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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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THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 23, 2026

10:00 A. M.

PRELUDE

Mara Weed

OPENING PRAYER

WORDS OF WELCOME

Dee Poplizio

♦CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Leader: Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

People: When the waters rise and troubles surround us, God does not abandon us.

Leader: Like the woman who reached out to Jesus in faith, we come longing for healing, hope, and wholeness.

People: Christ meets us with compassion and calls us beloved.

Leader: Come, let us worship the God who rescues, restores, and makes us whole.

All: We praise the Lord, our help and our hope. Amen.

♦OPENING HYMN #158

“Come, Christians, Join to Sing”

♦PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Gracious God, we give you thanks because our help is in you, the Maker of heaven and earth. When life overwhelms us, you remain near; when we feel trapped, you make a way toward freedom. We thank you for Jesus Christ, who receives all who reach toward him in faith. Like the woman who touched his garment, we come carrying our wounds, our hopes, and our need for healing. Yet you see us, call us beloved, and restore us to wholeness. Thank you for your mercy that holds us, your grace that heals us, and your love that gives us courage to go in peace. May our lives become an offering of gratitude to you. In Christ's 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. 540 OT)

Psalm 124 (responsive)

♦THE GOSPEL LESSON (p. 37 NT)

Mark 5: 25-34 (responsive)

THE MESSAGE

“PUT ME IN, CHRIST!”

Dee Popolizio

SPECIAL MUSIC

“My Heart Ever Faithful”
Maggie Ray

J.S Bach

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERTORY

♦Doxology #95, Prayer of Dedication and Altar Call

♦CLOSING HYMN #367

“He Touched Me”

♦THE BLESSING

♦PASSING OF THE PEACE

♦Stand, if you are able

Ambassador: Jim Jackson

Visual Arts Creator: Rhonda Pattberg

Fellowship: Rhonda Pattberg, Renee Poet

Visual Arts Engineer: Mark Gilleylen

Member Outreach: Elizabeth Thomas

Livestream Tech: Natalie Missakian

Prayer Cards: Kathy Esposito

Counters: Carol Hotz, Diane Gaborc

Nursery: Barbara Heafy

Usher: Joe Bogacki

Announcements

The **altar flowers** are given to the Glory of God by Carolyn Kelly in loving memory of her husband, Richard Kelly, on his birthday, August 24th.

There will be **NO Promise Kids** today. Children are to stay in worship with their families. Nursery will be provided for those in need of nursery care.

Please give a warm welcome to **Dee Popolizio** who is filling in at the pulpit today.

Something New will be meeting on Tuesday, August 25th, at 11:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Our **Clothesline Fundraiser** is running now through Labor Day. We have already raised **\$7,027**. 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.