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Welcome to the Cheshire United Methodist Church.

All are welcome (all means all)!

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TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 2, 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, grieving, hungry, or overwhelmed.

People: We come to Jesus, whose compassion never runs dry.

Leader: Come, all who feel that what they have is too little to make a difference.

People: We bring Christ our lives, our gifts, and our need.

Leader: Jesus welcomes the crowd, heals the broken, and feeds the hungry.

People: In his hands, there is grace enough for all.

Leader: Let us worship the Lord who is our shepherd and gracious host.

All: We will bless the Lord, receive his gifts with thanksgiving, and share his mercy with the world. Amen.

♦OPENING HYMN #384

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

♦PRAYER OF REPENTANCE

Compassionate Lord, you see the needs of the world and your heart is moved with mercy. Yet we confess that we often turn away. When suffering interrupts our plans, we protect our comfort. When the need seems too great, we excuse our inaction. When our resources seem too small, we forget your power. When you call us to serve, we say, “Send them away.” Forgive us for thinking more about what we lack than about who you are. Forgive us for hoarding what you have entrusted to us, distrusting your provision, and overlooking the hungry, lonely, grieving, and vulnerable. Lord Jesus, take our little faith, our limited gifts, and our imperfect obedience. Bless them and use them for your loving purposes. By your Spirit, give us your compassionate heart, your open hands, and the courage to serve. We repent and place ourselves again in your hands. In your merciful name we pray. Amen.

CHILDREN’S HYMN

“Rise and Shine”

CONVERSATION WITH THE CHILDREN & THE LORD’S PRAYER

“Jesus Loves Me”

(ushers collect green prayer cards)

FIRST LESSON (p. 469-470 OT)

Psalms 17:1-7, 15 (responsive)

♦THE GOSPEL LESSON (p. 15 NT)

Matthew 14:13-21 (responsive)

SERMON

“YOU GIVE THEM SOMETHING TO EAT”

Pick-up Choir

<i>Usher:</i> Joe Driscoll	<i>Visual Arts Creator:</i> Mara Weed
<i>Ambassador:</i> Jim Jackson	<i>Visual Arts Engineer:</i> Mark Gilleylen
<i>Fellowship:</i> Sergio and Dawn Deganis	<i>Livestream Tech:</i> Steve Trumbo
<i>Member Outreach:</i> Marge Jordan	<i>Counters:</i> LEEAN Spalding, Elaine Lau
<i>Lector:</i> Ava Howard	<i>Prayer Cards:</i> Ginny Ludwig
<i>Communion Steward:</i> Ava Howard	<i>Nursery and Promise Kids:</i> Rose Kim, Caroline Veleber

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.