

✠ **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** :“Book of Order: F-1.01 God’s Mission”
(unison)

The good news of the Gospel is that the triune God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – creates, redeems, sustains, rules, and transforms all things and all people. This one living God, the Scripture say, liberated the people of Israel from oppression and covenanted to be their God. By the power of the Spirit, this one living God is incarnate in Jesus Christ, who came to live in the world, die for the world, and be raised again to new life. The Gospel of Jesus Christ announces the nearness of God’s kingdom, bringing good news to all who are impoverished, sight to all who are blind, freedom to all who are oppressed, and proclaiming the Lord’s favor upon all creation.

The mission of God in Christ gives shape and substance to the life and work of the Church. In Christ, the Church participates in God’s mission for the transformation of creation and humanity by proclaiming to all people the good news of God’s love, offering to all people the grace of God at font and table, and calling all people to discipleship in Christ. Human beings have no higher goal in life than to glorify and enjoy God now and forever, living in covenant fellowship with God and participating in God’s mission.

Go Out as God’s People in the World

✠ **Closing Hymn HoF #478**: “Who Is On The Lord’s Side?”

✠ **BENEDICTION**: by *Pastor Janet*

✠ **POSTLUDE** by *Tracy (Yu) Qian*

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



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Today’s Worship Leaders:

Organist/Pianist: Tracy (Yu) Qian

Officer Assisting: Tami Conrad

Pastor: The Reverend Dr. Janet A. Hufford

The Lord's Day Worship

March 13, 2022 - 2nd Sunday of Lent - 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

After the chimes, please be in quiet reverence & silence cell phones.

3 RINGS OF THE STEEPLE BELL & CHIMES

WELCOME by Tami Conrad

ANNOUNCEMENTS *(See insert.)*

PRELUDE by Tracy (Yu) Qian

† stand as able

† **CALL TO WORSHIP:** Psalm 29:1-2 *(responsively):*

Ascribe to the Lord, you heavenly beings,

ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name;

worship the Lord in the splendor of his holiness.

† **Opening Hymn HoF #137:** "Tell Me the Story of Jesus"

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

We admit that we act appalled, when we hear of those who rejected you when you walked upon this earth, Jesus. But we often fail to admit, when we have done the same in rejecting or ignoring your word recorded in Scripture. Forgive our sin and through your Spirit set us aright, we pray. *(Pause in silent confession.)*

† **ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS:** *(responsively)*

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 you are forgiven and be at peace.

Amen.

† **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.

(Gospel Era of Jesus: witnessed by Jesus' mother, Mary)

SCRIPTURE: Luke 4:14-22, 28-41 N.T. pg.1463-4

SERMON takeaway: "To Set the Oppressed Free"

by the Reverend Janet Hufford.

Response to God's Word

† **Hymn of Response HoF #546:** "We Gather Together"

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.

CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

OFFERTORY to prayerfully consider giving in thankfulness.

(Receptacles for offerings are found at each exit.)

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

† **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.