

Energizer Bunnies Mommy Reports

The LORD is my Shepherd

(Psalm 23:1)



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Welcome to the Cheshire United Methodist Church.

All are welcome (all means all)!

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FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 15, 2026

10:00 A.M.

PRELUDE

Rose Kim

OPENING PRAYER

WORDS OF WELCOME

The Pastor

◆CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Leader: The Lord is our shepherd. We are not alone in this life.

People: God leads us beside still waters and restores our souls.

Leader: When we walk through shadowed valleys, we do not walk without guidance.

People: God's presence is our comfort and strength.

Leader: Jesus opens eyes that have long been closed.

People: Christ brings light where darkness has lived.

Leader: Come, let us follow the Shepherd who leads us into life.

All: Let us worship the God who restores our sight and renews our hope.

◆OPENING HYMN # 381

“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”

◆PRAYER OF PRAISE AND ADORATION

Faithful Shepherd, We praise you for guiding us when our paths are unclear and for restoring us when our spirits grow weary. You lead us beside still waters, quiet our restless hearts, and walk with us through both green pastures and shadowed valleys. We adore you for the light you bring through Jesus Christ, opening eyes that fear, prejudice, and despair have closed. You help us see one another as neighbors and recognize your grace at work in everyday life. Steady us with your presence and surround us with your mercy. Open our hearts to trust your guidance and walk in the light of Christ. With gratitude and wonder, we worship you. 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. 474-475 OT)

Psalm 23 (responsive)

◆THE GOSPEL LESSON (p. 96-97 NT)

John 9: 1-41 (responsive)

SERMON “JESUS IS THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD” Rev. Dr. Grace Ji-Sun Kim

SPECIAL MUSIC “In Me” David Wendt

PASTORAL PRAYER

OFFERTORY

◆Doxology #95, Prayer of Dedication and Altar Call

◆CLOSING HYMN #454 “Open Mine Eyes, That I May See”

◆THE BENEDICTION

◆PASSING OF THE PEACE

◆Stand, if you are able

Usher: Creighton Myers

Ambassador: Jim Jackson

Fellowship: Maria Loiewski

Member Outreach: Marge Jordan

Nursery: Carolyn Kelly, Jennifer Roeder

Sunday School: Gerry Connelly, Jerry Howard

Visual Arts Creator: Carl Strand

Visual Arts Engineer: Mark Gilleylen

Livestream Tech: Matt Heafy

Counters: Leean Spalding, Elaine Lau

Prayer Cards: Ginny Ludwig

Lector: Rev. Dr. Steve Kim

Announcements

The **altar flowers** are given to the Glory of God by Maria Loiewski in celebration of 40 years of marriage.

Please join us in welcoming our **guest preacher**, Reverend Doctor Grace Ji-Sun Kim. She will also be signing her books during Fellowship Time for those who are interested.

The **Booklettes** will be meeting on Tuesday, 3/17, at 7:00 p.m. in the Faithful Thomas Room

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

About our Guest:

Grace Ji-Sun Kim, born in Korea and educated in Canada, is Professor of Theology at Earlham School of Religion in the United States. She is the author or editor of 26 books, including *Feminist Theologies*, *Earthbound*, *When God Became White*, and *Invisible*. She hosts the **Madang** podcast, writes the Substack newsletter *Loving Life*, and contributes to outlets such as *TIME*, *HuffPost*, *The Nation*, *Sojourners*, and *Baptist News Global*. Her work and insights have been featured on MSNBC, PBS, C-Span, BBC Radio, and other media.

Kim also serves as co-editor of the Palgrave Macmillan series *Asian Christianity in the Diaspora* and previously served on the Board of Directors of the American Academy of Religion. She has been recognized by *The Englewood Review of Books* as one of “Ten Important Women Theologians You Should Be Reading” and is an ordained minister in the Presbyterian Church (USA).

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.