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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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EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 19, 2026

10:00 A. M.

PRELUDE

Mara Weed

OPENING PRAYER

WORDS OF WELCOME

The Pastor

♦CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Leader: Come, people of God. Though the world is filled with both joy and struggle, God is still at work among us.

People: We come trusting the One who plants seeds of hope and grace.

Leader: Though we cannot always see the full harvest, God's kingdom continues to grow.

People: We will worship with patience, faith, and expectation.

Leader: Come, let us rejoice in the God whose mercy is new every morning.

All: Let us worship the Lord!

♦OPENING HYMN #2160 (TFWS)

"Into My Heart"

♦PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Gracious God, We thank you for your patient love that never gives up on us. When we were still growing, you nurtured us with grace instead of judgment. Thank you for planting seeds of hope, faith, and new life through Jesus Christ. Teach us to trust your timing, to show mercy as you have shown mercy to us, and to remain faithful until your kingdom is fully revealed. May our lives bear good fruit that reflects your love to the world. In the name of Christ we pray. 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. 545-546 OT)

Psalm 139: 1-12, 23-24 (responsive)

♦THE GOSPEL LESSON (p. 14 NT)

Matthew 13: 24-30, 36-43 (responsive)

SERMON

"DON'T PULL THE WEEDS YET!"

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Lift Thine Eyes"

Felix Mendelssohn

trio: Carolyn Kelly, Kellie Moran, Mara Weed

PASTORAL PRAYER

OFFERTORY

◆Doxology #95, Prayer of Dedication and Altar Call

◆CLOSING HYMN #694

“Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”

◆THE BENEDICTION

◆PASSING OF THE PEACE

◆Stand, if you are able

Lector: Janis Evancha

Visual Arts Creator: Rhonda Pattberg

Ambassador: Jim Jackson

Visual Arts Engineer: Mark Gilleylen

Fellowship: Maria Loiewski

Livestream Tech: Sergio Deganis

Member Outreach: Renee Poet

Counters: Carol Hotz, Michele Bloom

Prayer Cards: Kathy Esposito

Usher: Joe Driscoll

Nursery and Promise Kids: Troy LaRusso, Tiffany Russo, Rose Kim

Announcements

The **altar flowers** are given to the Glory of God by Tracy Hanke in honor of Mara Weed, whose encouragement in bells and piano has helped her grow beyond what she imagined.

There will be a **Pickleball Meet-up** this afternoon, Sunday, July 19th, at 4:00p.m. at Cheshire Park.

Pastor Steve will be away from July 20th-July30th. Reverend Soon Ahn from the First United Methodist Church in Wallingford will be on call for **pastoral emergencies**. He can be reached by email at soon.ahn@nyac-umc.com or by mobile phone: 203-500-1119. For non-emergencies, please reach out to the office.

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

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

Our **Clothesline Fundraiser** is running now through Labor Day. **We have already raised \$2,002.** Wow! How it works: Choose any of the 150 numbered envelopes (plus children's decorated envelopes). The number is the minimum donation placed inside. Please provide your name so we can give you credit for your donations. 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.