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

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SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 17, 2026

10:00 A. M.

PRELUDE

Mara Weed

OPENING PRAYER

WORDS OF WELCOME

The Pastor

◆CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Leader: Come, all who seek the presence of God.

People: We gather in the love of the One who prays for us.

Leader: Jesus calls us into eternal life—

People: A life rooted in relationship, grace, and truth.

Leader: Though the world is divided and weary,

People: God gathers us into unity and hope.

Leader: Come and worship the God who does not abandon us.

All: We come to worship with grateful hearts. Amen.

◆OPENING HYMN #512

“Stand By Me”

◆PRAYER OF PRAISE AND ADORATION

Living God, We praise you because your love reaches toward us before we know how to seek you. Through Jesus Christ, you revealed your heart through compassion, truth, and self-giving love. When fear divides us, your Spirit gathers us. When we feel uncertain, you remind us that we belong to you. Guide us to live in the love Christ prayed for and reflect your grace in the world. We worship you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God now and forever.

Amen.

CHILDREN’S HYMN

“Praise Him, All Ye Little Children”

CONVERSATION WITH THE CHILDREN & THE LORD’S PRAYER

“Jesus Loves Me”

(ushers collect green prayer cards)

THE FIRST LESSON (p. 473 OT)

Psalms 21:1-7 (responsive)

◆THE GOSPEL LESSON (p. 105 NT)

John 17:1-11 (responsive)

SERMON

“THE PRAYER BEFORE THE CROSS”

CHORAL ANTHEM

“Crown Him with Many Crowns”

D.N. Johnson

PASTORAL PRAYER

OFFERTORY

◆Doxology #95, Prayer of Dedication and Altar Call

◆CLOSING HYMN #143

“On Eagle’s Wings”

◆THE BENEDICTION

◆PASSING OF THE PEACE

◆Stand, if you are able

Usher: Joe Driscoll

Ambassador: Jim Jackson

Fellowship: Gerry Connelly

Member Outreach: Renee Poet

Nursery: Barbara Heafy,

Sunday School: Brian Sullivan, Kris&Farai Grant

Visual Arts Creator: Mara Weed

Visual Arts Engineer: Mark Gilleylen

Livestream Tech: Steve Trumbo

Counters: Michele Bloom, Dave Wendt

Prayer Cards: Susan King

Lector: Paul Bellagamba

Announcements

The Bookettes will be meeting on Tuesday, May 19th at 7:00 p.m. in the Faithful Thomas Room.

Save the date for our **June 7th Church Picnic** following worship! If you’d like to bring a dessert or side, the sign-up sheet is waiting for you in the Fellowship Hall.

Please remember to put your phone on “**airplane mode**” or **disconnect from Wi-Fi** to help in our livestream production.

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.