

✠ **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:** “The Apostles’ Creed” (*unison*)
I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen!

Go Out as God’s People in the World

✠ **Closing Hymn HoF #45:** “O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

✠ **BENEDICTION:** Hebrews 13:20-21 by *Pastor Janet*
Now may the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

✠ **POSTLUDE** by *Tracy (Yu Qian)*

Following today’s service please join in the upstairs hall
for coffee & conversation.



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“Throw Off Anything that Hinders”

Today’s Worship Leaders:

Pastor: The Reverend Dr. Janet A. Hufford

Organist/Pianist: Tracy (Yu Qian)

Elder Assisting: Sally Kean

The Lord's Day Worship

September 5, 2021

Worship, 11am

Assisted Listening Devices are available in the Sanctuary during Worship.

If you need instructions, please see the Greeter.

(Those not wanting to be seen on the video recording, please sit under the balcony.)

Hymnals: HB is "The Hymnbook" (burgundy) & HoF is "Hymns of Faith" (scarlet)

Gathering of God's People

3 RINGS OF THE STEEPLE BELLS & CHIMES

WELCOME by Sally Kean, ruling elder assistant chair of Worship

ANNOUNCEMENTS (See insert.)

PRELUDE by Tracy (Yu Qian)

† stand as able

† **CALL TO WORSHIP:** Psalm 80:8-9, 14-15 (*responsively*)

You transplanted a vine from Egypt;

you drove the nations and planted it.

You cleared the ground for it, and it took root and filled the land.

Return to us, God Almighty! Look down from heaven and see!

Watch over this vine, the root your right hand has planted,

the son you have raised up for yourself.

† **Opening Hymn HoF #448:** "Open My Eyes That I May See"

† **PRAYER OF CONFESSION:** based on Hebrews 13:1-19 (*unison*):

For our failing: to love one another as brothers & sisters; to show hospitality to strangers; to help those in prison & being mistreated; to keep the marriage bed pure, by practicing or imagining sexual immorality; to be content with what we have by coveting money & goods; to discern strange & false teaching; to offer a sacrifice of praise; to share with others; and to submit to the authority of leaders, Jesus, hear our confession & forgive our sin. (*Pause in silent confession.*)

† **ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS:** Hebrews 9:27-28 (*responsively*)

Just as people are destined to die only once, and after that to face judgment,

So Christ was sacrificed once to take away the sins of many; and he will appear a second time, not to bear sin, but to bring salvation to those who are waiting for him.

† **GLORIA PATRI / RESPONSE:** (*unison*) 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, Amen.

Proclamation of God's Word

† **CALL TO GOD'S WORD:** John 10:35 & Romans 4:3 (*unison*)

"Scripture cannot be set aside... What does Scripture say?"

† **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION:** (*unison*)

Lord, through your Spirit enable us to consider your Word, and to enact it in our lives to bring you glory and praise. Amen.

SCRIPTURE: Hebrews 12:1-3

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SERMON: "Throw Off Anything That Hinders"

by the Reverend Janet Hufford.

Response to God's Word

† **Hymn of Response HoF #227:** "He Touched Me"

PRAYERS of JOYS & CONCERNS followed by **LORD'S PRAYER** (*unison*)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Sally Kean assisting below

CALL TO STEWARDSHIP (*Consider giving to "PRMI for the Johnsons."*)

OFFERTORY to prayerfully consider giving in thankfulness

† **PRAYER OF DEDICATION:** (*unison*)

Jesus, in view of your mercy, we offer up thanks thru giving. Amen.

† **DOXOLOGY:** (*unison*) Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host, Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.