

✠ **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 #223** “It is Well with My Soul”

✠ **BLESSING & CHARGE / VISION & MISSION** (*responsively*):

*To walk in the light of God;*

**making JESUS known is FIRST at First!**

*In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.*

**Amen.**

✠ **POSTLUDE**

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



If you are **visiting** today, we thank you for coming and hope you return soon.

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**Sunday, 11am  
February 26, 2023**

To walk in  
the light of God;

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**Today’s Worship Leaders:**

Musician: Dr. Rebecca Abbott

Preacher: Jean Johnson

February 26, 2023

**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent**

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 Dave Johnson

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** *(See insert.)*

### **PRELUDE**

† stand as able

† **CALL TO WORSHIP:** based on Psalm 45:6 *(responsively):*

*Your throne, O God will last for ever and ever;*

**a scepter of justice will be the scepter of your kingdom.**

† **Opening Hymn HoF #100** "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

† **PRAYER OF CONFESSION:** based on Psalm 45 *(unison):*

*(Pause in silent confession.)*

**Lord, your word exhorts us to be humble, yet we demonstrate pride.**

**Your word exhorts us to stand for the cause of justice, yet we ignore**

**those who have need. Your word is pure truth, but our words and**

**heart are impure. Furthermore, when trials increase, so does our sin.**

**We need you. We need your mercy. We need your forgiveness. 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:** *(Letter)*

**James 1:1-18**

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**SERMON Takeaway: "Perseverance through Trials"**

*By Jean Johnson*

## **Response to God's Word**

† **Response HoF #111** "How Firm a Foundation"

**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** *(Receptacles for offerings are at each exit.)*

**OFFERTORY**

**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.