

THE ORDER FOR OUR WORSHIP

PRELUDE - *“Meditation on St. Anthony’s Chorale” tune by Haydn; arr. Birchwood*

HYMN 487, st 1, 4, 5 - *we all 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 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, grant that we who have celebrated the Lord’s resurrection may by Your grace confess in our life and conversation that Jesus is Lord and God; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, 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 148 - *we read in unison*

SECOND LESSON *(bulletin back page)*

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

Page 156 - ALLELUIA VERSE

We all sing, standing

GOSPEL *(bulletin back page)*

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

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

HYMN 843 *(tune: St. Peter)*

we all sing, standing

SERMON

APOSTLES’ CREED

OFFERTORY - *we sing HYMN 763, seated*

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Response: **Hear our prayer!**

LORD’S PRAYER

BENEDICTION

HYMN 603 - *we all sing, standing*

POSTLUDE - *“Lead on, O King Eternal”*

setting by Thompson

NEWS AND NOTES

Last Sunday Here

Attending: 103 Offering: \$8,519

This Week Here

Wed - 7:15PM - Bell Choir

- 8:00PM - Parish Choir

Thur -10:00AM - Open Office Hours

Many Thanks to the many volunteers setting up the fellowship hall, putting boxes of treats together and cleaning up for our Easter celebration. A special thank you to Don and Diane Drust for the flowers, boxes and all the yummy treats. We are truly blessed!

Little Cherubs Christian Preschool is now taking registration for the 2021-2022 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. A registration packet may also be picked up from the counter outside the church office.

Hope for Life, d.b.a. Hope Pregnancy Center, 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.

Greeting Card Fund Raiser (a project of the Thursday Ladies Group) - a variety of greeting cards with Christian messages are for sale at \$1 each. These high quality cards are displayed in a rack on the counter outside the office. We will continuously update the selection which includes Birthday, Anniversary, Get Well, Sympathy, Thank You, Seasonal and miscellaneous choices. After making your selection, please leave your money or check in the box attached to the display. Proceeds go towards various projects. Contact person is Paula Ongley.

A WORD ABOUT THE LESSONS

Christ Jesus Breathes His Spirit and His Life into Us by the Ministry of the Gospel - The crucified and risen Lord Jesus establishes the ministry of the Gospel in order to bestow His life-giving Holy Spirit and His peace upon the Church. To those who are called and ordained to this office, and to those they serve in His name, He grants the Holy Absolution of all sins. By the fruits of His cross, He replaces fear and doubt with peace and joy, and thus gives “repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins” (Acts 5:31). Through the preaching of His sent ones, He calls us to believe that He “*is the Christ, the Son of God,*” so that by such faith we “*may have life in his name*” (John 20:31). In His resurrection, we have the “*living hope*” to which we have been “*born again*” and by which we are guarded “*for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time*” (1 Peter 1:3, 5). Until then, “*though you have not seen him, you love him,*” and by the mercies of God “*you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory*” (1 Peter 1:8).