

✠ **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 #100** “What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

✠ **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**

As led, please go to a station for **HEALING PRAYER**, either at the baptismal font or in the corresponding back corner of the sanctuary.

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, I I am  
March 26, 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

Preacher: Jean Johnson

March 26, 2023

5<sup>th</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 Jean Johnson

ANNOUNCEMENTS *(See insert.)*

### PRELUDE

† stand as able

† **CALL TO WORSHIP:** based on Psalm 124:6a & 8 *(responsively)*:

*Praise be to the Lord.;*

**Our help is in the name of the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth.**

† **Opening Hymn HoF #92** "Sweet Hour of Prayer"

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

*(Pause in silent confession.)*

**To only you, Lord, are we to pray, calling out for help. Only upon you, Lord, can we rely. Yet Lord we confess that we have looked to other things and people to save us. Save us now from our foolish ways. Cause us to turn away from our sin and back to you. 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 5:13-20 pp. 1725

SERMON Takeaway: "Pray"  
By Jean Johnson

## Response to God's Word

† **Response HoF #102** "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"  
*vocal leader sings refrain only once; then congregation sings twice*

**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.