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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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FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 6, 2026

10:00 A. M.

OPENING PRAYER

WORDS OF WELCOME

The Pastor

♦CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Leader: God calls us into a community shaped by grace.

People: When relationships are broken, God calls us toward healing.

Leader: When anger tempts us to turn away, Christ teaches us to speak truth in love.

People: When reconciliation feels difficult, Christ promises to be among us.

Leader: Come, let us worship the God who seeks the lost, restores the broken, and makes us one.

All: We come to worship and to learn the way of Christ. Amen.

♦OPENING HYMN #558

“We Are The Church”

♦PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, You call us to love one another, yet too often we avoid the conversations that could bring healing. We speak about people instead of speaking with them. We hold tightly to being right when you call us to seek reconciliation. We allow hurt to become resentment and disagreement to become division. Forgive us. Give us courage to speak truth with love, humility to listen when we are corrected, wisdom to establish healthy boundaries, and grace to forgive. Where relationships have been wounded, make us instruments of your healing. Remind us that whenever we gather in Christ's name seeking truth and reconciliation, Christ is among us. Make us again a community of grace. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

CONVERSATION WITH THE CHILDREN & THE LORD'S PRAYER

(ushers collect green prayer cards)

FIRST LESSON (p. 550-551 OT)

Psalm 149 (responsive)

♦THE GOSPEL LESSON (p. 19 NT)

Matthew 18:15-20 (responsive)

SERMON

“DO NOT LET THE CRACK TRAVEL:
LOVE HAS THE HARD CONVERSATION”

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Live Like You're Loved”
Rhonda Pattberg

Hawk Nelson

HYMN OF PREPARATION #621 (Tune: Old 100th)

A SERVICE OF WORD AND TABLE #17-18

PASTORAL PRAYER

OFFERTORY

◆Doxology #94, Prayer of Dedication and Altar Call

◆CLOSING HYMN #408

“The Gift of Love”

◆THE BENEDICTION

◆PASSING OF THE PEACE

◆Stand, if you are able

Usher: Holly Carey

Ambassador: Jim Jackson

Fellowship: Sergio and Dawn Deganis

Member Outreach: Carolyn Kelly

Lector: Kai Grant

Communion Steward: Farai Grant

Visual Arts Creator: Rhonda Pattberg

Visual Arts Engineer: Mark Gilleylen

Livestream Tech: Steve Trumbo

Counters: Leeann Spalding, Elaine Lau

Prayer Cards: Ginny Ludwig

Announcements

The **altar flowers** are given to the Glory of God by Sergio and Dawn Deganis in celebration of their daughter, Marisa's, 40th birthday and grandson, Mark's, 6th birthday.

A warm welcome to our new **Music Director**, Rose Kim, on her first official Sunday on the bench.

There will be **NO nursery care** today.

There will be a **Finance Committee** meeting on Tuesday, September 8, at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Church Council will be meeting on Tuesday, September 8, at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

CUMC will be serving at **Shelter Now** in Meriden on Saturday, September 12th, please see Jennifer Roeder for more information.

Our **Clothesline Fundraiser** is closing today! Today is your last chance to donate towards this fundraiser. We have already raised **\$8,229**. Wow! Filling every envelope would raise \$11,325 for our church!

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.