



CHESHIRE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Welcome to the Cheshire United Methodist Church.

All are welcome (all means all)!

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TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

OCTOBER 25, 2020

10:00 A. M.

“Forgive others, not because they deserve forgiveness, but because you deserve peace”

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WORDS OF WELCOME

The Pastor

- ◆ **CALL TO WORSHIP** (responsive) Hymn #372 (vv. 1-3)
L: How can we sinners know our sins on earth forgiven?
P: **How can my gracious Savior show my name inscribed in heaven?**
L: What we have felt and seen, with confidence we tell,
P: **and publish to the ends of earth the signs infallible.**
L: We who in Christ believe that he for us hath died,
P: **we all his unknown peace receive and feel his blood applied.**

- ◆ **OPENING HYMN #372** (vv. 4-6) “How Can We Sinners Know”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

As sinners, we depend on Your forgiveness, O God. Yet it is that same sinful nature which makes us so unforgiving against our adversaries, when You have been so free with Your forgiveness toward us. Remove our bitterness; and fill us with love; that we may express true forgiveness to those who wrong us.

Hear now our own silent prayer of confession...

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

CONVERSATION WITH THE CHILDREN #191

“Jesus Loves Me”

FIRST LESSON

Exodus 14:19-31

- ◆ **GOSPEL LESSON** Matthew 18:21-35
This is the Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

“DON’T LET THE SUN GO DOWN ON ME”

CHANCEL CHOIR ANTHEM (see insert)

“A Mighty Fortress is Our God”

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

- ◆ **CLOSING HYMN #364** “Because He Lives”
- ◆ **BENEDICTION**
- ◆ **SINGING OF THE PEACE #431** “Let There Be Peace on Earth”

“A Mighty Fortress is Our God”

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;
our helper he amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe;
his craft and power are great, and armed with cruel hate,
on earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing,
were not the right man on our side, the man of God's own choosing.
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is he;
Lord Sabaoth, his name, from age to age the same,
and he must win the battle.

And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us,
we will not fear, for God hath willed his truth to triumph through us.
The Prince of Darkness grim, we tremble not for him;
his rage we can endure, for lo, his doom is sure;
one little word shall fell him.

That word above all earthly powers, no thanks to them, abideth;
the Spirit and the gifts are ours, thru him who with us sideth.
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also;
the body they may kill; God's truth abideth still;
his kingdom is forever.

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!

This is a Welcoming, Reconciling congregation. We embrace diversity and affirm the dignity and worth of every person because we are all created by a loving God. We seek to live Christ's call for compassion, justice, healing and wholeness. Therefore, we welcome into our faith community persons of every race, gender, age, sexual orientation, nationality, ethnicity, marital status, mental and physical ability, economic and social position, gender identity and expression, level of education and family structure. We believe we can all love alike, even if we don't think alike. We invite all to share in the life, leadership, lay and ordained ministry, worship and sacraments, the covenant of committed love in holy matrimony, fellowship, blessings and joys of our congregation as we seek to grow together in faith and love.

Who We Are . . .

We are a church family that welcomes everyone through our doors no matter the political affiliation, no matter which forms of Christian thought you hold, no matter what - you are welcome here because we are all members of the family of God.

Like other families, we may not always agree on everything, but we are called to love one another enough to forgive one another, respect our differences, and work and minister together as we spread and live out the Gospel message of God's love offered to this world in the form of Jesus Christ, our risen Lord and Savior.

To this end, we aspire to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with our God(Micah 6:8).