

THE ORDER FOR OUR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

8:00 - "O Lord, Throughout These Forty Days" tune Caithness; setting by D. Johnson
10:30 - The Bell Choir plays "What Wondrous Love is This" arr by McChesney

HYMN 744 - we sing, standing

OPENING DIALOG

In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Return to the Lord, your God, for He is gracious and merciful, **slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.**

Jesus said: If anyone would come after Me, **let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me.**

Christ was wounded for our transgressions. **He was bruised for our iniquities.**

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

GREETING, followed by PRAYER

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us pray. **Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning; and though we deserve only punishment, You receive us as Your children and provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

(please be seated)

FIRST LESSON *(bulletin back page)*

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

PSALM 107:1-9 we read in unison

SECOND LESSON *(bulletin back page)*

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GOSPEL *(bulletin back page)*

Before, all shout: Glory to you, O Lord!
After, all shout: Praise to you, O Christ!

HYMN 571 vs 1, 2, 3, 4, 6 - we sing, seated

SERMON

APOSTLES' CREED - hymnal, back cover
all standing

OFFERTORY

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PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

all may kneel
Response: **Hear our prayer!**

LORD'S PRAYER

BENEDICTION

HYMN 918 - we sing, standing

POSTLUDE - "Leave all to God's Direction" by George Neumark

NEWS AND NOTES

This Week Here

Today - 9:16AM - Adult Bible Study
- 7:00PM - Confirmation Class
Wed - 1:30PM - Adult Bible Study
- 6:15PM - Bell Choir
- 7:30PM - Lent 3 Service
- 8:15PM - Parish Choir
Thur - 10:00AM - Open Office Hours
Sat - 9:00AM - Fellowship walk
- 12:00-2:00 - Jr. High Pizza Lunch

Reserving a Seat for Mid-Week Lenten Services will take place at the same time reservations are taken for Sunday morning services. Please call or visit us on Thursday mornings from 10:00 to 12:00 and specify which service(s) you would like to attend.

Spring is just around the corner! Please join us for a walk this Saturday, March 20, 9AM. Meet at the Farmington Canal, Jarvis Street parking lot at 9AM. Bring a friend, child, or grandchild. Let's enjoy some fellowship and fresh air.

Easter Sunday: Please signup for our celebration to take place after our 8AM Easter service. We would appreciate knowing early how many hope to attend. If you would like to join us but are not sure, please put your name down anyway. Also, we would love help setting up Saturday, April 3rd 11AM and cleaning up afterwards as well. If you are unable to sign up in person yet, feel free to contact Pam Clark, Aclark@snet.net with your desire to participate.

Little Cherubs Christian Preschool is now taking registration for the 2021-2022 school year. If you, or someone you know, have a child who is preschool eligible, please call the church or preschool office for more information. A registration packet may also be picked up from the counter outside the church office.

Portals of Prayer (daily home devotional booklets for adults) - regular & large-print editions - on narthex table. Help yourself to a copy - and take one for a friend, if you wish.

A WORD ABOUT THE LESSONS

Jesus Is Lifted Up on the Cross so that We May Look to Him and Live - The people sinned by speaking "against God and against Moses," and the Lord called them to repentance by sending fiery serpents, which "bit the people, so that many people of Israel died" (Num. 21:4-6). When the people confessed their sin, the Lord provided a means of rescue from death. He instructed Moses to "make a fiery serpent and set it on a pole," so that "if a serpent bit anyone, he would look at the bronze serpent and live" (Num. 21:8-9). Thus, God sent His Son into the world, in the likeness of our sin and death, and lifted Him up on the pole of the cross, that whoever looks to Him in faith "may have eternal life" (John 3:14-16). By His cross, "the light has come into the world," not for condemnation, but "that the world might be saved through him" (John 3:17-19). While we "were dead in the trespasses and sins" in which we once lived (Eph. 2:1), God loved us, calling us to repentance and raising us up with Christ to live "with him in the heavenly places" (Eph. 2:4-6).