

✠ **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 #11:** “A Mighty Fortress is Our God”

✠ **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: Tom Johnston

Pastor: The Reverend Dr. Janet A. Hufford

Assisted Listening Devices are available in the Sanctuary during Worship.

(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 Tom Johnston

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 #36:** "For the Beauty of the Earth"

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

All we receive from your hand are gracious good gifts that cannot be purchased. Yet often we work, as if we can earn your unconditional love. We strive and try, instead of trusting and believing in your promises through Christ. Forgive this our sin.

(Pause in silent confession.) Amen.

† **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**

SCRIPTURE: **Luke 1:8:** *(in unison)*

"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

(Mission Era: Philip & Peter) **Acts 8:4-25**

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SERMON:

"Gift of God"

by the Reverend Janet Hufford.

Response to God's Word

† **Hymn of Response HoF #78:** "Sweet, Sweet Spirit"

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.