★ 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.

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 HB #185: "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"
- ★ 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 for worship at 7pm on 4/6 for Maundy Thursday for communion and prayer in the upper room.

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Today's Worship Leaders:

Organist: Marcia Brannon Coordinator of Vocal Leaders: Kathy Wallace Officer Assisting: Leslie Crawford Pastor: The Reverend Dr. Janet Hufford

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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 Leslie Crawford ANNOUNCEMENTS (See insert.) PRELUDE

* stand as able
* CALL To WORSHIP: Psalm 118:26-29 (responsively):
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
From the house of the Lord, we bless you. The Lord is God, and he has made his light shine on us. With boughs in hand, join in the festal procession up to the horns of the altar.
You are my God, and I will praise you; you are my God, and I will exalt you.
Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever.

* Opening Hymn HB #187: "All Glory, Laud and Honor"

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

(Pause in silent confession.)

Even when we praise you, Lord, like the people at the gates of Jerusalem, at times we praise you, in hope for you to act according to our desires. In this we sin. We need your mercy and grace. Forgive us Jesus, according to the will of the Father and his perfect plan. 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: (Gospel & Prophets) Matthew 21:5 & Zechariah 9:9 See, your king comes to you, gentle and riding on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

(Gospel) Luke 2:4 So Joseph also went... to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David.

Luke 10:33 He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, brought him to an in and took care of him.

(Letter)

Philippians 2:1-11

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(Gospel) Luke 15:5-6a And when he finds [the one lost sheep], he joyfully puts it on his shoulders and goes home.

SERMON Takeaway: "Humbly Emptied & Nothing"

By The Reverend Dr. Janet Hufford

Response to God's Word

* Response HB #27: "Ye Servants of God"

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