

THE ORDER FOR OUR WORSHIP

PRELUDE - "Now Thank we All our God"
setting by Russel Widmar

HYMN 686 - *we sing, standing*

INVOCATION

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

OPENING DIALOG

O LORD, how manifold are your works!
In wisdom have you made them all.

These all look to you, **to give them their food in due season.**

When you give it to them, they gather it up;
when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.

When you send forth your Spirit, they are created, **and you renew the face of the ground.**

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. **O Lord, You granted Your prophets strength to resist the temptations of the devil and courage to proclaim repentance. Give us pure hearts and minds to follow Your Son faithfully even into suffering and death; through the same Jesus Christ, 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 85:8-13

Men read odd numbered verses
Women read even numbered verses

SECOND LESSON *(bulletin back page)*
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

page 156 - **ALLELUIA VERSE**
we sing, standing

GOSPEL *(bulletin back page)*
Before, all shout: Glory to you, O Lord!
After, all shout: Praise to you, O Christ!

HYMN 667- *we sing, seated*

SERMON

APOSTLES' CREED - *hymnal, back cover*

OFFERTORY

"In the Garden" by Austin Miles
Bruce Emerick, soloist

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Response: **Hear our prayer!**

LORD'S PRAYER

BENEDICTION

HYMN 917 - *we sing, standing*

POSTLUDE - "Lord of Light" tune Abbot's Leigh; *setting Patterson*

NEWS AND NOTES

Altar Flowers this morning are from Tim and Karen Weiland in memory of departed loved ones.

Please Join Us outside after service for fellowship and refreshments. Thank you to Barbara Carson and Judy Watson for serving this morning.

This Week Here
Thur -10:00AM - Open Office Hours

Last Sunday Here
Attending: 51 Offering: \$7,657

Cheshire Road Race will take place next Sunday, July 18. Please plan your drive to church accordingly.

CLC Church Directory - please take a look at the printed directory located on the hallway counter, and check your family's information for accuracy. Thank you!

VBS will be held here July 19-23, 8:45 - 12:00. We need adult and youth volunteers to make this program a success - please sign up on the youth bulletin board located in the hallway. Questions? Contact Vicki DePaolo, Karen Smith, Tricia or Pastor Rowold.

Refreshment Servers Needed! Please sign up on the bulletin board if you would like to serve refreshments following one or two of our summer worship services. Everything you need, including the prepared iced tea / lemonade, will be in the kitchen.

VBS Registration is open to children age 4 through 6th grade and are on a first come first serve basis. Registrations are available for pick up this morning from the hallway counter. Please return as soon as possible to guarantee a spot for your child.

Lunch on the Lawn - join us this summer for fellowship. Bring a chair and your lunch and meet us by the columbarium (weather permitting). We will meet 12:00 on July 19, August 2, 16 & 30.

Orphan Grain Train School Kits - we are collecting school supplies through August 22nd. A poster with tags of items needed to complete 50 school kits is located in the narthex. Your donations can be placed in the bins located under the counter nearest to the library entrance. Cash donations directed for this purpose can be placed in the red box on the counter above the bins. These funds will be used for purchasing items needed to complete the 50 kits or you can request that your donation be directed toward the shipping costs.

A WORD ABOUT THE LESSONS

The Lord Jesus Brings His People through Death into Life by the Preaching of Repentance - Amos did not choose to be a prophet, but the Lord took him "from following the flock" and said to him, "Go, prophesy to my people Israel" (Amos 7:15). It was a hard word given him to preach: King Jeroboam would "die by the sword," and Israel would "go into exile away from his land" (Amos 7:10-11). For this word, Amos was hated and threatened. St. John the Baptist also suffered for his faithful preaching of repentance. King Herod "sent and seized John and bound him in prison," even though he knew that John "was a righteous and holy man" (Mark 6:17, 20). Out of pride and fear, Herod "sent an executioner with orders to bring John's head" (Mark 6:27). Yet in Christ, St. John the Baptist "has been raised from the dead" (Mark 6:14, 16). For Christ is the destruction of death itself "before the foundation of the world," and even now by faith, "the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ" has blessed us in Christ "with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places" (Eph. 1:3-4). Through Baptism into Christ, you also "were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit" for life and salvation (Eph. 1:13).