

GATHERING

PRELUDE

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Ascribe to the Lord the glory due God's name,
worship the Lord in holy splendor.

The voice of the Lord is over the waters;

the God of glory thunders, the Lord, over mighty waters.

The voice of the Lord is powerful,

The voice of the Lord is full of majesty.

.Let us worship God.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, light of the hearts that see you, life of the souls that love you, strength of the thoughts that seek you: to turn from you is to fall, to turn to you is to rise, to abide in you is to stand fast forever. Although we are unworthy to approach you, or to ask anything at all of you, grant us your grace and blessing for the sake of Jesus Christ our Redeemer. **Amen.**

WELCOME

*HYMN #252

O Lord, You Are My God and King

JERUSALEM

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, in baptism you promise forgiveness and new life, making us part of the body of Christ. We confess that we remain preoccupied with ourselves, separated from sisters and brothers in Christ. We cling to destructive habits, hold grudges, and show reluctance to welcome one another; we allow the past to hold us hostage. In your loving kindness, have mercy on us, and free us from sin. Remind us of the promises you make in baptism so that we may rise to new life, and live together in grace.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*PASSING THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Guide us, O God, by your Word and Spirit, that in your light we may see light, in your truth find freedom, and in your will discover your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

SERMON

Readings include: Psalm 45: 1, 9-11

Psalm 23:1-4

Psalm 145:1-3

Psalm 124:1-5

Psalm 136:10-16

Psalm 37:21-27

Psalm 90:9-10

Psalm 138

*HYMN #210

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

ST. ANNE

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (see insert)

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer!

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*DOXOLOGY

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God all creatures here below,
Praise God above ye heavenly host,
Creator, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

OLD HUNDREDTH

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING
LORD'S PRAYER

(see insert)

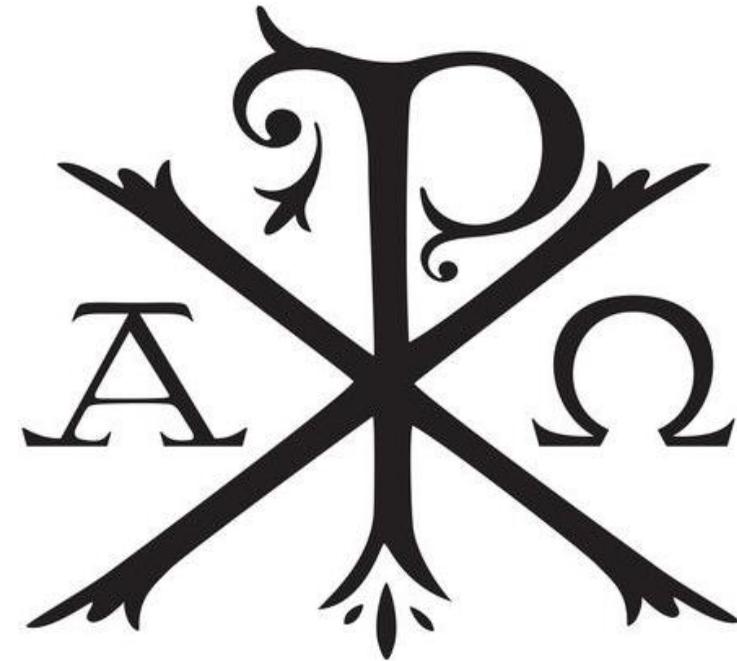
SENDING

*HYMN #175

The Lord's My Shepherd, All My Need

EVAN

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION
POSTLUDE



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