

THE ORDER FOR OUR WORSHIP

PRELUDE - “*Breath from a Bounteous Heaven*” by James Southbridge.

HYMN 901 - *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 65 - *we sing, see insert*

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

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 577 - *we sing, seated*

SERMON

OFFERTORY - “*Wachet Auf*” by J.S. Bach;
Frank Vasi, Saxophone 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

Blessed Lord, since You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting 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 - “*Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee*” tune Hymn to Joy, setting by Broughton.

NEWS AND NOTES

Last Sunday Here

Attending: 65 Offering: \$3,621.93

Please join us outside after this morning's Worship Service for fellowship and refreshments!

Refreshment Servers Needed! Please sign up on the bulletin board in the hallway if you would like to serve refreshments following one or two of the summer worship services. Lemonade/iced tea are already prepared in the kitchen refrigerator. All you need to do is bring a little something to go with the beverages.

Wellness & Safety is looking to sponsor a First Aid/CPR/AED Training at CLC in the Fall. Date/time is still to be determined. Please contact Pastor Rowold if you are interested.

Portals of Prayer (daily home devotional booklets for adults) - are on narthex table. Help yourself to a copy - and take one for a friend, if you wish.

Cheshire Food Pantry has a higher need for food in the summer months. Please keep it in mind when shopping and let's fill those bins! Thank you!



A WORD ABOUT THE LESSONS

The Preaching of the Word of Christ Bears the Good Fruits of Faith and Love As “the rain and the snow come down from heaven” and “water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout” (Is. 55:10), so the Word of God accomplishes the purpose for which He speaks it, granting joy and peace through the forgiveness of sins and producing the fruits of faith and love in those who are called by His name. Christ Jesus, the incarnate Word, has established the name of the Lord as “*an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off*” (Is. 55:13). He opens our ears to hear, our minds to understand and our hearts to believe His Word, lest the evil one come and snatch it away. He thus transforms our rocky hearts into good soil, which clings to the Gospel and “*indeed bears fruit*” (Matt. 13:23). He is Himself the firstfruits of all who “*have received the Spirit of adoption as sons*” (Rom. 8:15). Thus being “*led by the Spirit of God,*” we are not afraid, but we cry out in faith to our Father in heaven (Rom. 8:14–15). For as we suffer with Christ, the beloved Son, so shall we “*also be glorified with him*” (Rom. 8:17).