

THE ORDER FOR OUR WORSHIP

PRELUDE - "Round the Lord in Glory Seated" tune Moultrie; arr. Powell

HYMN 913 - we sing, standing

OPENING DIALOG

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

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

From the rising of the sun to its setting, **the name of the Lord is to be praised.**

Better is one day in Your courts **than a thousand elsewhere.**

Make me to know Your ways, O Lord.
Teach me Your paths.

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.

GREETING, followed by PRAYER

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

Let us pray. **O God, on this day You once taught the hearts of Your faithful people by sending them the light of Your Holy Spirit. Grant us in our day by the same Spirit to have a right understanding in all things and evermore to rejoice in His holy consolation; 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 25:1-15 - we sing, seated
See insert - "Lord, I Gladly Trust"
tune Redhead.

SECOND LESSON (bulletin back page)

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

page 173 - **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 498 vs 1-3, 6, 7 - we sing, seated

SERMON

APOSTLES' CREED

OFFERTORY - "Hymn of Promise" by Natalie Sleeth; sung by Parish Singers

text:

*In the bulb there is a flower;
In the seed, an apple tree;
In cocoons, a hidden promise;
Butterflies will soon be free!
In the cold and snow of winter,
There's a spring that waits to be
Unrevealed until the season,
Something God alone can see.
There's a song in every silence,
Seeking word and melody;
There's a dawn in every darkness,
Bringing hope to you and me.
From the past will come the future:
What it holds, a mystery,
Unrevealed until its season,
Something God alone can see,
In our end is our beginning;*

*In our time, infinity.
In our doubt, there is believing;
In our life, eternity.
In our death, a resurrection;
At the last, a victory,
Unrevealed until its season,
Something God alone can see.*

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Response: **Hear our prayer!**

NEWS AND NOTES

Altar Flowers this morning are given by Don and Vicki DePaolo in celebration of the birthday of their grand-daughter, Julianna Tyler.

This Week Here (via Zoom)

Today - 6:30PM - Confirmation Class
Wed - 1:30PM - Bible Study

Offerings Collected 5/18 - 5/24: \$2,766

The Congregation and Choir Director wish to thank the singers and the bell choir who have been with the services to add our full measure of worship in music.

Attn Council Members - a meeting is planned for Mon, June 8 at 7:00 p.m.

A WORD ABOUT THE LESSONS

The Risen Lord Jesus Pours Out the Holy Spirit - The Lord took "some of the Spirit" that was on Moses "and put it on the seventy elders" of Israel (Num. 11:25), and they "prophesied in the camp" (Num. 11:26). In the same way, our risen Lord Jesus poured out His Holy Spirit at the Feast of Pentecost — the 50th day and the "Eighth Sunday" of Easter. When "a sound like a mighty rushing wind" and "tongues as of fire appeared" and rested on each of the 12 apostles, "they were all filled with the Holy Spirit" and proclaimed "the mighty works of God" (Acts 2:2-4, 11). The Lord Jesus grants this same Spirit to His Church on earth to proclaim Him glorified on the cross and risen victorious from the grave for us sinners. From His open heart, our crucified and risen Lord pours out His Holy Spirit in "rivers of living water" (John 7:38) and invites everyone who thirsts to come to Him and drink freely (John 7:37). Through this life-giving work of the Holy Spirit, we hear our pastors "telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God" (Acts 2:11), and "everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved" (Acts 2:21).

LORD'S PRAYER

BENEDICTION

HYMN 503 - we sing, standing

POSTLUDE - "Andante con Moto: by G. F. Handel

Offerings may now be made through our website. We have partnered with Prolific, a Lutheran Church Federal Credit Union affiliate, to bring you this secure, convenient, user friendly option. **Offerings** may also be mailed to Cheshire Lutheran Church, P. O. Box 157, Cheshire, CT 06410.

Little Cherubs Christian Preschool is now taking registration for the 2020-2021 school year. If you, or someone you know, have a child who is preschool eligible, please call the church or preschool office for more information. You can also contact the church office to have a registration packet mailed to you. We have a great program with great teachers - so spread the word!