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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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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 26, 2026

10:00 A. M.

HYMN SING

Mara Weed

OPENING PRAYER

WORDS OF WELCOME

The Pastor

◆CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Leader: There are many voices in this world calling for our attention.

People: But today, we gather to listen for the voice of the Good Shepherd.

Leader: A voice that knows us, calls us, and leads us into life.

People: We come to follow the One who leads with love and truth.

Leader: Come, let us worship the God who brings life in abundance.

All: We come with open hearts to receive and to respond.

◆OPENING HYMN #98

“To God Be The Glory”

◆PRAYER OF PRAISE AND ADORATION

Living God, We praise you for being a God who does not remain distant, but who calls each of us by name. You know our stories, our fears, and our longings. You do not lead us with force, but with a voice of love that invites us into trust and life. We adore you for Jesus Christ, who stands as the gate that opens into freedom, who guides us not into confinement, but into spacious places of grace. You are the God who leads us away from all that diminishes life and draws us toward what restores and renews. Where voices compete for our attention, you remain steady and true. Receive our praise today. Tune our hearts to recognize your voice, and lead us into the fullness of life you desire for all. We worship you with gratitude and hope. Amen.

CHILDREN’S HYMN

“God Is So Good”

THE PROMISE KIDS’ ANTHEM

“This Little Light of Mine”

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. 97 NT)

John 10:1-10 (responsive)

SERMON

“TUNING TO THE FREQUENCY OF LIFE”

CHORAL ANTHEM

“The Lord Is My Shepherd”

John Rutter

PASTORAL PRAYER

OFFERTORY

◆Doxology #95, Prayer of Dedication and Altar Call

◆CLOSING HYMN #381

“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”

◆THE BENEDICTION

◆PASSING OF THE PEACE

◆Stand, if you are able

Usher: Joe Bogacki

Ambassador: Jim Jackson

Fellowship: Ruth Veleber

Member Outreach: Dot Mattson

Nursery: Creighton Myers, Justin Heuser

Sunday School: Sue Trumbo, Kaitlin Heuser

Visual Arts Creator: Rhonda Pattberg

Visual Arts Engineer: Mark Gilleylen

Livestream Tech: Sergio Deganis

Counters: Renee Poet, Joe Bogacki

Prayer Cards: Ginny Ludwig

Lector: Renee Poet

Announcements

The **altar flowers** are given to the Glory of God by The Grant Family.

Something New will be meeting on Tuesday, April 28, at 11:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

SPR will be meeting on Tuesday April 28th, at 7:00 p.m., in the Faithful Thomas Room.

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.