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

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ALL SAINTS' DAY

NOVEMBER 1, 2026 **10:00 A. M.**

PRELUDE "This Is My Song" Jubilate Bell Choir

OPENING PRAYER

WORDS OF WELCOME The Pastor

◆CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)
Leader: We come before God, who created us with love and calls us for a purpose.
People: We are God's beloved, called to love and serve.
Leader: Like David, we often make plans for God, forgetting that God has greater plans for us.
People: Open our hearts to listen, trust, and follow God's calling.
Leader: God does not measure our worth by our accomplishments, but invites us to love with all our hearts, souls, and strength.
People: May our lives reflect God's love in all that we say and do.
All: Let us worship the God who created us with purpose and whose grace continues to guide our lives. Amen.

◆OPENING HYMN #**139** "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

◆PRAYER OF REPENTANCE
Servant Christ, you knelt with a towel, while we often reach for recognition. You gave yourself in love, while we sometimes protect our comfort, our time, and our own interests. Forgive us when we seek to be served rather than looking for ways to serve. Forgive us when pride keeps us from bending down, when busyness keeps us from noticing others, and when we offer love only to those who can repay us. Renew our minds, O God. Transform our hearts. Teach us to see as Jesus sees, to love as Jesus loves, and to serve as Jesus serves. Place the towel of discipleship in our hands, that our lives may reveal the humble love of Christ. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

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

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

SECOND LESSON (p. **268-269** OT) 2 Samuel 7:1-29 (responsive)

HYMN OF PREPARATION #**451** "Be Thou My Vision"

SERMON "PURPOSE: MADE FOR MORE"

A SERVICE OF WORD AND TABLE #**17-18**

COMMUNION OF SAINTS

CHORAL ANTHEM "The Day You Gave Us, Lord, Has Ended" C. Schalk

PASTORAL PRAYER

OFFERTORY

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

- CLOSING HYMN #**399** "Take My Life, and Let it Be"

- THE BENEDICTION

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

Usher: Linda Pisani
Ambassadoor: Jim Jackson
Fellowship: Rhonda Pattberg, Deb Bond
Member Outreach: Elizabeth Thomas
Lector: Claire Strand
Promise Kids: Jennifer Roeder, Melody Russell
Nursery (0-5): Barbara Heafy, Claire Strand
Visual Arts Creator: Chris Driscoll
Visual Arts Engineer: Mark Gilleylen
Livestream Tech: Steve Trumbo
Counters: Carol Hotz, Diane Gaborc
Prayer Cards: Kathy Esposito
Communion Steward: Claire Strand

Announcements

The **Altar Flowers** are given to the Glory of God by Diane Gaborc in memory of her mother, Ruth Mae Gaborc, on the 50th anniversary of her passing.

The **Trustees** will be meeting on Tuesday, November 3rd, at 7:00 p.m. in the Faithful Thomas Room.

It's finally time for the **Cooperative Parish Riverboat Cruise**! If you've signed up, boarding will begin next Saturday, November 7th, at 11:15 a.m. at the Lady Kate Dock Location at Eagle Landing State Park (14 Little Meadow Rd. Haddam, CT 06438).

With the success of our **Clothesline Fundraiser** continuing, we have raised **$9,614** 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.