

THE ORDER FOR OUR WORSHIP

PRELUDE
8:00 - “Christ, the Life of All the Living” tune *Jesu, meines Leben*; setting by J. C. Bach
10:30 - The Bell Choir plays “Ah, Holy Jesus” tune *Herzliebster Jesu*; setting by Terry Osman

HYMN 908 - we sing, standing

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

OPENING DIALOG
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.**

The chastisement that brought us peace was upon Him, **and with His stripes we are healed.**

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. **Almighty God, by Your great goodness mercifully look upon Your people that we may be governed and preserved evermore in body and soul; 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 130
Pulpit side read odd numbered verses
Font side read even numbered verses

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

page 173 - **VERSE FOR LENT** - *all standing*

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

HYMN 430 vs 1, 2, 4, 7 - we sing, seated

SERMON
APOSTLES’ CREED - *hymnal, back cover*

OFFERTORY
During the gathering (8:00) the Bell Choir plays “Ah, Holy Jesus”, (10:30) “Christ, the Life of All the Living”

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

LORD’S PRAYER

BENEDICTION

HYMN 935 - we sing, standing

POSTLUDE - “Jesus, Refuge of the Weary”
tune O du Liebe meiner Liebe; setting by Schack

NEWS AND NOTES

Last Sunday Here
Attending: 101 Offering: \$6,859

This Week Here
Today 9:10AM - Acolyte Training
7:00 PM - Confirmation Class
Wed - 6:00 PM - Soup, Salad, Bible Study
- 7:00 PM - Bell Choir Practice
- 7:30 PM - Lent 5 Service
Thur -10:00 AM- Bulletin Pick Up
- 7:00 PM - Parish Choir Practice

Lenten Soup, Salad & Bible Study
Join us this Wednesday for our last Soup, Salad and Bible Study starting at 6:00 p.m. Look for sign up sheet on the bulletin board and plan to join us prior to our Lenten service at 7:30 p.m.

Spring Clean-Up - Our annual outside cleaning is scheduled for April 15. It would be helpful if cleaning supplies were brought (brooms, trimmers, etc.). Our inside cleaning will take place on April 22. Please consider volunteering to help keep our property looking beautiful!

Hope for Life, d.b.a. Hope Pregnancy Center, located at 110 Main Street, Cheshire - our ongoing ministry of collecting “gently used” or new baby clothes, blankets, toys, disposable diapers, etc. for babies 0-12 months benefit new mothers who have no means to support a newborn child. No stuffed animals please. Items purchased new or from the Good Will store, etc. can be placed in the basinet located in the hallway.

Greeting Card Fund Raiser (a project of the Thursday Ladies Group) - a variety of greeting cards with Christian messages are for sale at \$1 each. These high quality cards are displayed in a rack on the counter outside the office. We will continuously update the selection which includes Birthday, Anniversary, Get Well, Sympathy, Thank You, Seasonal and miscellaneous choices. After making your selection, please leave your money or check in the box attached to the display. Proceeds go towards various projects. Contact person is Paula Ongley.

A WORD ABOUT THE LESSONS

Jesus Christ Is the Resurrection and the Life - The illness and death of Lazarus happened “that the Son of God may be glorified through it” (John 11:4). Jesus’ miracle of raising Lazarus prompted His arrest and crucifixion, whereby He would die “for the nation” and gather “into one the children of God who are scattered abroad” (John 11:51–52). As He called Lazarus from the tomb and commanded others to “unbind him, and let him go” (John 11:44), Jesus also calls us and releases us from the bondage of sin and death. We would not “submit to God’s law,” nor could we “please God” (Rom. 8:7–8), but “he condemned sin” in His own flesh so “that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us” (Rom. 8:3–4). Now through the Gospel, “the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells” in us (Rom. 8:11). His Word breathes His Spirit into our mortal flesh, animating us with His own life. As His ministers preach according to His divine command, the Lord Jesus calls us from the grave into the good land that He gives us (Ezek. 37:12, 14).