



CHESHIRE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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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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SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 5, 2026

10:00 A. M.

PRELUDE

Mara Weed

OPENING PRAYER

WORDS OF WELCOME

The Pastor

◆CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Leader: Come, all who are weary from striving and searching.

People: We come to the One who offers true rest.

Leader: The world measures us by success and achievement.

People: God welcomes us with grace and love.

Leader: Christ calls us to learn from him, for he is gentle and humble in heart.

People: We come to worship, to lay down our burdens, and to receive new life.

All: Let us worship God, whose love gives strength, peace, and rest.

◆OPENING HYMN #400

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

◆PRAYER OF REPENTANCE

Gracious God, Too often we carry burdens you never asked us to bear. We seek the approval of others more than your voice. We measure ourselves by success instead of grace, and we become anxious trying to prove our worth. Forgive us for trusting our own strength more than your invitation. Teach us to come to Christ with humble hearts, to release what weighs us down, and to receive the rest only you can give. Shape us into people who walk beside Jesus with confidence, compassion, and joy. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

CHILDREN’S HYMN

“This is My Commandment”

CONVERSATION WITH THE CHILDREN & THE LORD’S PRAYER

“Jesus Loves Me”

(ushers collect green prayer cards)

FIRST LESSON (p. 489 OT)

Psalms 45:10-17 (responsive)

◆THE GOSPEL LESSON (p. 11 NT)

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30 (responsive)

SERMON

“WHEN NOTHING IS GOOD ENOUGH”

SPECIAL MUSIC

“This is My Song”

Pick-up Choir

HYMN OF PREPARATION #621 (Tune: Old 100th)

A SERVICE OF WORD AND TABLE #17-18

PASTORAL PRAYER

OFFERTORY

◆Doxology #94, Prayer of Dedication and Altar Call

◆CLOSING HYMN #526

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

◆THE BENEDICTION

◆PASSING OF THE PEACE

◆Stand, if you are able

Usher: Holly Carey

Visual Arts Creator: Matt Heafy

Ambassador: Jim Jackson

Visual Arts Engineer: Mark Gilleylen

Fellowship: Holly Carey, Jim Jackson

Livestream Tech: Matt Heafy

Member Outreach: Carolyn Kelly

Counters: Renee Poet, Michele Bloom

Nursery: Derek LaRusso

Prayer Cards: Jean Roeder

Lector: Michele Bloom

Communion Steward: Michele Bloom

Sunday School: Sarah Champagne, Melody Russell

Announcements

There will be a **pickleball meet-up** this afternoon at **4:00 p.m.** at **Cheshire Park**. Please see Tiffany Russo for more information.

Trustees will be meeting on Tuesday, July 7th, at 7:00 p.m. in the Faithful Thomas Room.

CUMC will be serving at **Shelter Now** in Meriden on Saturday, July 11th, please see Jennifer Roeder for more information.

For the summer, the **office will be closed on Fridays**, please have “Thurs-mail” submissions to the office by Wednesday each week.

Our **Clothesline Fundraiser** begins **July 5 and runs through Labor Day**. Choose any of the 150 numbered envelopes (plus children’s decorated envelopes). The number is the minimum donation placed inside. Add your name/address if you want it recorded toward your pledge; anonymous gifts are welcome. Pastor Steve will share weekly updates as we work to “clear the line!” Filling every envelope would raise \$11,325 for our church! What a blessing.

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.