

GATHERING

PRELUDE

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Lord, you have searched me out and known me; you know my sitting down and my rising up; you discern my thoughts from afar.

You trace my journeys and my resting-places and are acquainted with all my ways.

Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, but you, O Lord, know it altogether.

You press upon me behind and before and lay your hand upon me.

Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain to it.

Let us worship God.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, your Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world. May your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, shine with the radiance of his glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

WELCOME

*HYMN #339

Be Thou My Vision

SLANE

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, our judge and redeemer, we confess that we have tried to hide from you, for we have done wrong. We have lived for ourselves, and apart from you. We have turned from our neighbors, and refused to bear the burdens of others. We have ignored the pain of the world, and passed by the hungry, the poor, and the oppressed. In your great mercy forgive our sins and free us from selfishness, that we may choose your will and obey your commandments; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

*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.

FIRST READING: 1 Samuel 3:1-20 (p. 243 Old Testament)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 139:7-18

Where can I go then from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence?

If I climb up to heaven, you are there; if I make the grave my bed, you are there also.

If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,

Even there your hand will lead me and your right hand hold me fast.

If I say, "Surely the darkness will cover me, and the light around me turn to night,"

Darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day; darkness and light to you are both alike.

For you yourself created my inmost parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb.

I will thank you because I am marvelously made; your works are wonderful, and I know it well.

My body was not hidden from you, while I was being made in secret and woven in depths of the earth.

Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb; all of them were written in your book; they were fashioned day by day, when as yet there was none of them.

How deep I find your thoughts, O God! How great is the sum of them!

If I were to count them, they would be more in number than the sand; to count them all, my life span would need to be like yours.

GOSPEL READING: John 1:43-51 (p 92 New Testament)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CHILDRENS MESSAGE

SERMON

*HYMN #354

Guide My Feet

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*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (see insert)

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer!

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

African Alleluia

B. Harlan

*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

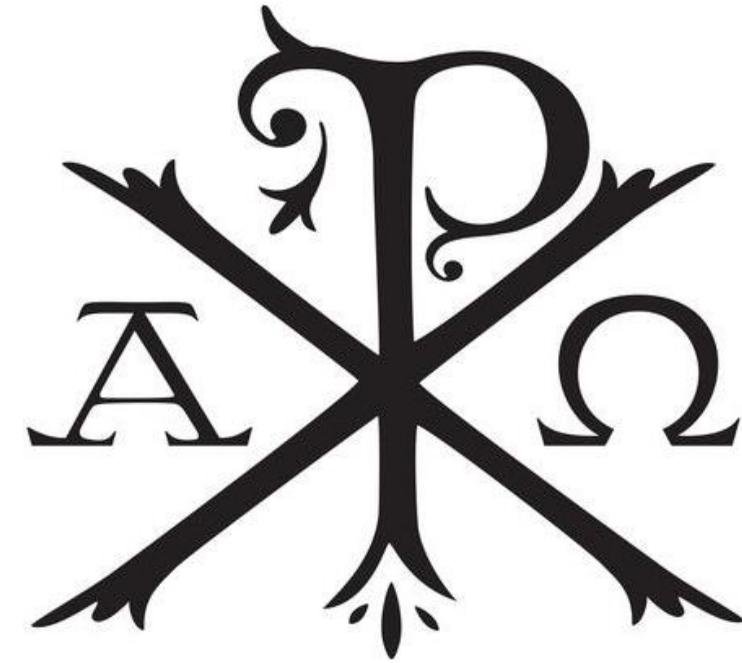
*HYMN #525

Here I Am, Lord

HERE I AM, LORD

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE



**ORDER OF WORSHIP
SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY**

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