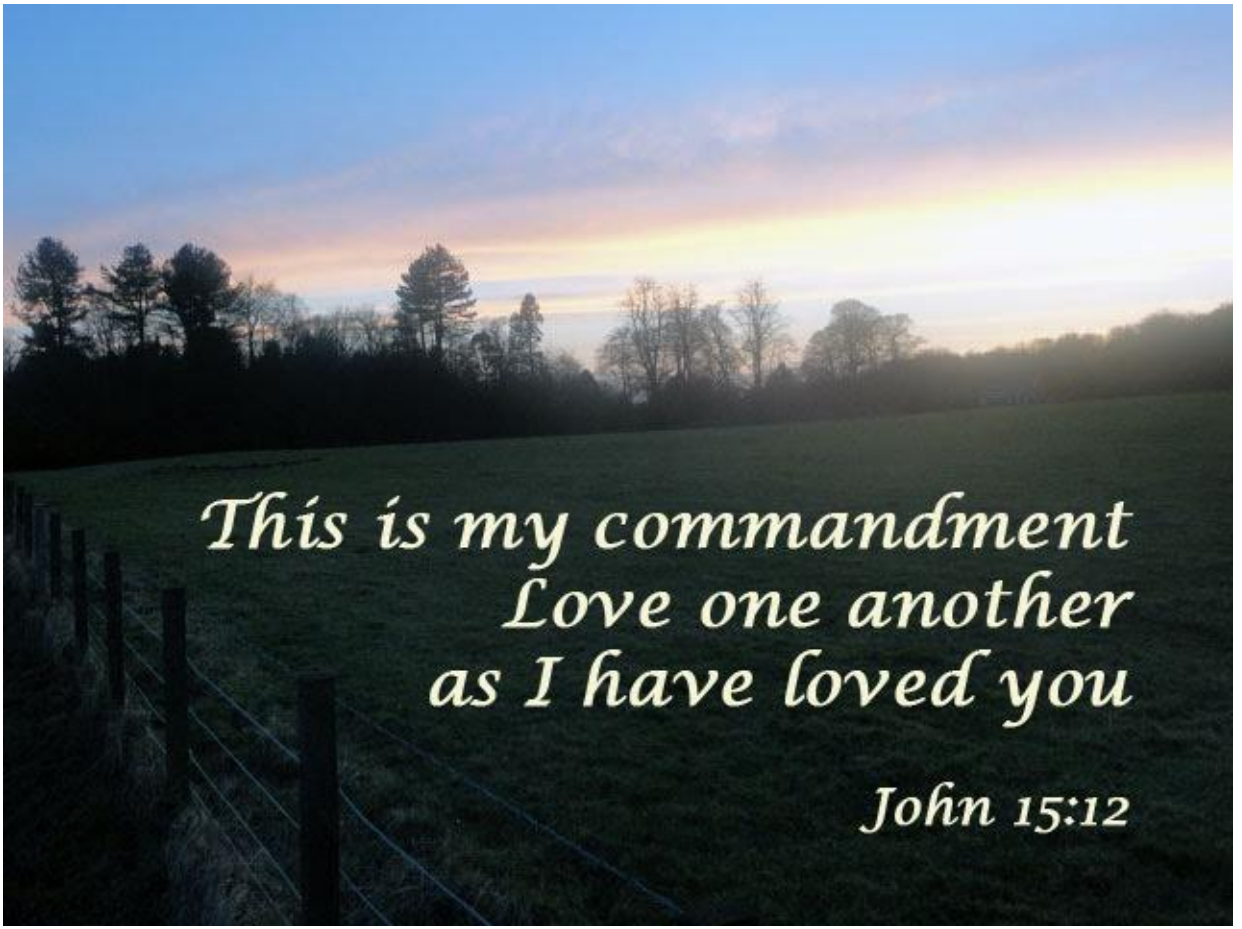


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Welcome to the Cheshire United Methodist Church.
All are welcome (all means all)!

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TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

NOVEMBER 15, 2026 **10:00 A. M.**

PRELUDE Rose Kim

OPENING PRAYER

WORDS OF WELCOME The Pastor

◆CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)
Leader: Jesus declares, "I am the vine; you are the branches."
People: In Christ, we find the source of our life, faith, and love.
Leader: Apart from the vine, branches cannot bear fruit.
People: Teach us to remain in Christ and grow in God's grace.
Leader: Christ calls us not merely to believe, but to love one another as he has loved us.
People: May our faith bear the fruit of compassion, kindness, and peace.
Leader: Come, let us worship the God who nurtures us and calls us to live fruitful lives.
All: With all our hearts, souls, and strength, we worship God, whose love makes us grow. Amen.

◆OPENING HYMN #**384** "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

◆PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING
Gracious and loving God, We thank you for Jesus Christ, the true vine, who sustains us with grace and nourishes us with love. Through every season of life, you remain faithful, inviting us to grow deeper in faith and closer to you. Thank you for loving us before we could bear any fruit, and for patiently shaping our hearts through your Spirit. When we become distracted by life's demands, draw us back to you. When our faith grows weary, renew us with your strength. Teach us to abide in Christ, that our lives may bear the fruit of compassion, forgiveness, kindness, and joy. May everything we do become an expression of our love for you and for one another. In the name of Jesus Christ, the true vine, we pray. Amen.

CONVERSATION WITH THE CHILDREN & THE LORD'S PRAYER "Jesus Loves Me"
(*ushers collect green prayer cards*)

THE FIRST LESSON (p. **157** OT) Deuteronomy 6:5

◆THE GOSPEL LESSON (p. **103** NT) John 15:1-17 (responsive)

HYMN OF PREPARATION #**453** "More Love to Thee, O Christ"

THE SERMON "MADE FOR PURPOSE: STAY CONNECTED"

MISSION MOMENT Megan Serke, Red Cross

CHORAL ANTHEM "Step by Step/Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"

PASTORAL PRAYER

OFFERTORY

- Doxology #**95**, Prayer of Dedication and Altar Call

- CLOSING HYMN #**408** "The Gift of Love"

- THE BENEDICTION

- PASSING OF THE PEACE "Pass it On"
  - Stand, if you are able

Ambassadoor: Jim Jackson
Fellowship: Elaine Lau
Member Outreach: Carolyn Kelly
Prayer Cards: Ginny Ludwig
Nursery (0-5): Farai Grant
Promise Kids: Kris Grant, Brian Sullivan

Visual Arts Creator: Rhonda Pattberg
Visual Arts Engineer: Mark Gilleylen
Livestream Tech: Natalie Missakian
Counters: Leean Spalding, Elaine Lau
Usher: Joe Driscoll
Lector: Sue Trumbo

Announcements

The **Safety Task Force** will be meeting in the Faithful Thomas Room following worship today.

Apple Pies will be available for pick-up following worship today. Please see Dot Mattson.

The **Booklettes** will be meeting on Tuesday, November 17th, at 7:00 p.m. in the Faithful Thomas Room.

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.