

## THE ORDER FOR OUR WORSHIP

**PRELUDE** - "A Mighty Fortress is Our God" by Martin Luther

**HYMN 912** - *we sing, standing*

### OPENING DIALOG

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

Our help is in the name of the Lord, **who made heaven and earth.**

Unless the Lord builds the house, **those who build it labor in vain.**

No one can lay a foundation other than that which is laid, **which is Jesus Christ.**

I will extoll You, my God and King, **and bless Your name forever and ever.**

How sweet are Your words to my taste, **sweeter than honey to my mouth!**

Teach me, O Lord, the way of Your statutes, **and I will keep it to the end.**

**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. **Almighty God, You have promised to be with Your Church forever. We praise You for Your presence in this place of worship and ask Your ongoing blessing upon those who gather here. Dwell continually among us with Your holy Word and Sacraments, strengthen our fellowship in the bonds of love and peace, and increase our faithful witness to Your salvation; 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

*1 Kings 8:22-30 - see insert*

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

### PSALM 84:1-12

*we read responsively by whole verse*

### SECOND LESSON

*Revelations 21:1-5 - see insert*

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page 173 - **ALLELUIA** - *we sing, standing*

### GOSPEL *Matthew 7:24-29 - see insert*

*Before, all shout: Glory to you, O Lord!*

*After, all shout: Praise to you, O Christ!*

**HYMN 644** - *we sing, seated*

### SERMON

### APOSTLES' CREED

### OFFERTORY - "Andante" by F. Chopin

*Soloist: Frank Vasi*

### PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Response: **Hear our prayer!**

### LORD'S PRAYER

### BENEDICTION

**HYMN** - "God's Redeemed, Beloved and Holy" - *we sing, standing*

**POSTLUDE** - "Alleluia! Alleluia!"  
by Broughton

## NEWS AND NOTES

**This Week Here** (via Zoom)

Wed - 1:30PM - Bible Study

**Last Week Here**

Worshipping: 21      Offering: \$3,271

**Cheshire Food Pantry** needs food donations more than ever as Covid-19 has decreased contributions. Items can be dropped off at the Pantry located at 175 Sandbank Road, Cheshire (call for hours) or monetary donations may be mailed to Cheshire Community Food Pantry, P. O. Box 457, Cheshire or online at [www.cheshirefoodpantry.org](http://www.cheshirefoodpantry.org)

**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!

**Reopening of Church** - we have begun the process of reopening our Church building. We have to abide by social distancing requirements, which dictate how many people we can safely accommodate in our Sanctuary. Therefore, we have a formal process for people to follow while attending worship.

- Masks need to be worn at all times.
- Bulletins and service pages will be available to avoid using the hymnals in the pew racks.
- Ushers will be directing people to designated seating areas beginning in the front of the Church. At the end of the service, you will be invited to exit beginning with the back of the Church.
- Bring service material home with you or deposit in the provided recycling container.

**Summer Music Program** is still in need of volunteers to sing or play for services held during July and August. Please contact Martha Medford to secure a date - 203-481-6952 or email [frank.vasi@comcast.net](mailto:frank.vasi@comcast.net)

## A WORD ABOUT THE LESSONS

**The Lord Jesus Brings Division on Earth for the Sake of Peace with God in Heaven** - False prophets preach what their hearers want to hear, promising peace even when the Lord has spoken "war, famine, and pestilence" (Jer. 28:8). But if "the LORD has truly sent the prophet," he speaks what the Lord has spoken, and "the word of that prophet comes to pass" (Jer. 28:9). The preaching of God's Law is hard, because it confronts sin, brings it to light and makes it worse, "sinful beyond measure," thereby "producing death" in the sinner (Rom. 7:13). But through our Baptism into Christ, "we are released from the law, having died to that which held us captive" (Rom. 7:6). Now we belong "to him who has been raised from the dead, in order that we may bear fruit for God" (Rom. 7:4). Belonging to Him puts us at odds with the world and divides us from all earthly ties, not only from our human family, but each person from his own life. For Christ does not come "to bring peace, but a sword" (Matt. 10:34). Yet, whoever takes up his cross to follow Christ, and "loses his life" for Christ's sake, finds new life in Him (Matt. 10:38-39).