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Welcome to the Cheshire United Methodist Church.

All are welcome (all means all)!

The Reverend Doctor Steve Y.D. Kim, *Pastor* pastor@cheshireumc.com

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THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 8, 2026

10:00 A.M.

PRELUDE

Gail DeBoer

OPENING PRAYER

WORDS OF WELCOME

The Pastor

◆CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Leader: We come thirsty.

People: Thirsty for hope, thirsty for mercy, thirsty for truth.

Leader: Christ meets us at the well of our ordinary lives.

People: He speaks to us, not with condemnation, but with grace.

Leader: Come, worship the One who offers living water.

All: We worship in spirit and in truth.

◆OPENING HYMN # 645

“O Perfect Love”

◆PRAYER OF PRAISE AND ADORATION

Living God, We praise you for crossing boundaries to reach us. You are not distant from our questions, not afraid of our histories, not repelled by our thirst. You are the God who speaks at wells, who turns strangers into witnesses, who makes springs rise in dry places. We adore you for truth that frees rather than shames. For worship that is deeper than location. For grace that moves toward us before we ever move toward you. Receive our praise, shape our hearts into honest worshipers, and make us vessels of your living water. In Christ, who reveals and restores, we worship. Amen.

◆ CHILDREN’S HYMN

“God is so Good”

CONVERSATION WITH THE CHILDREN & THE LORD’S PRAYER

“Jesus Loves Me”

(ushers collect green prayer cards)

THE FIRST LESSON (p. 520 OT)

Psalm 95 (responsive)

◆THE GOSPEL LESSON (p. 89-90 NT)

John 4:5-42 (responsive)

SERMON

“A WELL THAT NEVER RUNS DRY”

SPECIAL MUSIC

“The Wonders of His Love”

Mark Gilleylen

PASTORAL PRAYER

OFFERTORY

◆Doxology #95, Prayer of Dedication and Altar Call

◆CLOSING HYMN #365

“Grace Greater than Our Sin”

◆THE BENEDICTION

◆PASSING OF THE PEACE

◆Stand, if you are able

Usher: Joe Bogacki

Ambassador: Jim Jackson

Fellowship: Jennifer Roeder

Member Outreach: Renee Poet

Nursery: Sally LaRusso, Sue Trumbo

Sunday School: Gerry Connelly, Jerry Howard

Visual Arts Creator: Rhonda Pattberg

Visual Arts Engineer: Mark Gilleylen

Livestream Tech: Matt Heafy

Counters: Michele Bloom, Dave Wendt

Prayer Cards: Susan King

Lector: Jennifer Roeder

Announcements

The **Finance Committee** will be meeting on Tuesday, 3/10, at 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.

Church Council will be meeting on Tuesday, 3/10, at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

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