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Welcome to the Cheshire United Methodist Church.

All are welcome (all means all)!

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TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

OCTOBER 11, 2026

10:00 A. M.

PRELUDE

Rose Kim

OPENING PRAYER

WORDS OF WELCOME

The Pastor

♦CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Leader: Jesus came seeking those who were lost and overlooked.

People: Open our eyes to see as Jesus sees.

Leader: The world teaches us to judge by appearances, labels, and reputations.

People: Renew our minds and transform our hearts.

Leader: Christ sees beyond our past and calls us by name.

People: Teach us to see dignity, possibility, and grace in one another.

Leader: Come, let us worship the One who sees us fully and loves us still.

All: We come to be transformed, that we may live like Jesus and see like Jesus. Amen.

♦OPENING HYMN #57

“O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

♦PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Gracious God, We thank you that you see us fully and still call us by name. You see beyond our failures, our fears, and the labels others place upon us. We thank you for Jesus, who stopped for Zacchaeus, welcomed the outsider, and saw possibility where others saw only the past. Thank you for the grace that finds us, the love that welcomes us, and the Spirit who continues to renew our minds and transform our lives. Give us eyes to notice those who are overlooked, hearts that make room for others, and courage to see each person as someone beloved by you. May our lives reflect the generous vision of Christ, until others experience through us the grace by which we ourselves have been seen. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

CONVERSATION WITH THE CHILDREN & THE LORD’S PRAYER

“Jesus Loves Me”

(ushers collect green prayer cards)

THE FIRST LESSON (p. 151 NT)

Romans 12:2

♦THE GOSPEL LESSON (p. 77 NT)

Luke 19:1-10 (responsive)

HYMN OF PREPARATION #2152 (TFWS)

“Change My Heart, O God”

THE SERMON

“LIVE LIKE JESUS: SEE LIKE JESUS”

CHORAL ANTHEM

“Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God”

Carl F. Mueller

PASTORAL PRAYER

OFFERTORY

◆Doxology #95, Prayer of Dedication and Altar Call

◆CLOSING HYMN #569

“We’ve a Story to Tell to the Nations”

◆THE BENEDICTION

◆PASSING OF THE PEACE

“Pass it On”

◆Stand, if you are able

Ambassador: Jim Jackson

Visual Arts Creator: Mara Weed

Fellowship: Dee Popolizio

Visual Arts Engineer: Mark Gilleylen

Member Outreach: Marge Jordan

Livestream Tech: Matt Heafy

Prayer Cards: Ginny Ludwig

Counters: Leean Spalding, Carol Hotz

Nursery (0-5): Caroline Veleber, Mallory Jackson

Usher: Joe Bogacki

Promise Kids: Gerry Connelly, Jerry Howard

Announcements

The **altar flowers** are given to the Glory of God by Dee Popolizio in loving memory of her father, Gene Popolizio Sr., on the 14th anniversary of his passing.

There will be a **Pickleball Meet-up** this afternoon, October 11th, at 4:00 p.m. at Cheshire Park. See Tiffany Russo for more details.

SPPR will be meeting on Monday, October 12th, at 6:00 p.m. in the Faithful Thomas Room.

The **Finance Committee** will be meeting on Tuesday, October 13th, at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Church Council will be meeting on Tuesday, October 13th, at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

There will be a **Blood Drive** held here at CUMC on Friday, October 16th, from 12:00-5:00 p.m. Please see Sue Trumbo for more information.

With the success of our **Clothesline Fundraiser** continuing, we have raised **\$9,382** 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.