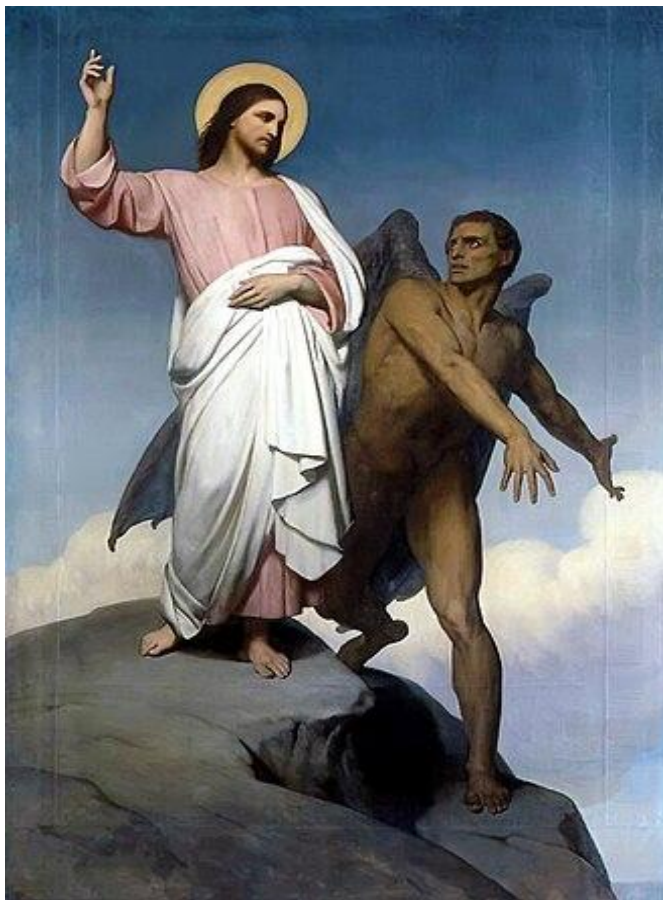




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Welcome to the Cheshire United Methodist Church.
All are welcome (all means all)!

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TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

OCTOBER 25, 2026

10:00 A. M.

HYMN SING

Rose Kim

OPENING PRAYER

WORDS OF WELCOME

The Pastor

♦CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Leader: In the wilderness, Jesus stood firmly in the truth of God.

People: Renew our minds, O God, and ground us in your Word.

Leader: When temptation whispered, Jesus remembered who he was and whose he was.

People: Remind us that we belong to you.

Leader: When the world offered shortcuts, power, and empty promises, Jesus chose faithfulness.

People: Teach us to trust your way and worship you alone.

Leader: Come, let us worship the God whose truth gives life and whose Spirit transforms us.

All: Renew our minds, strengthen our faith, and teach us to live like Jesus and know like Jesus. Amen.

♦OPENING HYMN #110

“A Mighty Fortress is Our God”

♦PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Faithful God, We thank you for your Word that steadies us when many voices compete for our attention. We thank you for Jesus, who knew who he was, trusted your promises, resisted the easy shortcut, and remained faithful to you. Thank you that our identity does not depend on success, approval, possessions, or power, but on your gracious love. Thank you for the Holy Spirit, who continues to renew our minds, reshape our desires, and help us discern what is good and faithful. When we are hungry for things that cannot satisfy, remind us that you are enough. When we are tempted to prove ourselves, remind us that we already belong to you. When shortcuts appear attractive, give us courage to choose your way. May your truth take root so deeply within us that our choices, words, and lives reflect the mind of Christ. We give you thanks and praise, through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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. 57 NT)

Luke 4:1-13 (responsive)
- HYMN OF PREPARATION #601

“Thy Word Is a Lamp”
- THE SERMON

“LIVE LIKE JESUS: KNOW LIKE JESUS”
- CHORAL ANTHEM

“Change My Heart/Lord, Be Glorified”

Espinosa/Kilpatrick
- PASTORAL PRAYER
- OFFERTORY

◆Doxology #95, Prayer of Dedication and Altar Call
- ◆CLOSING HYMN #600

“Wonderful Words of Life”
- ◆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> Chris Driscoll	<i>Visual Arts Engineer:</i> Mark Gilleylen
<i>Member Outreach:</i> Elizabeth Thomas	<i>Livestream Tech:</i> Matt Heafy
<i>Prayer Cards:</i> Chris Driscoll	<i>Counters:</i> Ruth Veleber, Joe Driscoll
<i>Nursery (0-5):</i> Claire Strand	<i>Usher:</i> Creighton Myers
<i>Promise Kids:</i> Sue Trumbo, Farai Grant	<i>Lector:</i> Mara Weed

Announcements

The **altar flowers** are given to the Glory of God by Cole and Chrissy Jackson in honor of Mallory’s 14th Birthday on October 22nd.

The **Promise Teachers** will be meeting in the Faithful Thomas Room immediately following worship. For those who are unable to attend in person, there will be a Zoom Meeting on Thursday, October 29th at 7:00 p.m. Please see Rose Kim for more details

Trunk or Treat will be held here at CUMC this afternoon from 3:00-4:30 p.m. Be ready for some fun!

Something New will be meeting on Tuesday, October 27th, at 11:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

SPR will be meeting on Tuesday, October 27th, at 7:00 p.m. in the Faithful Thomas Room.

With the success of our **Clothesline Fundraiser** continuing, we have raised \$9,414 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.