



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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THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 7, 2025

10:00 A. M.

PRELUDE

Gail DeBoer

OPENING PRAYER

WORDS OF WELCOME

The Pastor

♦CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Leader: O Lord, You have searched us and known us.

People: Before a word is on our tongue, You know it completely.

Leader: You knit us together in our mother's womb.

People: We praise You, for we are fearfully and wonderfully made.

Leader: How vast are the thoughts You have toward us, O God!

People: They are more than the grains of sand.

Leader: Come, let us worship the God who knows us fully and loves us deeply.

All: With thankful hearts, we lift our praise to the Lord of life.

♦OPENING HYMN #77

“How Great Thou Art”

♦PRAYER OF PRAISE AND ADORATION

Creator God, You know us through and through. You see our sitting down and our rising up. You know our words before we speak them and our thoughts before we form them. We praise You, for You made us with care and love. You knit us together in secret, and You call us “wonderful” when we struggle to believe it ourselves. Your thoughts toward us are countless, Your love for us beyond measure. We adore You for being a God who never lets us go, a God who surrounds us with mercy and fills us with life. Receive our worship, Lord. Be glorified in our prayers and songs, and in the lives we live before You.

CHILDREN'S HYMN

“This Little Light of Mine”

CONVERSATION WITH THE CHILDREN & THE LORD'S PRAYER

“Jesus Loves Me”

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

(*ushers collect green prayer cards*)

♦SCRIPTURE LESSON (p. 545 OT)

Psalms 139:1-6, 13-18

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

SERMON

“KNOWN AND LOVED”

SPECIAL MUSIC

“With a Voice of Singing”

Martin Shaw

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

“Be present at our table, Lord;
be here and everywhere adored;
Thy creatures bless, and grant that we
may feast in paradise with Thee.”

A SERVICE OF WORD AND TABLE #15-16

PASTORAL PRAYER

OFFERTORY

“St. Columba”

Robert Groves

Organ: Gail DeBoer, Violin: Rose Kim

◆Doxology #95, Prayer of Dedication and Altar Call

◆CLOSING HYMN #384

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

◆THE BENEDICTION

◆PASSING OF THE PEACE

◆Stand, if you are able

Usher: Holly Carey

Visual Arts Creator: Carl Strand

Ambassador: Jim Jackson

Visual Arts Engineer: Mark Gilleylen

Fellowship: The Church!

Livestream Tech: Sergio Deganis

Member Outreach: Carolyn Kelly

Counters: Carol Hotz, Diane Gaborc

Nursery: Phelan Sullivan, Barb Heafy

Prayer Cards: Ginny Ludwig

Sunday School: Sarah Champagne Leah Smith

Communion Assts: Koda Little, JennRoeder
Joe & Chris Driscoll

Announcements

Please welcome our guest organist, Gail DeBoer, to the bench today. Mara is on vacation.

In celebration of Sunday School kickoff, we are throwing ourselves a good old-fashioned **Rally Day church picnic** immediately following worship today. All are welcome!

The Chosen is back! Season 5 with 8 Episodes will begin on Monday, September 15th, for 8 weeks, ending on Monday, November 3rd. Class starts at 7 p.m. and usually ends 8:30-9 p.m. Anyone wishing to join the class needs to let Steve know by today, as space is limited to 12 participants. If there is a large response, a second class may be added.

Please consider volunteering one Sunday for our church nursery. See Sue Trumbo for the sign up sheet. THANK YOU!

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).