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

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THANKSGIVING SUNDAY

NOVEMBER 22, 2026 **10:00 A. M.**

PRELUDE Rose Kim

OPENING PRAYER

WORDS OF WELCOME The Pastor

◆CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)
Leader: Come, people of God! We gather before the One who has entrusted us with gifts of grace.
People: All that we are and all that we have come from God.
Leader: Some have been given much, others have been given little, but each of us has something to offer.
People: God calls us not to compare our gifts, but to use them faithfully.
Leader: When fear holds us back, God invites us to courage. When doubt limits us, God's grace opens new possibilities.
People: May we offer our time, talents, and resources in love and service.
Leader: Let us worship the God who calls us to love with all our hearts, souls, and strength.
All: May our worship become service, our gratitude become generosity, and our lives become instruments of God's love. Amen.

◆OPENING HYMN #**715** "Rejoice, the Lord is King"

◆PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING
Gracious and generous God, We thank you for the countless gifts you have entrusted to us—our lives, abilities, relationships, resources, and opportunities to serve. You have blessed each of us in different ways, yet called us all to the same purpose: to love you and share your love with others. Forgive our hesitation when fear keeps us from acting, and our tendency to underestimate what we have to offer. Remind us that faithfulness is not measured by comparison or recognition, but by our willingness to respond to your grace. Open our hearts to recognize the needs around us, strengthen our courage to use what you have given, and teach us to serve with humility, compassion, and joy. May our gifts become blessings, our actions become expressions of love, and our lives reflect your generous grace. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

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

◆THE GOSPEL LESSON (p. **27** NT) Matthew 25:14-30 (responsive)

THE MESSAGE BY PROMISE KIDS "Feelings, Live Like Jesus & Purpose"

THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE SERMON "MADE FOR PURPOSE: DON'T BURY YOUR GIFT"

PROMISE KIDS AND CHANCEL CHOIR CHORAL ANTHEM "Give Thanks"
(*ushers collect green prayer cards*)

THE BIBLE PRESENTATION

PASTORAL PRAYER

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 "Pass it On"
  - Stand, if you are able

Ambassadoor: Jim Jackson	*Visual Arts Creator:* Rhonda Pattberg
Fellowship: Pat Keavney	*Visual Arts Engineer:* Mark Gilleylen
Member Outreach: Dot Mattson	*Livestream Tech:* Matt Heafy
Prayer Cards: Jean Roeder	*Counters:* Renee Poet, Michele Bloom
Lector: Promise Kids	*Usher:* Joe Driscoll

Announcements

The **altar flowers** are given to the Glory of God by Sergio and Dawn Deganis in honor of their daughter, Julieanne's, birthday on November 25th.

Today is **all family together in worship day**. There will be no Promise Kids or Nursery care provided today.

Something New will be meeting on Tuesday, November 24th, at 11:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

The **Fellowship Committee** will be meeting on Sunday, November 29th, following worship 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.