

Simple Rules for Life

- Do no harm
- Do good
- Stay in love with God



CHESHIRE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

205 Academy Road, Cheshire, CT 06410

(203) 272-4626

www.cheshireumc.com



@cheshirectumc



@cheshire.umc

Welcome to the Cheshire United Methodist Church.

All are welcome (all means all)!

The Reverend Doctor Steve Y.D. Kim, *Pastor* pastor@cheshireumc.com

Mara M. Weed, *Music Director*

Mara M. Weed, *Admin. Assistant* office@cheshireumc.com

Lisa Moran, *Sexton*

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

NOVEMBER 9, 2025

10:00 A. M.

PRELUDE

Mara Weed

OPENING PRAYER

WORDS OF WELCOME

The Pastor

♦ CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Leader: Come, people of God—seek the Lord and God’s strength.

People: We seek God’s presence continually.

Leader: As you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, live your lives in him—rooted and built up in faith.

People: We come to be nourished by grace, renewed in love, and strengthened for service.

Leader: Christ asks again, “Do you love me?”

People: Lord, you know everything; you know that we love you.

All: Then let us worship God with hearts full of thanksgiving and lives ready to serve!

♦ OPENING HYMN #399

“Take My Life, and Let It Be”

♦ PRAYER OF PRAISE AND ADORATION

Gracious and loving God, You are the One who calls us to seek your face and find our home in your heart. You are the vine; we are the branches. Apart from you we can do nothing. We praise you for the gifts that draw us near—for prayer that stills our fears, for Scripture that renews our minds, for the table that feeds our souls, and for your Spirit that breathes new life into weary hearts. Teach us, O Lord, to stay in love with you—not only in word but in deed, not only in worship but in mercy, that our lives may reflect your steadfast love to all people. In the name of Jesus Christ, who feeds us and calls us to follow, we pray. Amen.

♦ CHILDREN’S HYMN

“Praise Him, Praise Him, All Ye Little Children”

CONVERSATION WITH THE CHILDREN & THE LORD’S PRAYER

“Jesus Loves Me”

(ushers collect green prayer cards)

THE FIRST LESSON (p. 525 OT)

Psalm 105:1-8

THE SECOND LESSON (p.189 NT)

Colossians 2:6-7

This is the Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

“STAY IN LOVE WITH GOD”

SPECIAL MUSIC

“He Is Exalted”

Twila Paris

PASTORAL PRAYER

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

OFFERTORY

◆Doxology #95, Prayer of Dedication and Altar Call

◆CLOSING HYMN #2153 TFWS)

“I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me”

◆THE BENEDICTION

◆PASSING OF THE PEACE

◆Stand, if you are able

Usher: Renee Poet

Visual Arts Creator: Carl Strand

Ambassador: Jim Jackson

Visual Arts Engineer: Mark Gilleylen

Fellowship: Jenn Roeder

Livestream Tech: Steve Trumbo

Member Outreach: Carolyn Kelly

Counters: Joe Driscoll, Ruth Veleber

Nursery: Claire Strand, Barb Heafy

Prayer Cards: Chris Driscoll

Sunday School: Gerry Connelly, Jerry Howard

Lector: Claire Strand

Announcements.

Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes for children around the world are available in the narthex along with labels and information. The last day to return shoeboxes is Sunday November 23. Each filled box needs \$10 in cash for shipping. More directions can be found in the newsletters and from Missions Committee members at the table in the narthex.

Church Council will meet Tuesday at 7:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall. All are welcome.

Our **Annual Charge Conference** with other churches in our Cooperative Parish will be held on Sunday, November 16, 3:00 p.m. at Grace United Methodist Church. Cheshire UMC has been asked to bring cheese and crackers.

We will be receiving **new members** on Sunday, November 23. Please let Steve know if you are interested in joining Cheshire UMC.

Our **2025 Advent Study** will begin on December 1, as we investigate *A Child Is Born* by Amy-Jill Levine. The class is limited to 12 people, so get your name to Steve, if interested.

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).