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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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SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 12, 2026

10:00 A.M.

PRELUDE

Mara Weed

OPENING PRAYER

WORDS OF WELCOME

The Pastor

◆CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Leader: We gather in rooms we have built—some open, some closed.

People: Yet Christ comes and stands among us.

Leader: Where fear has settled, Christ speaks peace.

People: Where doubt lingers, Christ brings presence.

Leader: Where hearts are weary, Christ breathes new life.

People: We come to receive that peace and to be made new.

All: Let us worship the risen Christ, who meets us here.

◆OPENING HYMN # 308

“Thine Be the Glory”

◆PRAYER OF PRAISE AND ADORATION

Risen Christ, We praise you because no door can keep you out. You come to us in the places we try to hide—in our fear, our uncertainty, and our questions. You speak peace where our hearts are restless. You stand among us not as a stranger, but as the One who knows our wounds and carries them with love. We adore you for your presence that restores, for your breath that renews, and for your call that sends us into the world. You do not leave us as we are—you make us new. Receive our praise today. Fill this space with your peace. Open our hearts to believe and to live. We worship you, our Lord and our God. Amen.

THE FIRST LESSON (p. 469 OT)

Psalm 16 (responsive)

CHILDREN’S HYMN

“God is so Good”

CONVERSATION WITH THE CHILDREN & THE LORD’S PRAYER

“Jesus Loves Me”

(ushers collect green prayer cards)

◆THE GOSPEL LESSON (p. 108-109 NT)

John 20:19-31 (responsive)

SERMON

“WHEN PEACE WALKS THROUGH LOCKED DOORS”

CHORAL ANTHEM

“He Is Alive”

Red/Courtney

BAPTISM (p. 39-43)

PASTORAL PRAYER

OFFERTORY

◆Doxology #95, Prayer of Dedication and Altar Call

◆CLOSING HYMN #307

“Christ is Risen!”

◆THE BENEDICTION

◆PASSING OF THE PEACE

◆Stand, if you are able

Usher: Sergio Deganis

Ambassador: Jim Jackson

Fellowship: Michele Bloom

Member Outreach: Carolyn Kelly

Nursery: Laurie Bellagamba, Barbara Heafy

Sunday School: Gerry Connelly, Jerry Howard

Visual Arts Creator: Carl Strand

Visual Arts Engineer: Mark Gilleylen

Livestream Tech: Matt Heafy

Counters: Diane Gaborc, Dave Wendt

Prayer Cards: Susan King

Lector: Rev. Dr. Steve Kim

Announcements

The **altar flowers** are given to the Glory of God by Michele Bloom in honor of her grandson, Theodore Steven Olenski, on his baptism day, and in celebration of his parents, Steven and Dianna

Being **baptized** today is Theodore Steven Olenski.

The **Missions Committee** will be meeting following worship today, 4/12, in the Faithful Thomas Room.

The **Finance Committee** will be meeting on Tuesday, 4/14, at 6:00 p.m. in the Faithful Thomas Room.

Church Council will be meeting on Tuesday, 4/14, 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.