Herbert Howells

Rev. Piatt

AZMON

8:00 a.m.

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PRELUDE

Psalm-Prelude, Op. 32, No. 2

But the meek shall inherit the land, and delight themselves in abundant prosperity. Psalm 37, v. 11

LIFE IN THE CHURCH

Inspired by Psalm 9

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Let us give thanks.

All: Thanks to God with our whole hearts.

One: Let us tell the world.

All: Tell of all God's wonderful deeds.

One: Let us be glad and exult in you;

One.

All: And sing praise to your name, Most High.

* HYMN 610

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to hear you when you called to us; and failed to follow where you lead. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love. We have not loved our neighbors, and we have refused to hear the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us to follow you with our whole lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

You are invited to share signs with one another of the peace we experience as God's people. Greet one another saying, "The peace of Christ be with you," and respond, "And also with you."

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

This is Hymn 581.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Marilynn Simpson

OLD TESTAMENT READING 1 Samuel 3:1–20

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

GOSPEL READING John 1:43–51

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

SERMON Rev. Koenig-Reinke

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH from A Brief Statement of Faith

We trust in God the Holy Spirit everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!" With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

* HYMN 697

Take My Life

HENDON

WELCOME

Please sign the Friendship Pad and pass it to others sitting nearby.

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Offertory

* Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

* Prayer of Dedication

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

See Communion Card



* HYMN 69

I, the Lord of Sea and Sky

HERE I AM

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night. I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

* POSTLUDE

 $Praeambulum\ in\ D\ Minor$

Matthias Weckmann

Those parts of the service of worship in which the congregation participates in word or song are noted in **bold type**. Hearing-assistance devices and large-print bulletins and hymnals are available from the ushers.

^{*} Please rise in body or spirit.