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**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS** - *space for notes on the back*

**CALL TO WORSHIP**  
**INVOCATION**

**HYMN**                    *Wonderful Words of Life*                    **600**

**PREFACE**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**                    *by Ellen Williams Hensle*                    *Pres. Outlook*

Eternal God, quiet our hearts and minds  
amid the clattering chaos of the world  
and all the voices vying for our attention.  
May we clearly hear your word of life spoken to us today.  
As we hear, help us to understand;  
as we understand, move us to respond in love,  
for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ; Amen.

**SCRIPTURES**

**Choir**                    *Standing on the Promises*                    **374**

**CONFESSION & ASSURANCE**                    *by Ellen Williams Hensle*                    *Pres. Outlook*

Loving God, through Christ you abide in us,  
and you invite us to abide in you.  
But so often we are restless and unsatisfied.  
Instead of resting in the fullness of life Christ offers to us,  
we chase after money & fame, recognition & power,  
status and control.  
Instead of honoring the image of God in all our neighbors,  
we push others down in the pursuit of our own desires.  
Forgive us for forgetting that you call us  
to a different way of being in the world,  
to lives grounded in the self-giving love of Christ.  
Lead us out of self-interest and  
into communal care for one another and  
the world you have made.  
In Christ's name we pray; Amen.  
{silent prayers}

Ps 34:15,22

dwh

*The eyes of the Lord are on the righteous,  
and his ears are open to their cry.  
The Lord redeems the life of his servants;  
none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.*  
In Christ, we have life and are free to love.  
Thanks be to God.

**HYMN**                    *'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus*                    **462**

**SERMON**

**HYMN**                    *Lead On, O King Eternal*                    **580**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE** - *space for notes on the back*

**INTERCESSIONS**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**BRINGING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

*With joy and gratitude for all we have been given,  
in token of our lives, we offer our tithes and gifts to God.*

**DOXOLOGY**

**PRAYER**                    *by Ellen Williams Hensle*                    *Pres. Outlook*

Holy God, we thank you that we have heard  
your words of eternal life today.  
As a sign of our gratitude, we offer you these gifts.  
Take what we have given and multiply it for the good:  
the good of our faith community,  
the good of our neighbors, and  
the good of the world you so love.  
Shape and mold us so that our whole lives  
become a loving response to your goodness.  
In the name of the one whose life gives life to the world,  
Jesus Christ, Amen.

**HYMN  
SENDING**

*Maker, in Whom We Live*

**88**

Eph 6:10-20

dwh

Be strong in the Lord;  
take up the whole armor of God, so that you may stand firm.  
Pray in the Spirit at all times,  
as you are bold in the cause of Christ.

**Happy are those whose strength is in the Lord. Amen**

**POSTLUDE**

*Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus*

**514**

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Ps 84

*How lovely is your dwelling place,  
O Lord of hosts!  
... Even the sparrow finds a home  
and the swallow a nest for herself,  
where she may lay her young,*

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## **Reflecting on and Praying with Scriptures**

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### **Scriptures**

1 Kings 8:1-43                      and    Psalm 84  
or            *Joshua 24:1-18*            and    *Psalm 34:15-22*  
and Ephesians 6:10-20            and    John 6:56-69

### **Morning Prayers:**

Lord God, my sun and shield, a day in your courts  
is better than a thousand elsewhere.  
Let the favor of your presence strengthen me  
and accompany me everywhere I go today.  
Prepare me to be a sanctuary,  
that your light and love may radiate through me.  
Through Christ my Lord. Amen.

Living God, give me strength for this day.  
Let your truth surround me, your righteousness defend me,  
your gospel guide me, your trustworthiness shield me,  
and your salvation protect me,  
that in every trial I may stand by the power of your Spirit  
and live by your holy Word. Amen.

### **Evening Prayers:**

Lord God my strength, your Spirit never tires; your love never fails.  
I bring you my struggles, stresses, questions, and worries of this day.  
Where else can I go? You have the words of eternal life.  
Let your promises sustain my soul and  
comfort my heart as I rest in you, through Christ my Lord. Amen.

Loving God, as the day ends and the night begins  
be near the brokenhearted, save the crushed in spirit,  
and redeem the life of your servants.  
You are our shield by day. Be our refuge by night  
so that we may rest in the confidence of your grace;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **Questions for Reflection:**                      (1 Kgs. 8:41-43)

Are there people of other nationalities, ethnic groups, or faith traditions in your workplace, neighborhood, community, or congregation?

What are some ways in which you and your congregation can express the welcome of God to those who are different from you?  
(*John 6:68-69*)

In the Gospel of John, Peter declares to Jesus,  
“You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God”

Are “believing” and “knowing” the same action?

How does knowing something intensify our believing something?