

**+ GATHERING AROUND THE WORD +**

✦ **HYMN #41**

“O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!”

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

✦ **PEACE**

**PRELUDE**

✦ **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Psalm 84

How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!  
**My soul longs, indeed it faints for the courts of the Lord;  
my heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God.**  
Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself,  
where she may lay her young, at your altars,  
O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.  
**Happy are those who live in your house, ever singing your praise.**

Happy are those whose strength is in you,  
**in whose heart are the highways to Zion.**  
As they go through the valley of Baca they make it a place of springs;  
the early rain also covers it with pools.  
**They go from strength to strength; the God of gods will be seen in Zion.**

O Lord God of hosts,  
**hear my prayer;**  
give ear, O God of Jacob!  
**Behold our shield, O God; look on the face of your anointed.**

For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.  
**I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God  
than live in the tents of wickedness.**  
For the Lord God is a sun and shield;  
**he bestows favor and honor.**  
No good thing does the Lord withhold from those who walk uprightly.  
**O Lord of hosts, happy is everyone who trusts in you.**

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

Let us confess our sins  
**to the One whose eyes are open day and night  
to heed our cry and our prayer.**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Watchful God, you know our struggle.  
Offended, we have not believed your words.  
Complaining, we have betrayed your love.  
We are weak, estranged, wandering, and lost.  
Seeking to stand in our own strength, we fall.  
Strangers to your holiness, we wander.  
Defenseless against evil within and without,  
we are lost.  
Shine your light in our darkness,  
and guide us back to our place in you.**  
[continue in silence, personal confession...]

**DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn?  
**Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us,  
Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us.**  
Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.  
**The old life has gone; a new life has begun.  
Know that we are forgiven and be at peace. Amen.**

✦ **GLORIA PATRI #581**

“Glory Be To the Father”

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

✦ **HYMN #402**

“How Lovely, Lord”

+ PROCLAIMING THE WORD +

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

SERMON

Ephesians 6:10-20

+ RESPONDING TO THE WORD +

✦ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Hymn #481

Apostles' Creed

"I Believe in God the Father"

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Lord's Prayer [page 35]

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY

✦ DOXOLOGY #606

✦ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

+ BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD +

✦ HYMN #838

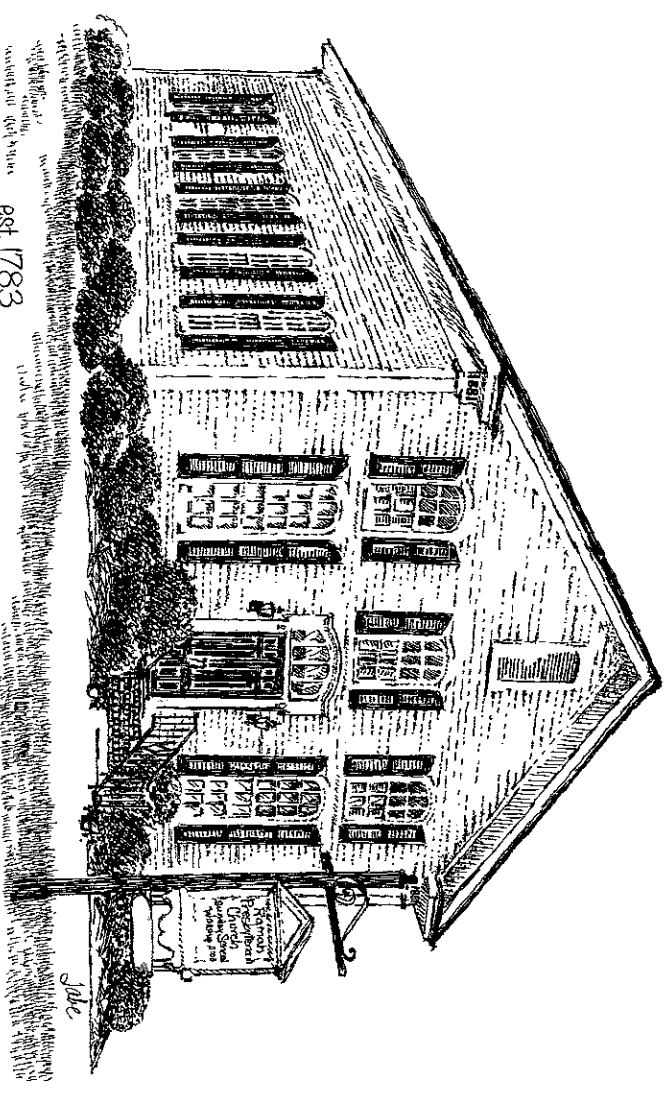
"Standing on the Promises"

✦ BENEDICTION

✦ POSTLUDE

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✦ PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE



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