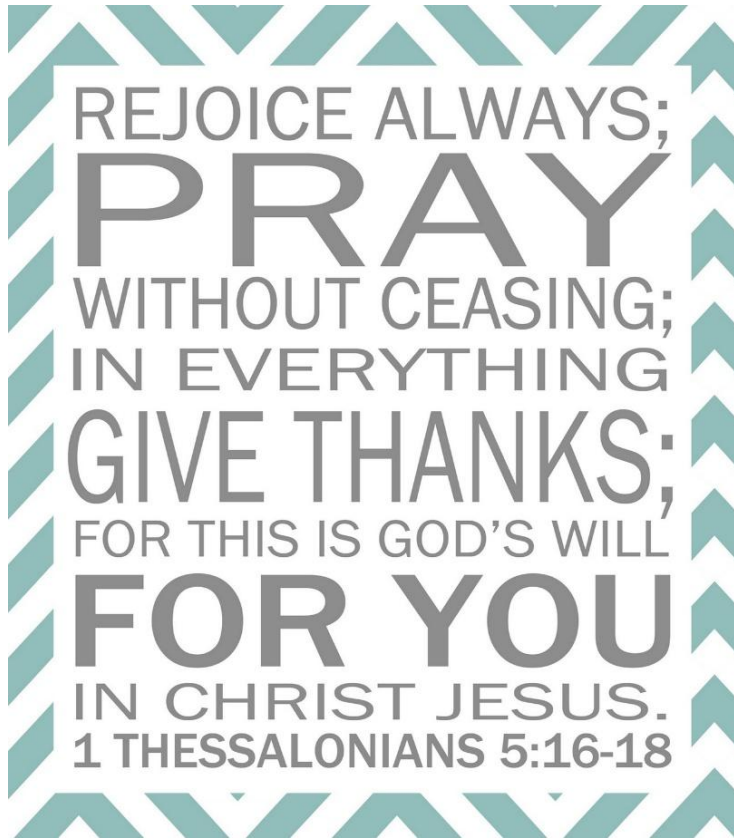




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Welcome to the Cheshire United Methodist Church.

All are welcome (all means all)!

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NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 26, 2026

10:00 A. M.

HYMN SING

Mara Weed

OPENING PRAYER

WORDS OF WELCOME

Sue Trumbo

♦CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Leader: Come, people of God, with hearts ready to rejoice.

People: We rejoice always, for God is faithful.

Leader: Come with thankful hearts, bringing every joy and every burden before God.

People: In every circumstance, we give thanks, trusting God's steadfast love.

Leader: We do not gather alone. The Holy Spirit, our Advocate and Comforter, is with us, teaching, guiding, and strengthening us.

People: The Spirit is among us, making us one body in Christ.

Leader: Let us encourage one another, grow in faith together, and devote ourselves to worship, prayer, and the sharing of life.

People: We come to worship the living God with joy, gratitude, and hope.

All: Let us worship God!

♦OPENING HYMN #89

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

(ushers collect green prayer cards)

♦PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Gracious God, We thank you for your faithful presence in every season of life. You fill our hearts with joy, teach us through your Holy Spirit, and remind us that we are never alone. Thank you for the gift of your Church, where we are strengthened through worship, prayer, fellowship, and mutual encouragement. Unite us in your love and help us reflect Christ in all we do. Receive our praise and gratitude today. Fill us anew with your Spirit, that our worship may honor you and our lives may bear witness to your grace. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE FIRST LESSON (p. 193 NT)

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

♦THE GOSPEL LESSON (p. 103 NT)

John 14: 16-17, 26

MESSAGE

"WITHIN MY HEART"

Sue Trumbo

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Father, Spirit, Jesus”

David Wendt

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD’S PRAYER

OFFERTORY

◆Doxology #95, Prayer of Dedication and Altar Call

◆CLOSING HYMN #310

“He Lives”

◆BLESSING

◆PASSING OF THE PEACE

◆Stand, if you are able

Lector: Carolyn Kelly

Ambassador: Jim Jackson

Fellowship: Ruth Casulla, Cindy Decker

Member Outreach: Renee Poet

Prayer Cards: Susan King

Nursery and Promise Kids: Melody Russell, Sally LaRusso

Visual Arts Creator: Rhonda Pattberg

Visual Arts Engineer: Mark Gilleylen

Livestream Tech: Natalie Missakian

Counters: Diane Gaborc, Dave Wendt

Usher: Steve Trumbo

Announcements

The **altar flowers** are given to the Glory of God by David and Elaine Wilkinson in celebration of their 34th wedding anniversary on August 1st.

Let’s give a warm welcome and many thanks to **Sue Trumbo** who is filling in at the pulpit this morning.

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

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

There will be a church wide **Softball Meet-up** on August 9th at 4:00 p.m. at Bartlem Park. A headcount is needed for this event as we need at least 18-20 people to make two teams. Invite a friend! Please speak with Pastor Steve or Tiffany Russo if you’d like to participate!

Our **Clothesline Fundraiser** is running now through Labor Day. **We have already raised, \$3,324.** 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.