

# What's Growing — in Your — Heart?



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

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# SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 12, 2026

10:00 A. M.

PRELUDE

Mara Weed

OPENING PRAYER

WORDS OF WELCOME

The Pastor

◆CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Leader: Come, people of God. The Lord continues to sow seeds of hope, grace, and new life among us.

**People: We come with open hearts, ready to receive God's Word.**

Leader: May every distraction fade and every burden be laid before Christ.

**People: Prepare the soil of our hearts, O Lord, that we may grow in faith and bear fruit for your kingdom.**

**All: Let us worship God, whose Word gives life, hope, and abundance.**

◆OPENING HYMN #600

“Wonderful Words of Life”

◆PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Gracious God, We thank you for your generous love that never grows weary of reaching us. Like the faithful Sower, you continue to scatter your Word with grace and hope, trusting that it will bring new life. Thank you for your patience when our hearts are hard, your mercy when we are distracted, and your Spirit who continues to cultivate faith within us. As we worship today, prepare our hearts to receive your truth and help us bear fruit that blesses our neighbors and glorifies you. Through Jesus 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)*

THE FIRST LESSON (p. 537 OT)

Psalm 119: 105-112 (responsive)

◆THE GOSPEL LESSON (p. 13 NT)

Matthew 13: 1-9, 18-23 (responsive)

SERMON

“WHAT'S GROWING IN YOUR HEART?”

SPECIAL MUSIC

“He Touched Me” Mark Gilleylen and Maria Loiewski

PASTORAL PRAYER

OFFERTORY

◆Doxology #95, Prayer of Dedication and Altar Call

◆CLOSING HYMN #707

“Hymn of Promise”

◆THE BENEDICTION

◆PASSING OF THE PEACE

◆Stand, if you are able

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*Lector:* Dee Poplizio

*Visual Arts Creator:* Matt Heafy

*Ambassador:* Jim Jackson

*Visual Arts Engineer:* Mark Gilleylen

*Fellowship:* The Choir

*Livestream Tech:* Steve Trumbo

*Member Outreach:* Carolyn Kelly

*Counters:* Joe Driscoll, Ruth Veleber

*Prayer Cards:* Chris Driscoll

*Usher:* Joe Driscoll

*Nursery and Promise Kids:* Sue Trumbo, Troy LaRusso, Barbara Heafy

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## Announcements

The **altar flowers** are given to the Glory of God by Mark and Christina Gilleylen in celebration of Leah and Elora’s 11<sup>th</sup> birthday today.

There will be **NO Church Council or Finance Committee** meeting this week.

Our **Clothesline Fundraiser** is running now through Labor Day. **During our first week, we raised \$540.** What a start! How it works: 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.

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

# *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.