

THE ORDER FOR OUR WORSHIP

PRELUDE - 8:00 - "*God Is Faithful And Just*" by Peterson; 10:30 - Bell Choir plays "*Jesus Keep me Near the Cross/What Wonderful Love Is This*" setting by McChesney.

HYMN 707 - we sing, standing

INVOCATION

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

OPENING DIALOG

Return to the Lord, your God, for He is gracious and merciful, **slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

Jesus said: If anyone would come after Me, **let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.**

Christ was wounded for our transgressions. **He was bruised for our iniquities.**

The chastisement that brought us peace was upon Him, **and with His stripes we are healed.**

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

Let us pray. **O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from Your ways and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of Your Word; 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 85 - see insert; we sing, seated

SECOND LESSON *(bulletin back page)*

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

page 173 - **VERSE FOR LENT** - all standing

GOSPEL *(bulletin back page)*

Before, all shout: Glory to you, O Lord!
After, all shout: Praise to you, O Christ!

HYMN 427 - we sing, seated

SERMON

APOSTLES' CREED - hymnal, back cover

OFFERTORY *During the gathering:*

8:00 - Bell Choir plays "*Jesus Keep me Near the Cross/What Wonderful Love Is This*" setting by McChesney; 10:30 - "*God Is Faithful And Just*" by Peterson.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

all may kneel

Response: **Hear our prayer!**

LORD'S PRAYER

COLLECT

BENEDICTION

HYMN 850 - we sing, standing

POSTLUDE - "*Consecrate My Life to Thee, O Lord*" tune Hollingside; setting by Mark Roberts.

NEWS AND NOTES

Last Sunday Here

Attending: 101 Offering: \$3,405

This Week Here

Wed - 6:00 PM - Soup, Salad, Bible Study
- 7:30 PM - Lent 3 Service
- 8:15 PM - Parish Choir Practice
Thur - 6:00 PM - Bell Choir Practice

Please Join Us after the 8 AM service for fellowship and coffee. Thank you to Karen Bailey for serving this morning.

Lenten Soup, Salad & Bible Study

This Wednesday, March 26th, will be the our weekly Soup, Salad and Bible Study starting at 6:00 p.m. Look for sign up sheets on the bulletin board and plan to join us prior to our Lenten service at 7:30 p.m.

We are hosting a community-wide **Easter Egg hunt on Saturday, April 12th**, at 10:30 in the morning. This is open to the public. Please share with your friends and family. We are accepting plastic egg donations and candy donations. Thank you!

Spring Clean-Up is scheduled for Saturday, March 29 (indoors and outdoors). Please lend a hand to make our building and grounds beautiful! Refreshments will be served.

Cheshire Food Pantry Update: Thank you to everyone who continues to make donations. In addition to the items that we are encouraged to donate (**salad dressings and dish soap**) the pantry can also use donations of mayonnaise, canned fruit, old fashioned oatmeal, crackers, cookies and breadcrumbs. Thank you to the people who have signed up to deliver the items to the pantry.

Sunday School - This week's Bible lesson is "A Shepherd Loves." Jesus calls Himself the Good Shepherd as He promises to lead and guide His sheep. Jesus willingly laid down His life for His sheep, even those who often ignore the voice of the Shepherd. His flock includes "other sheep" (John 10:16), Gentiles not descended from Abraham. David's familiar Twenty-third Psalm describes the work of our Good Shepherd. Discuss, "When do we often hear Psalm 23 spoken?"

A WORD ABOUT THE LESSONS

Jesus Calls You to Repentance "*Unless you repent, you will all likewise perish*" (Luke 13:3, 5). By this warning, the Lord would turn us away from wickedness and bring us to life in Himself. For He is patient with us, that we would not be cut down in our sin but live and bear fruit in Him. As He lives, the Lord has "*no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live*" (Ezek. 33:11). So the Scriptures have been "*written down for our instruction, on whom the end of the ages has come*" (1 Cor. 10:11), that we should not desire evil but trust in Christ. He alone is faithful, the Rock who feeds us with His "*spiritual food*" and pours out His "*spiritual drink*" (1 Cor. 10:3-4).