

THE ORDER FOR OUR WORSHIP

PRELUDE - *“The Glory of God in Nature”*
by Beethoven

HYMN 545 - *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 thou-
sand 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 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. **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 inward-
ly digest them that we may embrace and
ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlast-
ing life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son,
our Lord, who lives and reigns with You
and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for-
ever. Amen.**

(please be seated)

FIRST LESSON *(bulletin back page)*

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

PSALM 65:9-13 - *we read in unison*

SECOND LESSON *(bulletin back page)*

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

page 156 - **ALLELUIA** - *we sing, standing*

GOSPEL *(bulletin back page)*

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

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

HYMN 577 - *we sing, seated*

SERMON

APOSTLES' CREED

OFFERTORY - *see insert - we sing, seated*

“When We Face an Unknown Future” tune
*Beach Spring; setting by C. Gage; text by
Carolyn Winfrey Gillette*

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Response: **Hear our prayer!**

LORD'S PRAYER

BENEDICTION

HYMN 923 - *we sing, standing*

POSTLUDE - *“Your Word, O Lord, Is Gen-
tle Dew”* tune *Af Himlens; setting by Paul
Bowman*

NEWS AND NOTES

Altar Flowers this morning are from Dottie
Dierolf in honor of the blessings of family.

Last Week Here

Worshipping: 35 Offering: \$8,511

Hope for Life, d.b.a. Hope Pregnancy Cen-
ter, located at 110 Main Street, Cheshire -
our ongoing ministry of collecting “gently
used” or new baby clothes, blankets, toys,
disposable diapers, etc. for babies 0-12
months benefit new mothers who have no
means to support a newborn child. No
stuffed animals please. Items purchased new
or from the Good Will store, etc. can be
placed in the basinet located in the hallway.

Reminder - the office is open every Thurs-
day morning from 10:00 - 12:00 for those
who want to pick up the following Sunday's
bulletin and inserts, and/or drop off offer-
ings.

Summer Music Program is still in need of
volunteers to sing or play for services held

during July and August. Please contact
Martha Medford either by phone or email to
secure a date.

Cheshire Food Pantry needs food dona-
tions more than ever as Covid-19 has de-
creased 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 Com-
munity Food Pantry, P. O. Box 457, Chesh-
ire or online at www.cheshirefoodpantry.org

Communion resumed here at CLC last Sun-
day and will continue next Sunday, July 19.
If you are watching our services on-line, you
are welcome to drive to the parking lot en-
trance to the building where you will be able
to receive communion between the hours of
10:30 and noon. Please let the office know if
you plan to arrive by calling or emailing us
by Thursday morning so that we may be pre-
pared.

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).