

✠ **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 #445** "O Master Let Me Walk with Thee"
1st verse sung by vocal leader; before congregation joins in

✠ **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.



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**Sunday, 11am
March 19, 2023**

**To walk in
the light of God;**

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

Today's Worship Leaders:

Organist: Marcia Brannon

Vocal Leader: Kathy Wallace

Officer Assisting: Tami Conrad

Pastor: The Reverend Dr. Janet Hufford

March 19, 2023

4th 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 Tami Conrad

ANNOUNCEMENTS *(See insert.)*

PRELUDE

✠ stand as able

✠ **CALL TO WORSHIP:** Psalm 146:1-2 *(responsively):*

Praise the Lord.

Praise the Lord, my soul. I will praise the Lord all my life;

I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.

✠ **Opening Hymn HoF #13** "Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart"

✠ **PRAYER OF CONFESSION:** based on Psalm 146 *(unison):*

(Pause in silent confession.)

We admit that rather than putting our trust in you, we rely on ourselves or others. Only you can save us, Lord. Save us from our sin.

Forgive us, we pray in the name of Jesus. 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: *(from the Letters)* **James 5:7-12** pp. 1725

Galatians 5:22: But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience...

1 Corinthians 13:2: Love is patient.

James 1:27-2:1: Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans *[or the fatherless]* and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world. My brothers and sisters, believers in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ must not show favoritism.

1 Peter 2:2: *[Jesus was]* rejected by men, but in the sight of God chosen and precious.

SERMON Takeaways: Be patient. Believers must not show favoritism.

By The Reverend Dr. Janet Hufford

Response to God's Word

✠ **Response HoF #411** "Be Still My Soul"

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.