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**Welcome to the Cheshire United Methodist Church.  
All are welcome (all means all)!**

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# FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 13, 2025

10:00 A. M.

PRELUDE

Mara Weed

WORDS OF WELCOME

The Pastor

MAKING OF THE PEACE

♦ CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

L: Come, people of God, gather on this sacred road between Jerusalem and Jericho—a road where wounds are real, but so is mercy.

**P: We come seeking the One who sees us, heals us, and calls us to love.**

L: Come with your questions, your longings, your hunger for what is right.

**P: We come not to justify ourselves, but to be transformed by grace.**

L: Come, and discover again who your neighbor truly is. Come, and discover again who *you* are called to be.

**All: We are here to worship the One who crossed every boundary to meet us with compassion. We are here to walk in the way of mercy. Let us worship God—who sees, who saves, and who sends.**

♦ OPENING HYMN #453

“More Love to Thee, O Christ”

♦ PRAYER OF PRAISE AND ADORATION

**God of compassion, You see us in our need and draw near with healing and grace. We praise You, Jesus, for crossing every boundary to become our true Neighbor, showing mercy that restores and renews. Shape us by Your Spirit to love boldly, walk humbly, and live as neighbors in Your name. Amen.**

♦ CHILDREN’S HYMN #462 (v. 1 )

“’Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus”

CONVERSATION WITH THE CHILDREN & THE LORD’S PRAYER  
(*ushers collect green prayer cards*)

“Jesus Loves Me”

FIRST LESSON (p. 512 OT)

Psalm 82

♦ GOSPEL LESSON (p. 67 NT)

Luke 10:25-37

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

SERMON

“WHO IS MY NEIGHBOR”

SPECIAL MUSIC

“You Can Rest”

Michele Bloom

PASTORAL PRAYER

OFFERTORY

♦Doxology #95, Prayer of Dedication and Altar Call

♦CLOSING HYMN #408

“The Gift of Love”

♦THE BENEDICTION

♦PASSING OF THE PEACE

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*Usher:* Sergio Deganis

*Ambassador:* Jim Jackson

*Nursery:* Caroline Veleber, Sarah Champagne

*Member Outreach:* Dot Mattson

*Lector:* Renee Poet

*Fellowship:* Ruth Veleber

*Visual Arts Creator:* Fabio Dioses

*Visual Arts Engineer:* Mark Gilleylen

*Livestream Tech:* Sergio Deganis

*Counters:* Joe Pisani, Leean Spalding

*Prayer Cards:* Chris Driscoll

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## *Announcements*

The **altar flowers** are given to the Glory of God by Mark Gilleylen in honor of Elora and Leah's 10<sup>th</sup> birthday.

**Booklettes** will meet on Tuesday, 7:00 p.m. in The Faithful Thomas Room.

To aid our **live streaming** efforts, please be sure your phone is off or on airplane mode.

# *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).