

## THE ORDER FOR OUR WORSHIP

**PRELUDE** - “O Fairest Church of Christ”  
tune by Hans Sachs, setting by Schreiner.

**HYMN 469** - we sing, standing

### INVOCATION

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

### AN EASTER DIALOG

Alleluia! Christ is risen! **He is risen  
indeed! Alleluia!**

Sing to the Lord a new song, **for He has  
done marvelous things.**

The Lord is my strength and my song; **He  
has become my salvation.**

Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; **His  
love endures forever.**

This is the day the Lord has made; **we will  
rejoice and be glad in it.**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and  
to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the begin-  
ning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

### GREETING, followed by PRAYER

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us pray. **O God, the giver of all that is  
good, by Your holy inspiration grant that  
we may think those things that are right  
and by Your merciful guiding accomplish  
them; 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 66:8-20** - see insert; we sing, seated

### 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 725** - we sing, seated

### SERMON

**APOSTLES' CREED** - hymnal, last page  
*all standing*

**OFFERTORY** - *During the gathering, Bruce  
Emerick, soloist, sings “A Mother’s Faith”  
by Bailey & Mayo (8:00) or the Parish Men  
sing “A Mother’s Faith” by Bailey & Mayo.*

*When we walk with the Lord in the light of His  
Word, There is joy when we trust and obey.*

*Bold and tender, humble, strong, full of laughter,  
joy and song. Hands that labor, arms that hold  
both the children and the old. Slow to anger, full  
of grace. Loving smile upon her face,*

*Acts of mercy, words of peace, Faithful prayers  
that never cease. Step by step and day by day, she  
follows Jesus. With God's Word to light her way,  
she follows Jesus. With her life and with her love,  
she finds strength from God above.*

*By God's grace, she has the faith to follow Jesus.*

### PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

*all may kneel*

Response: **Hear our prayer!**

### LORD'S PRAYER

## COLLECT

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## NEWS AND NOTES

### Last Sunday Here

Attending: 88      Offering: \$7,455

### This Week Here

Wed - 1:30 PM - Bible Study

- 7:00 PM - Choir & Ensemble

Thur - 5:30 PM - Preschool Open House

The **May Voters' Meeting** is next Sunday  
May 17, after the late service Voting mem-  
bers, please plan to attend in person or by  
Zoom.

**VBS** will be held here June 22 - 26. We  
need volunteers to make this a successful  
program. There are many areas in which we  
need help. Please sign up on the bulletin  
board outside to the Fellowship Hall if you  
can help. Registrations for VBS are still  
open to students kindergarten through just  
having completed 6<sup>th</sup> grade. Please pick up a  
packet from the hallway counter or go on  
our website to register for VBS. Registration  
ends Wednesday.

## A WORD ABOUT THE LESSONS

**The Lord Jesus Comforts Us with the Preaching of His Resurrection** “The God who ... gives to all mankind life and breath and everything” (Acts 17:24–25) wants all people to seek Him that they might “feel their way toward him and find him” (Acts 17:27). But in our sinful ignorance, we humans turn instead to idols “formed by the art and imagination of man” (Acts 17:29). Therefore, God appointed the Man of Righteousness, Jesus Christ, and “has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead” (Acts 17:31). Because He lives, we also live (John 14:19) in His forgiveness, and thus we love Him and keep His commandments (John 14:15). While the risen Lord prepares us for His ascension, He will not leave us “as orphans” (John 14:18), but He gives “another Helper,” the Holy Spirit, to be with us forever (John 14:16) through the preaching of “Jesus and the resurrection” (Acts 17:18). Because He “suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous” (1 Peter 3:18), we “honor Christ the Lord as holy” and are always “prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks” for the reason for our hope (1 Peter 3:15). Our Baptism “now saves” us “as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ” (1 Peter 3:21).

**HYMN 816** - we sing, standing

**POSTLUDE** - “Lord of Light” tune Abbot’s  
Leigh, setting by Patterson.

**Sunday School** - Today, we will study  
“Enduring Exile.” Despite constant warn-  
ings, the Israelites continue in their idolatry.  
Because of this, God allows the king of As-  
syria to capture the Israelites and carry them  
into exile. The king resettles Samaria with  
other peoples, who bring with them their  
own false gods. When wild lions begin kill-  
ing these immigrants, the king sends for an  
Israelite priest, hoping to appease God. But  
the people continued to sacrifice to idols—  
confusing the worship of the Lord with wor-  
shiping false gods. This is the beginning of  
the Samaritans.

**Little Cherubs** is having an **Open House**  
this Thursday, from 5:30 - 6:30. Please grab  
a flyer off the counter to post it up around  
town and/or share on any social media.  
Please help us spread the word!

