



Jesus said to her,
“I am the Resurrection and the
life. He who believes in Me,
though he may die, he shall live.
And whoever lives and believes
in Me shall never die.

John 11:25,26



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Welcome to the Cheshire United Methodist Church.

All are welcome (all means all)!

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FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 22, 2026

10:00 A.M.

PRELUDE

Mara Weed

OPENING PRAYER

WORDS OF WELCOME

The Pastor

◆CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Leader: When hope feels buried and the road seems closed, God still calls us toward life.

People: We come, carrying both faith and questions.

Leader: Jesus stood before a sealed tomb and spoke words of life.

People: His voice still reaches into the places we thought were finished.

Leader: Christ is the resurrection and the life.

People: Those who trust in him will never be abandoned to death.

Leader: Come, let us worship the God who calls life out of the tomb.

All: We gather to praise the One whose love is stronger than death.

◆OPENING HYMN # 384

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

◆PRAYER OF PRAISE AND ADORATION

Living God, We praise you because your power reaches beyond what we can see. Where we see endings, you speak new beginnings. Where we see sealed stones and silent tombs, you call life forward. We adore you for Jesus Christ, who entered fully into our sorrow, wept beside the tomb, and revealed that death does not have the final word. You are the God who calls life out of the darkest places. Your voice awakens hope where fear has settled, and your mercy frees what has been bound by despair. Receive our praise today. Open our hearts to your life-giving word, and teach us to trust that even now your resurrection power is at work among us. We worship you, God of life, through Jesus Christ, in the power of the Holy Spirit. 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. 542 OT)

Psalm 130 (responsive)

◆THE GOSPEL LESSON (p. 99 NT)

John 11:17-27 (responsive)

SERMON

“WHEN LIFE CALLS YOUR NAME”

CHORAL ANTHEM

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

Gilbert M. Martin

PASTORAL PRAYER

OFFERTORY

◆Doxology #95, Prayer of Dedication and Altar Call

◆CLOSING HYMN #657

“This Is the Day”

◆THE BENEDICTION

◆PASSING OF THE PEACE

◆Stand, if you are able

Usher: Steve Trumbo

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Prayer Cards: Jean Roeder

Sunday School: Sue Trumbo, Kaitlin Heuser

Lector: Dee Poplizio

Announcements

The **altar flowers** are given to the Glory of God by Cole, Chrissy, and Mallory Jackson

The **Something New** will be meeting on Tuesday, 3/24, at 11:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

The **Safety Task Force** will be meeting on Thursday, 3/25, at 7:00 p.m. in the Faithful Thomas Room

The Fellowship Committee will be hosting a **Palm Sunday Brunch** next Sunday, 3/29, following worship.

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.