



CHESHIRE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

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# PALM SUNDAY

**MARCH 29, 2026**

**10:00 A.M.**

PRELUDE

Mara Weed

OPENING PRAYER

WORDS OF WELCOME

The Pastor

INTROIT

“Triumphant”

Jubilate Ringers

◆CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Led by The Children

Leader: Jesus enters our lives with humility and peace.

**People: We welcome the One who comes in the name of the Lord.**

Leader: The crowds once shouted “Hosanna!” yet turned away when the path changed.

**People: We come with honest hearts, ready to be shaped by Christ.**

Leader: From celebration to the cross, God’s love remains steadfast.

**People: We worship the King whose love does not fail.**

Leader: Come, let us follow Jesus.

**All: With praise, with trust, and with open hearts.**

◆OPENING HYMN # 278

“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

◆PRAYER OF PRAISE AND ADORATION

Led by The Children

Holy God, We praise you for coming to us in humility, not with power that overwhelms, but with love that draws near. You are the King who enters gently, yet transforms the world through self-giving grace. We adore you for Jesus Christ, who remained faithful even to the cross, revealing that true power is found in love, mercy, and sacrifice. You are the God who meets us in both our praise and our doubt, our celebration and our struggle. Your love does not turn away, but continues to call us into new life. Receive our worship today. Shape our hearts to follow Christ—not only in moments of joy, but in the way of the cross. We worship you, God of steadfast love, through Jesus Christ, in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

◆ CHILDREN’S HYMN

“God is so Good”

◆THE FIRST LESSON (p. 21-22 NT)

Matthew 21:1-11 (responsive, led by The Children)

CONVERSATION WITH THE CHILDREN & THE LORD’S PRAYER

“Jesus Loves Me”

*(ushers collect green prayer cards)*

◆THE GOSPEL LESSON (p. 30-31 NT)

Matthew 27:21-54 (responsive)

SERMON

“FROM HOSANNA TO THE CROSS”

CHORAL ANTHEM

“Triumphant and High, Humble and Low”

Leach/Oliver

PASTORAL PRAYER

OFFERTORY

◆Doxology #95, Prayer of Dedication and Altar Call

◆CLOSING HYMN #292

“What Wondrous Love Is This”

◆THE BENEDICTION

◆PASSING OF THE PEACE

◆Stand, if you are able

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*Usher:* Linda Pisani

*Visual Arts Creator:* Matt Heafy

*Ambassador:* Jim Jackson

*Visual Arts Engineer:* Mark Gilleylen

*Fellowship:* Palm Sunday Brunch

*Livestream Tech:* Steve Trumbo

*Member Outreach:* Elizabeth Thomas

*Counters:* Ruth Veleber, Elaine Lau

*Nursery:* Derek LaRusso

*Prayer Cards:* Chris Driscoll

*Sunday School:* Rose Kim, Caroline Veleber

*Lector:* The Children

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## Announcements

Please join us after worship in the Fellowship Hall for a **Palm Sunday Brunch** hosted by the Fellowship Committee.

We will be holding a **Maundy Thursday** worship service here on April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

CUMC is holding a **blood drive** on Friday April 3<sup>rd</sup> from 12-5 p.m. Please see Sue Trumbo for more details.

Plainville UMC will be hosting the Mid-State Cooperative Parish **Good Friday** worship service on Friday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>, at 7:00 p.m.

There will be an **Easter Egg Hunt** for the children immediately following the Easter worship service on April 5<sup>th</sup>.

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.