

THE ORDER FOR OUR WORSHIP

PRELUDE - “*Jesus, Thou Art Mine*” by J. S. Bach.

HYMN 915 - *we sing, 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 50:1-15 - *Women speak the odd verses and Men speak 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 648 - *we sing, seated*

SERMON

OFFERTORY - “*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*” by John Wyeth; *arr. by Olstad. Ruth Del Vecchio, flute soloist.*

(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
O Lord, You have called us to enter Your kingdom through the narrow door. Guide us by Your Word and Spirit, and lead us now and always into the feast of Your Son, Jesus Christ, 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 - “*A Celebration Of Praise*” by James Denton.

NEWS AND NOTES

Please Join Us outside after service for Lemonade on the Lawn. Thank you to the Weiland's 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 hallway outside the Fellowship Hall with post it notes on it. As you purchase the item, please grab a post it and place it along with you 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.

Sunday School Rally Day will be held on September 7. **Everyone is welcome** to attend.

Sunday School Teachers are needed!
Please see Tricia Rowold to volunteer or for questions.

Mark Your Calendar! Our 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Sunday services schedule resumes on September 7th.

Attention Council and Voters!
A Council meeting is scheduled to be held at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 2nd. A Voters' meeting is scheduled to be held after the 10:30 service on Sunday, September 7th.

A WORD ABOUT THE LESSONS

The Cross of Christ Is the Way into the Kingdom of God With the cross of Christ, the time has come “*to gather all nations and tongues*” (Is. 66:18). The sign of the cross is set forth in the preaching of the Gospel, the declaration of the Lord's glory “*among the nations*” (Is. 66:19). Many “*will come from east and west, and from north and south, and recline at table in the kingdom of God*” (Luke 13:29), but only by the narrow way of the cross. Those who refuse to follow Christ crucified will ultimately find only “*weeping and gnashing of teeth*” (Luke 13:28), whereas Christ's disciples, called from all the nations, will eat and drink with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob in the kingdom of God. They will come into “*the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem*” (Heb. 12:22).