

"IT IS NOT WHAT
GOES INTO THE
MOUTH THAT
DEFILES A PERSON.



BUT WHAT COMES
OUT OF THE
MOUTH; THIS
DEFILES A PERSON."

- Matthew 15:11

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Welcome to the Cheshire United Methodist Church.

All are welcome (all means all)!

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TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 16, 2026

10:00 A. M.

PRELUDE

Mara Weed

OPENING PRAYER

WORDS OF WELCOME

The Pastor

♦CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Leader: Come, people of God, not simply with clean hands, but with open hearts.

People: Search us, O God, and renew us from within.

Leader: Christ teaches us that our words and actions flow from the heart.

People: Fill our hearts with compassion, truth, mercy, and love.

Leader: Come before God honestly, bringing all that we are.

People: Shape us into people whose lives reveal your grace.

Leader: Let us worship the God who knows our hearts and makes all things new.

All: We come to worship God in spirit and in truth. Amen.

♦OPENING HYMN #374

“Standing on the Promises”

♦PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Gracious God, we thank you that you know us completely and still call us your beloved children. Thank you for the gift of this day, for the breath within us, for the people beside us, and for the grace that continues to shape our lives. We thank you for Jesus, who teaches us to look beyond appearances and to pay attention to the condition of our hearts. When anger lives within us, plant patience. When pride grows within us, plant humility. When fear closes us off from others, plant courage. When judgment separates us, plant compassion. May the words that come from our mouths and the actions that come from our lives reflect what you are growing within us. Make our hearts generous, our words gracious, and our lives instruments of your love. In the name of Jesus Christ, 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. 500 OT)

Psalm 67 (responsive)

♦THE GOSPEL LESSON (p. 16 NT)

Matthew 15: 10-20 (responsive)

- SERMON “WHEN LIFE BUMPS INTO US, WHAT COMES OUT?”
- SPECIAL MUSIC “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee” String Ensemble
- PASTORAL PRAYER
- OFFERTORY
- ◆Doxology #95, Prayer of Dedication and Altar Call
- ◆CLOSING HYMN #368 “My Hope is Built”
- ◆THE BENEDICTION
- ◆PASSING OF THE PEACE
- ◆Stand, if you are able

<i>Lector:</i> Janis Evancha	<i>Visual Arts Creator:</i> Rhonda Pattberg
<i>Ambassador:</i> Jim Jackson	<i>Visual Arts Engineer:</i> Mark Gilleylen
<i>Fellowship:</i> Jennifer Roeder	<i>Livestream Tech:</i> Sergio Deganis
<i>Member Outreach:</i> Elizabeth Thomas	<i>Counters:</i> Joe Driscoll, Ruth Veleber
<i>Prayer Cards:</i> Chris Driscoll	<i>Usher:</i> Linda Pisani
<i>Nursery and Promise Kids:</i> Rose Kim, Caroline Veleber	

Announcements

There will be a **Fellowship Committee** meeting following worship today in the Faithful Thomas Room.

There will be a **Pickleball Meet-up** this afternoon at 4:00 p.m. at Cheshire Park. Please see Tiffany Russo for more details.

The **Booklettes** will be meeting on Tuesday, August 18th, at 7:00 p.m. in the Faithful Thomas Room. They will be discussing My Friends by Frederik Backman.

The **Safety Task Force** will be meeting on Thursday, August 20th, at 7:00 p.m. in the Faithful Thomas Room.

Our **Clothesline Fundraiser** is running now through Labor Day. We have already raised **\$5,328**. 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.