* 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 Scriptures 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 #28**: "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessings"
- * 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

July 31, 2022 The Lord's Day Worship 11a

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 22:27-28 (responsively):

 All the ends of the earth will remember and turn to the Lord,

 and all families of the nations will bow down before him,

 for dominion belongs to the Lord and he rules over the nations.
- **↑ Opening Hymn HoF #77**: "The Church's One Foundation"
- * PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (unison):.

How often do we wander in dry, dusty deserts, Lord, when you extend to us your living water. We have been baptized into your family, O God, yet we often act as we are alone. Forgive our wanderings and forgetfulness. Turn us back to your way and lead us safely home with you. (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: (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."

Matthew 28:19-20 (unison):

"Therefore **go** and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always to the very end of the age."

(Mission Era: Philip) Acts 8:26-40 N.T. p. 1561-2

SERMON: "Go!"

by the Reverend Janet Hufford.

Response to God's Word

↑ Hymn of Response HoF #332: "Rock of Ages"

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.