

THE ORDER FOR OUR WORSHIP

PRELUDE
“Dedication to His Commands” by Robert Franz

HYMN 394 - *we sing as indicated, standing*
1 - all **2** - men & boys
3 - women & girls **5** - all

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

OPENING DIALOG
The Lord is my light and my salvation – whom shall I fear? **The Lord is the stronghold of my life – of whom shall I be afraid?**

Hear my voice when I call, O Lord; **be merciful to me and answer me.**

Teach me Your way, O Lord, **that I may walk in Your truth.**

Wait for the Lord; **be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord.**

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us pray. **O Lord, graciously hear the prayers of Your people that we who justly suffer the consequence of our sin may be mercifully delivered by Your goodness to the glory of Your name; 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 119:1-8 - *we read in unison*

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

page 156 - **ALLELUIA** - *all standing*

GOSPEL *(bulletin back page)* - *all standing*
Before, all sing: Glory be to Thee, O Lord!
After, all sing: Praise be to Thee, O Christ!

HYMN 698 - *we sing, seated*

SERMON

APOSTLES’ CREED - *hymnal, back cover*

OFFERTORY
During the gathering (8:00) Bruce Emerick sings “Oh that the Lord would Guide my ways”. (10:30) we sing HYMN 686

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH
all may kneel
Response: **Hear our prayer!**

LORD’S PRAYER

BENEDICTION

HYMN 921 - *we sing, standing*

POSTLUDE - *“Blessings of Faith” by Franklin Ritter*

NEWS AND NOTES

Altar Flowers this morning are from Bill and Beth Soulier in honor of Kiley’s birthday.

Last Sunday Here
Attending: 87 Offering: \$15,900

This Week Here
Today- TBD - Confirmation Class
Wed - 7:00 PM - Bell Choir
 - 7:45 PM - Parish Choir
Thur -10:00 AM - Bulletin Pick Up
Sat - 3:00 PM - SSchool Family Event

Souper Bowl of Caring - Today, millions of Americans will tune into the Super Bowl football game. There will be parties with abundant food, friendship and fellowship. At the same time, there will be people worrying about staying warm, finding shelter and a warm meal. Please join young people around the country as they demonstrate God’s love by loving their neighbors through SOUPER BOWLING OF CARING. It’s a simple, yet significant act of caring for others. Today is the last day to donate soup, but we are also accepting monetary donations which may be placed in the red box labeled Souper Bowl located on the counter. CLC donations will go to Cheshire Community Food Pantry.

Attn Sunday School Parents!
• There is no Sunday School next Sunday, February 19.
• Join us this Saturday, February 18, from 3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. for “God’s Amazing Love”, a Sunday School Family event. There will be activities, crafts and food. Please sign up on the Sunday School bulletin board so we know how many to expect.

Lenten Soup, Salad & Bible Study
Ash Wednesday is on February 22 and the following week, March 1, will be the start of our weekly fellowship and Bible Study starting at 6:00 p.m. followed by a Lenten service at 7:30 p.m. Look for sign up sheets on the bulletin board and plan to join us.

Sunday Morning Coffee Hour - Join us for fellowship between the services. If you are willing, and can serve some mornings by setting up and cleaning up, please sign up on the bulletin board. Your help would be greatly appreciated! Baked goods are always welcome and may be brought in at any time and placed in the freezer to be enjoyed when needed. Questions? Please contact Pam Clark.

A WORD ABOUT THE LESSONS

Christ Sets Life Before Us so that We Can Walk in His Ways - The God who reveals Himself in His incarnate Son promises life and blessing to all who obey His commandments “*by loving the LORD your God, by walking in his ways, and by keeping his commandments and his statutes and his rules*” (Deut. 30:16). However, we are “*people of the flesh*” and “*infants in Christ*” (1 Cor. 3:1), among whom “*there is jealousy and strife*” (1 Cor. 3:3). Jesus must instruct us against the human ways of anger, adultery, divorce and false witness (Matt. 5:21–37), because all who live in these ways “*shall surely perish*” (Deut. 30:18). On the cross, He died to forgive our sins and free us from the ways of curse and death. Since Jesus Christ is our “*life and length of days*” (Deut. 30:20), we can be reconciled to our brother, live in chastity and marital faithfulness, and speak with honesty. He who serves from His cross also offers His gift of reconciliation at His altar, and we can be at peace with our brothers and sisters in Christ who are “*God’s field, God’s building*” (1 Cor. 3:9).