



"You are the  
salt of the earth.  
But if the salt  
loses its saltiness,  
how can it be  
made salty again?  
It is no longer good  
for anything,  
except to be  
thrown out and  
trampled by men."

Matthew 5:13

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

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## FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

FEBRUARY 8, 2026

10:00 A. M.

PRELUDE

Mara Weed

OPENING PRAYER

WORDS OF WELCOME

The Pastor

♦CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Leader: You are the salt of the earth, says Jesus.

**People: We are called to preserve life and resist what destroys.**

Leader: You are the light of the world, says Jesus.

**People: We are called to shine with lives shaped by love and truth.**

Leader: God does not call us to hide our faith, but to live it with courage and care.

**People: May our lives point beyond ourselves to the grace of God.**

Leader: Come, not to earn God's favor, but to receive it anew.

**All: Let us worship the God whose light shines through us and whose goodness fills the earth.**

♦OPENING HYMN #410

“I Want a Principle Within”

♦PRAYER OF PRAISE AND ADORATION

Faithful and life-giving God, we praise you for calling us into your light before we know how to shine. You are the source of all goodness, preserving what is fragile and revealing what is hidden. We adore you for drawing us beyond shallow obedience into deeper faithfulness, reshaping our hearts, desires, and love. You are the God who keeps your promises and brings your law to life through mercy, justice, and compassion. Receive our praise—not because we are perfect, but because your grace is at work among us. Tune our lives to your purpose, that we may be salt that heals and light that shares your hope. We glorify you, O God, now and always. Amen.

♦ CHILDREN'S HYMN      “I've Got the Love of Jesus, Love of Jesus Down in My Heart”

CONVERSATION WITH THE CHILDREN & THE LORD'S PRAYER  
(ushers collect green prayer cards)

“Jesus Loves Me”

THE FIRST LESSON (p. 532 OT)

Psalm 112 (responsive)

♦THE GOSPEL LESSON (p. 4 NT)

Matthew 5:13-20 (responsive)

## “SALT, LIGHT, AND RIGHTEOUSNESS THAT GOES DEEPER”

## PASTORAL PRAYER

## OFFERTORY

♦Doxology #95, Prayer of Dedication and Altar Call

◆ CLOSING HYMN # 585 “This Little Light of Mine”

## ♦THE BENEDICTION

#### ◆ PASSING OF THE PEACE

- ♦Stand, if you are able

### *Visual Arts Creator:* Carl Strand

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## Announcements

**Church Council** will be meeting in the Fellowship Hall on Tuesday, 2/10, at 7:00 p.m.

**Shelter Now** will be serving people in need in Meriden on Saturday, February 14<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 a.m. If you're interested in contributing your time, please see Jennifer Roeder for more information.

We have a new **YouTube channel** and encourage you to check it out. Check the links on our church's website, [www.cheshireumc.com](http://www.cheshireumc.com).

## *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.