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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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ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 9, 2026

10:00 A. M.

PRELUDE

Gail DeBoer

OPENING PRAYER

WORDS OF WELCOME

The Pastor

♦CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Leader: The winds may rise, and the waves may roar,

People: Yet Christ comes to us saying, "Take courage. It is I. Do not be afraid."

Leader: When fear surrounds us,

People: Jesus reaches out His hand.

Leader: When we wonder if we can keep going,

People: Christ calls us to trust and follow.

All: Let us worship the One who is Lord over every storm, who never leaves us alone, and whose presence gives us peace. Amen.

♦OPENING HYMN #496

“Sweet Hour of Prayer”

♦PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Gracious God, We thank You that You do not promise a life without storms, but You promise that You will never leave us to face them alone. When our faith feels small, You remain faithful. When fear overwhelms us, Your voice still says, "Take courage. It is I. Do not be afraid." Thank You for reaching out Your hand when we begin to sink, for patiently teaching us to trust You one step at a time, and for showing us again and again that You are Lord over every wind and wave. As we worship You today, lift our eyes above our fears and help us place our confidence in Christ, whose love never fails. In His holy 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)

THE FIRST LESSON (p. 525-526 OT)

Psalm 105: 1-6, 16-22, 42-45 (responsive)

♦THE GOSPEL LESSON (p. 15 NT)

Matthew 14: 22-33 (responsive)

SERMON

“WHO IS IN YOUR BOAT?”

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Trust and Obey”
“How Great Thou Art”

Promise Kids Bells
Promise Kids Choir

PASTORAL PRAYER

OFFERTORY

◆Doxology #95, Prayer of Dedication and Altar Call

◆CLOSING HYMN #509

“Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me”

◆THE BENEDICTION

◆PASSING OF THE PEACE

◆Stand, if you are able

Lector: Joseph Kim

Ambassador: Jim Jackson

Fellowship: The Fellowship Committee

Member Outreach: Marge Jordan

Prayer Cards: Jean Roeder

Nursery and Promise Kids: Rose Kim, Melody Russell

Visual Arts Creator: Mara Weed

Visual Arts Engineer: Mark Gilleylen

Livestream Tech: Steve Trumbo

Counters: Renee Poet, Carol Hotz

Usher: Sergio Deganis

Announcements

The **altar flowers** are given to the Glory of God by Mark Gilleylen in memory of Carl Strand on what would have been his 80th birthday on August 7th.

Please give a warm welcome and many thanks to **Gail DeBoer** who is filling in at the organ/piano bench this morning.

The Church-wide **Softball Game** scheduled for this afternoon will be postponed until further notice.

The **Finance Committee** will be meeting on Tuesday, August 11th, at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Church Council will be meeting on Tuesday, August 11th, at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Our **Clothesline Fundraiser** is running now through Labor Day. We have already raised \$4,539. 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.