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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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SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 13, 2026

10:00 A. M.

PRELUDE

Rose Kim

OPENING PRAYER

WORDS OF WELCOME

The Pastor

♦CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Leader: Come, people of God, for the mercy of the Lord is greater than our failures.

People: We come because God's grace has found us again and again.

Leader: When resentment weighs upon us, Christ calls us toward freedom.

People: When relationships are broken, Christ calls us toward forgiveness.

Leader: We have received mercy beyond measure.

People: Teach us to become people of mercy.

Leader: Come, let us worship the God whose grace keeps no record against us.

All: With thankful hearts, we worship the Lord!

♦OPENING HYMN #389

“Freely, Freely”

♦PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Gracious God, We thank you for mercy greater than our failures and grace deeper than our debts. You have loved us when we were undeserving, forgiven us when we could not repay, and given us new life through Jesus Christ. Free us from resentment and the need to keep score. As we have received your mercy, teach us to extend mercy to others. Shape us into a people whose lives reveal the forgiving heart of Christ. For your endless grace and steadfast love, we give you thanks. Amen.

CONVERSATION WITH THE CHILDREN & THE LORD’S PRAYER

“Jesus Loves Me”

(ushers collect green prayer cards)

THE FIRST LESSON (p. 532-533 OT)

Psalms 114 (responsive)

♦THE GOSPEL LESSON (p. 19 NT)

Matthew 18:21-35 (responsive)

THE SERMON

“STOP COUNTING”

CHORAL ANTHEM

“With a Voice of Singing”

Martin Shaw

PASTORAL PRAYER

OFFERTORY

◆Doxology #95, Prayer of Dedication and Altar Call

◆CLOSING HYMN #2171 (TFWS)

“Make Me a Channel of Your Peace”

◆THE BENEDICTION

◆PASSING OF THE PEACE

“Pass it On”

◆Stand, if you are able

Ambassador: Jim Jackson

Fellowship: Rally Day Picnic

Member Outreach: Dot Mattson

Prayer Cards: Jean Roeder

Nursery: Caroline Veleber, Mallory Jackson

Promise Kids: Gerry Connelly, Jerry Howard

Visual Arts Creator: Chris Driscoll

Visual Arts Engineer: Mark Gilleylen

Livestream Tech: Matt Heafy

Counters: Elaine Lau, Carol Hotz

Usher: Joe Driscoll

Lector: Rose Bellagamba

Announcements

Wishing all of the special grandparents in our lives a **Happy Grandparents' Day!**

There will be a **Rally Day Picnic** hosted by the Fellowship Committee following worship today!

The **Booklettes** will be meeting on Tuesday, September 15th, at 7:00 p.m. in the Faithful Thomas Room.

The **Adult Choir** has started back up! Come join the rehearsal fun on Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m.

Our **Clothesline Fundraiser** has wrapped up! We ended up collecting **\$8,777!** What a blessing for our church! Thank you for supporting our church family.

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.