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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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SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 20, 2026

10:00 A. M.

PRELUDE

Rose Kim

OPENING PRAYER

WORDS OF WELCOME

The Pastor

♦CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Leader: Come, you who have walked with God for many years.

People: We come because of God's grace.

Leader: Come, you who are just beginning the journey.

People: We come because of God's grace.

Leader: Come, you who feel overlooked, forgotten, or left behind.

People: God still comes looking for us.

Leader: Come, not comparing ourselves with one another, but trusting in the generosity of God.

People: For God's mercy is abundant and God's welcome is wide.

Leader: Let us worship the God whose grace is greater than we can earn.

All: With grateful hearts, let us worship God.

♦OPENING HYMN #2162 (TFWS)

“Grace Alone”

♦PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Generous God, We thank you that your grace does not depend upon how early we arrived, how much we accomplished, or how deserving we believe ourselves to be. You come looking for us when we feel forgotten, invite us when others pass us by, and give more generously than we could ever earn. Free us from comparing our blessings with those of others. Give us hearts that rejoice when your goodness reaches another person. Above all, we thank you for Jesus Christ, through whom you have welcomed us into your kingdom and given us the gift of abundant life. Make us generous because you are generous, gracious because we have received grace, and joyful whenever another person discovers your love. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

CONVERSATION WITH THE CHILDREN & THE LORD'S PRAYER

“Jesus Loves Me”

(ushers collect green prayer cards)

THE FIRST LESSON (p. 525-526 OT)

Psalm 105: 1-6, 37-45 (responsive)

- ♦THE GOSPEL LESSON (p. 20-21 NT)

Matthew 20: 1-16 (responsive)
- THE SERMON

“WHEN GRACE FEELS UNFAIR”
- CHORAL ANTHEM

“Brightly Beams Our Father’s Mercy”

Philip Paul Bliss
- PASTORAL PRAYER
- OFFERTORY

♦Doxology #95, Prayer of Dedication and Altar Call
- ♦CLOSING HYMN #378

“Amazing Grace”
- ♦THE BENEDICTION
- ♦PASSING OF THE PEACE

“Pass it On”
- ♦Stand, if you are able

<i>Ambassador:</i> Jim Jackson	<i>Visual Arts Creator:</i> Rhonda Pattberg
<i>Fellowship:</i> Fellowship Committee	<i>Visual Arts Engineer:</i> Mark Gilleylen
<i>Member Outreach:</i> Dot Mattson	<i>Livestream Tech:</i> Natalie Missakian
<i>Prayer Cards:</i> Chris Driscoll	<i>Counters:</i> Renee Poet, Ruth Veleber
<i>Nursery:</i> Mallory Jackson	<i>Usher:</i> Steve Trumbo
<i>Promise Kids:</i> Kris Grant, Brian Sullivan	<i>Lector:</i> Melody Russell

Announcements

There will be an **SPPR meeting** in the Faithful Thomas Room following worship today.

Something New will be meeting on Tuesday, September 22nd, at 11:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

The **Jubilate Bell Choir** will resume rehearsals on September 23rd, at 6:30 p.m. Please see Rose Kim if you’re interested in joining.

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

With the success of our **Clothesline Fundraiser** continuing, we have collected **\$9,213** to date! Way to go, church!

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.