

THE ORDER FOR OUR WORSHIP

PRELUDE - “*Be Ever Near Me, Lord*”
Chorale, arranged by Schreiner.

HYMN 936 - *we sing as indicated, standing*

page 260 - **OPENING VERSICLES**
(COMMON) - *we say, responsively*

page 261 - **OLD TESTAMENT CANTICLE**
- *we sing together*

(please be seated)

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

PSALM 33:12-22 - *Pastor speaks the even verses and congregation speaks the even verses.*

SECOND LESSON (*bulletin back page*)
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HYMN 952 - ALLELUIA II - *we sing, standing*

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

page 263 - **RESPONSORY (COMMON)** -
we say responsively, between Pastor and the People

page 264 - **CATECHISM** - *we say together the Ten Commandments, the Apostles' Creed, and the Lord's Prayer.*

HYMN 781 - *we sing, seated*

SERMON

OFFERTORY - **HYMN 666**

(please stand)

page 265 - **PRAYERS**
for initial petitions
Response: **Lord, have mercy.**

for final petition
Response: **Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

COLLECT OF THE DAY
Almighty and merciful God, it is by Your grace that we live as Your people who offer acceptable service. Grant that we may walk by faith, and not by sight, in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

page 265 - **COLLECT FOR THE WORD**

page 266 - **MORNING PRAYER** - *we pray together*

page 266 - **NEW TESTAMENT CANTICLE**
- *we sing together*

page 267 - **BLESSING**

POSTLUDE - “*Minuet*” from *Water Music* by G.F. Handel.

NEWS AND NOTES

Please Join Us outside after service for Lemonade on the Lawn. Thank you to Karen Bailey for serving this morning!

The **Cheshire Fall Festival** is Sat. Sept 13. We need volunteers to help set up, break down and man the booth for many hours. Sign up on the bulletin board. Of note, the booth set up will be in the new part of Bartlem Park, much farther from parking than in years past.

Orphan Grain Train School Kits - Thank you to everyone collecting items for the hygiene kits. In an effort to be a bit more organized, there is a board in the back of Church with post it notes on it. As you purchase the item, please grab a post it and place it along with your items into the bins under the counter. Hopefully, this will ensure that we have a variety of the needed items. We have a goal of collecting 30 kits. We will be collecting items until the end of September.

The Choirs are looking for more singers and bell ringers to join our groups. If you enjoy singing and / or ringing bells, we welcome you to a rehearsal on a Wednesday night starting in September. See Martha Medford for more information.

Kids Bulletins are always available here on the narthex table along with our regular Sunday Service bulletins. They are always linked with the day's Scripture readings.

Can and Bottle Collection! Money raised will benefit Little Cherubs. Please place the cans and bottles in the box located near the janitor's closet off the Fellowship Hall.

A WORD ABOUT THE LESSONS

The Lord Is Surely Coming to Give You His Kingdom The Lord Himself was Abraham's shield and great reward. For “*the word of the LORD came to him*” and sustained the patriarch's faith in the face of death (Gen. 15:4). By divine grace, Abraham “*believed the LORD, and he counted it to him as righteousness*” (Gen. 15:6), on account of the holy Seed, Christ Jesus. To that one old man, the Lord granted “*descendants as many as the stars of heaven and as many as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore*” (Heb. 11:12). The Lord is likewise faithful to you. It is His glad desire “*to give you the kingdom*” (Luke 12:32). Therefore, “*do not be anxious about your life,*” but instead “*seek his kingdom*” (Luke 12:22, 31). Set your heart on that treasure. “*Stay dressed for action and keep your lamps burning ... for the Son of Man is coming*” (Luke 12:35, 40).