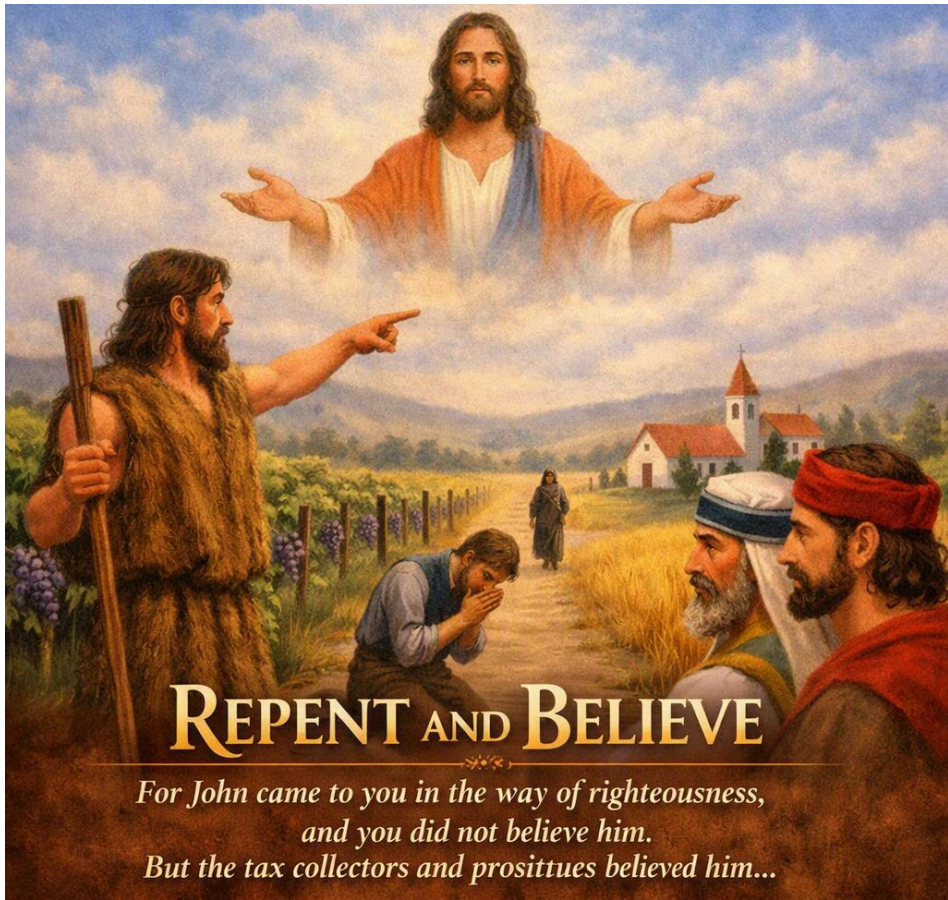




REPENT AND BELIEVE

*For John came to you in the way of righteousness,
and you did not believe him.
But the tax collectors and prosittues believed him...*



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Welcome to the Cheshire United Methodist Church.

All are welcome (all means all)!

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EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 27, 2026

10:00 A. M.

HYMN SING

Rose Kim

OPENING PRAYER

WORDS OF WELCOME

The Pastor

♦CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Leader: God calls us into the vineyard of grace.

People: We come ready to listen and willing to respond.

Leader: Sometimes we have said yes but failed to follow.

People: Sometimes we have said no, yet God's grace has changed our hearts.

Leader: God continues to call us—not only with words, but into lives of love, justice, mercy, and service.

People: By God's grace, may our lives become our answer.

Leader: Come, let us worship the God who calls us again.

All: Here we are, Lord. Lead us in your way. Amen.

♦OPENING HYMN #400

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

♦PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Gracious God, we thank you that your mercy meets us even when our words and actions do not match. Thank you for calling us again when we resist you, for giving us courage to change our minds, and for inviting us into the work of your kingdom. For the grace that forgives, the love that redirects us, and the Spirit who gives us strength to follow, we give you thanks. Turn our promises into faithful action, our intentions into compassion, and our words into lives that reflect Jesus Christ. May our answer to your invitation become not only, “Yes, Lord,” but, “Here I am. Send me.” 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. 508-509 OT)

Psalms 78: 1-4, 12-16 (responsive)

♦THE GOSPEL LESSON (p. 22 NT)

Matthew 21: 23-32 (responsive)

THE SERMON

“WHEN YES MEANS NO – AND NO BECOMES YES”

- CHORAL ANTHEM

“Brightly Beams Our Father’s Mercy”

Philip Paul Bliss
- PASTORAL PRAYER
- OFFERTORY
- ◆Doxology #95, Prayer of Dedication and Altar Call
- ◆CLOSING HYMN #593

“Here I Am, Lord”
- ◆THE BENEDICTION
- ◆PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

<i>Ambassador:</i> Jim Jackson	<i>Visual Arts Creator:</i> Chris Driscoll
<i>Fellowship:</i> Something New	<i>Visual Arts Engineer:</i> Mark Gilleylen
<i>Member Outreach:</i> Renee Poet	<i>Livestream Tech:</i> Matt Heafy
<i>Prayer Cards:</i> Kathy Esposito	<i>Counters:</i> Carol Hotz, Diane Gaborc
<i>Nursery:</i> Barbara Heafy	<i>Usher:</i> Linda Pisani
<i>Promise Kids:</i> Jerry Howard, Sue Trumbo	<i>Lector:</i> Claire Strand

Announcements

The **Cooperative Parish Bake-off** will be held next Sunday, October 4th, at Asbury UMC at 1:00 p.m. Please note the date change.

The new **church website** is up and running! If you have not yet visited, check out cheshireumc.com. Huge thanks to Rhonda for taking on this project and getting us current.

With the success of our **Clothesline Fundraiser** continuing, we have raised **\$9,313** 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.