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**Welcome to the Cheshire United Methodist Church.  
All are welcome (all means all)!**

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## SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

JANUARY 18, 2026

10:00 A. M.

PRELUDE

Mara Weed

OPENING PRAYER

WORDS OF WELCOME

The Pastor

◆ CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Leader: We come seeking meaning, direction, and hope.

**People: We come with questions, longings, and open hearts.**

Leader: John said, “Look—the Lamb of God.”

**People: Jesus says, “Come and see.”**

Leader: We are called not by certainty, but by grace.

**People: We follow not because we know everything, but because we are invited.**

**All: Let us worship the One who sees us, names us, and calls us forward. Amen.**

◆ OPENING HYMN #2130

“The Summons”

◆ PRAYER OF PRAISE AND ADORATION

God of invitation and grace, you meet us not with demands, but with welcome. You see us as we are and call us toward who we are becoming. Teach us to listen for your voice amid the noise of fear and certainty. Shape us into a people who bear witness with humility, who make room for questions, and who say to a searching world, “Come and see.” By your Spirit, remain with us, that our lives may point toward Christ, the Lamb who takes away the brokenness of the world. In Jesus' name. Amen.

◆ CHILDREN'S HYMN

“I've Got that Joy, Joy, Joy Down in My Heart”

CONVERSATION WITH THE CHILDREN & THE LORD'S PRAYER

“Jesus Loves Me”

*(ushers collect green prayer cards)*

THE FIRST LESSON (p. 486 OT)

Psalm 40 1-11 (responsive)

◆ THE GOSPEL LESSON (p. 86-87 NT)

John 1 29-42 (responsive)

SERMON

“COME AND SEE: HOW FAITH BEGINS”

CHORAL ANTHEM

“Draw the Circle Wide”

Mark Miller

PASTORAL PRAYER

OFFERTORY

◆Doxology #95, Prayer of Dedication and Altar Call

◆CLOSING HYMN # 348

“Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling”

◆THE BENEDICTION

◆PASSING OF THE PEACE

◆Stand, if you are able

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*Usher:* Linda Pisani

*Ambassador:* Jim Jackson

*Fellowship:* The Choir

*Member Outreach:* Carolyn Kelly

*Nursery:* Sue Trumbo, Laurie Bellagamba

*Sunday School:* Brian Sullivan, Farai Grant

*Visual Arts Creator:* Carl Strand

*Visual Arts Engineer:* Mark Gilleylen

*Livestream Tech:* Matt Heafy

*Counters:* Elaine Lau, Ruth Veleber

*Prayer Cards:* Jean Roeder

*Lector:* Coda Little

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## Announcements

The **altar flowers** are given to the Glory of God by Jim and Anne Jackson in memory of Anne's parents, George and Ann Franko.

The **Booklettes** will meet in the Faithful Thomas Room Tuesday, 1/20, at 7:00p.m.

The **Safety Task Force** will be meeting on Thursday, 1/22, at 7:00p.m.

We have a new **YouTube channel** and encourage you to check it out. Check the links be on our church's website.

It's almost **Valentine's Day** and time to send our college-age kids a box of sweet treats just to remind them that we're thinking of them and how much we love them. There is a box in the narthex labeled "**CAMPUS CANDY**" for your donations of candy and other sweet treats (non-perishable please). The deadline is February 6. Thank you for helping to support this ministry. Please see Ginny Ludwig for more information.

# *The 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 trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,  
forever. Amen.

## *Welcome!*

We are a Welcoming and Reconciling congregation. Rooted in God's love, we affirm the dignity and worth of every person and seek to live Christ's call to compassion, justice, healing, and wholeness. We welcome people of all races, ages, genders, sexual orientations, gender identities and expressions, nationalities, abilities, family structures, and social or economic backgrounds into the full life and leadership of the church. We believe we can love alike even when we do not think alike, and we invite all to share in worship, ministry, fellowship, and the sacraments as we grow together in faith and love.

## *Who We Are . . .*

We are a church family that welcomes all, regardless of political views or Christian perspectives, because we belong to the one family of God. Though we may not always agree, we commit to loving, forgiving, honoring our differences, and serving together as we live out the Gospel of God's love revealed in Jesus Christ. Guided by Micah 6:8, we strive to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with our God.