THE ORDER FOR OUR WORSHIP

PRELUDE - "Where Charity and Love Prevail" tune Ubi Caritas; setting by Roberts.

page 167 - CONFESSION and **ABSOLUTION**

HYMN 790 - we sing, standing

page 168 - KYRIE

page 171 - HYMN OF PRAISE

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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 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.

(please be seated)

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

PSALM 1 - *Women speak all verses, and the* congregation speaks the Gloria Patri.

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

page 173 - ALLELUIA VERSE - all standing

GOSPEL (bulletin back page) - all standing Before, all sing: Glory be to Thee, O Lord! After, all sing: Praise be to Thee, O Christ!

HYMN 577 - we sing, seated

SERMON

NICENE CREED - hymnal, last page all standing

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

all may kneel

Response: Hear our prayer!

OFFERTORY

"A Family of Love" by Mary McDonald; sung by Parish Choir Women.

page 177 - SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

page 178 - SANCTUS

LORD'S PRAYER

page 179 - WORDS OF OUR LORD

SHARING OF PEACE

page 180 - AGNUS DEI

DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT

During the Distribution we sing **HYMNS 892** and **783**.

All are invited to commune who have been baptized and instructed in the Faith; who repent of their sins; who are committed to Christ and to the mission of his church; and who believe with us that we receive and share our Savior's Body and Blood in, with, and under the bread and the wine of the Sacrament - where He gives forgiveness and Christian unity.

All who commune, kindly sign your names in our Communicant Register, which is located

on the narthex shelf along side our Guest Register.

page 181 - POST-COMMUNION CANTI-**CLE** - all standing

page 182 - POST-COMMUNION COL LECT

page 183 - **BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE - "Rondo in G" by John Bull.

HYMN 923 - we sing, standing

NEWS AND NOTES

The Altar Flowers this morning are given by Karen and Randy Raddatz on the occasion of their wedding, in remembrance of their sainted fathers Bob Raddatz and Bill Schmollinger, and thanksgiving for all fathers.

Please Join Us outside after service for fellowship and refreshments. Thank you to the Mann's for serving this morning.

Last Sunday Here

Offering: \$5,842.50 Attending: 133

This Week Here

Wed - 1:00 PM - Bible Study Sat - 9:00 AM - Quilts of Valor

Refreshment Servers Needed! PLEASE

HELP by signing up on the bulletin board if you can serve refreshments following one or two of our summer worship services. Everything you need, including the prepared iced

tea / lemonade, will be in the kitchen.

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.



A WORD ABOUT THE LESSONS

The Cross of Christ Is the Tree of Life, Which Bears Abundant Fruit after Its Own Kind The parables of our Lord convey the mysteries of the kingdom of God to those who are "able to hear it," that is, "to his own disciples," who are catechized to fear, love and trust in Him by faith (Mark 4:33–34). He scatters "seed on the ground," which "sprouts and grows" unto life, even as "he sleeps and rises" (Mark 4:26–27). "On the mountain height of Israel," He plants a young and tender twig, and it becomes "a noble cedar." Indeed, His own cross becomes the Tree of Life, under which "every kind of bird" will dwell, and in which "birds of every sort will nest" (Ezek. 17:22–25). His cross is our resting place, even while now in mortal bodies, we "groan, being burdened" (2 Cor. 5:1-4). Yet in faith, we live for God in Christ, who for our sake "died and was raised" (2 Cor. 5:15). We know that, in His resurrected body, "we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens" (2 Cor. 5:1).