



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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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 19, 2026

10:00 A. M.

PRELUDE

Mara Weed

OPENING PRAYER

WORDS OF WELCOME

The Pastor

◆CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Leader: We come walking many roads—some filled with hope, others with questions.

People: Yet Christ meets us on every road we travel.

Leader: When our eyes are clouded and our hearts are heavy,

People: Christ draws near and walks beside us.

Leader: In the breaking of bread, in the sharing of life,

People: Our eyes are opened, and our hearts begin to burn.

All: Let us worship the risen Christ, who is with us even now.

◆OPENING HYMN # 158

“Come, Christians, Join to Sing”

◆PRAYER OF PRAISE AND ADORATION

Risen Christ, We praise you because you do not leave us to walk alone. You meet us in our questions, our doubts, and even in our turning away. You are the One who speaks through the Scriptures, who walks beside us in quiet moments, and who reveals yourself in the breaking of bread. When our eyes fail to see, you remain faithful. When our hearts grow weary, you awaken them again. Receive our praise today. Open our eyes to recognize your presence, and kindle within us a living hope that draws us back to you. We worship you, risen and present, now and always. Amen.

THE FIRST LESSON (p. 533-534 OT)

Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19 (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. 84-85 NT)

Luke 24:13-35 (responsive)

SERMON

“WHEN THE ROAD CHANGES YOU”

CHORAL ANTHEM

“Day of Arising”

Carl Schalk

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

PASTORAL PRAYER

OFFERTORY

◆Doxology #95, Prayer of Dedication and Altar Call

◆CLOSING HYMN #369

“Blessed Assurance”

◆THE BENEDICTION

◆PASSING OF THE PEACE

◆Stand, if you are able

Usher: Creighton Myers

Ambassador: Jim Jackson

Fellowship: The Fellowship Committee

Member Outreach: Carolyn Kelly

Nursery: Sally LaRusso, Barbara Heafy

Sunday School: Brian Sullivan, Farai Mazhandu

Visual Arts Creator: Matt Heafy

Visual Arts Engineer: Mark Gilleylen

Livestream Tech: Steve Trumbo

Counters: Leean Spalding, Carol Hotz

Prayer Cards: Ginny Ludwig

Lector: Renee Poet

Announcements

The **altar flowers** are given to the Glory of God by Dawn and Sergio Deganis and Doug and Sharon Van Wie in loving memory of their sister, Debra Govostes, whose heavenly birthday was April 10th.

Please welcome our **newest members:** Cole, Chrissy, and Mallory Jackson.

Join us following worship for a **new member luncheon** hosted by the Fellowship Committee.

The **Booklettes** will be meeting on Tuesday, 4/21, at 7:00 p.m. in the Faithful Thomas Room.

The **Safety Task Force** will be meeting on Thursday, 4/23, at 7:00 p.m. in the Faithful Thomas Room.

The **Trustees** will be hosting our annual spring cleaning on Saturday, 4/25, come lend a hand to beautify our space! Many hands make light work.

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.