Iraqi Christians, Christians in the Sudan, Persecuted Christians in Pakistan.

World: Ben and Trish Alexander (England), James & Claire Blackwell (Scotland), Michael & Laura Cochran (England), Sam & Martha Margaret Cotton (Africa), Chris & Katherine Davidson (Inverness, Scotland), Drew & Lauren Goodman (Africa), Benjamin & Josephine Musuhukye (Rwanda), Lee & Joni Shelnutt (Pakistan & Rwanda), People who don't know Jesus.

FLOWERS

The flowers in the sanctuary today are presented to the Glory of God and in honor of Jerry Stringfellow and in loving memory of Jimmy Barron by Larry and Anna Whitesides.

WEDNESDAY ACTIVITIES

Join us Wednesday, September 23, 2026, for our morning breakfast and bible study starting at 8:30am later for our Wednesday evening dinner, Bible study, and youth groups at 6:00 pm. The meal will be a covered dish so bring your family and friends and a well-filled basket of food to share. Team #1 is responsible for set-up and clean-up: Wendy Branham, Jeff Orr, Wendy Markle, Wayne McGarity, Michael Ritchie, and Billy Rouse. Hope to see you there!

ANNUAL FISH FRY SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 27TH

Save the date Sunday, September 27th at 5:30 pm, for the Chester ARP Annual Fish Fry, cooked and provided by our Deacons. This year the meal will be held at the Chester State Park Shelter #3 weather permitting. There is no cost for the meal but please bring a dessert to share with everyone.