

✠ **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 Song HoF #491** "Pass It On"

*Vocal leaders sing 1<sup>st</sup> verse, then the 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**

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.



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**Sunday, 11am**  
**April 16, 2023**

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

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is FIRST at First!**

**Today's Worship Leaders:**

Musician: Marcia Brannon

Coordinator of Vocal Leaders: Kathy Wallace

Officer Assisting: Chuck Long

Pastor: The Reverend Dr. Janet Hufford

April 16, 2023

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter**

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 Chuck Long

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

**PRELUDE** "How Great is Our God"

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✠ **CALL TO WORSHIP:** based on 1 Timothy 3:16 *(responsively):*  
*Beyond all question, the mystery from which true godliness spring is great:*  
**He appeared in the flesh, was vindicated by the Spirit, was seen by angels, was preached among the nations, was believed on in the world, was taken up to glory.**

✠ **Opening Song HoF #451** "Gentle Shepherd"

*Vocal leaders sing once<sup>s</sup>, then the congregation sings twice.*

✠ **PRAYER OF CONFESSION:** based on 2 Timothy 3:15a *(unison):*

*(Pause in silent confession.)*

**In Paul's 2<sup>nd</sup> letter to Timothy, we are warned of "terrible times in the last days," when "people will be lovers to themselves, lovers of money, boastful, proud, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, without love, unforgiving, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not lovers of the good, treacherous, rash, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God – having a form of godliness but denying its power." Convict us if any of these words describe us and forgive our sin. Amen.**

✠ **ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS:** based on 1Tim 1:15-16 *(responsively)*

*"Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance:*

**Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners... Christ Jesus might display his immense patience as an example for those who would believe in him and receive eternal life."**

*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:** Acts 15:35-16:5 pp. 1576  
*(Letter)* **2 Timothy 4:1-5**

**v. 9a** "Do your best to come to me quickly...  
**v. 11b** Get Mark and bring him with you, because he is...

**SERMON Takeaway: Helpful to me In my Ministry."**

*By The Reverend Dr. Janet Hufford*

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

✠ **Song of Response HoF #287** "Come Labor On"

*Vocal leaders sing 1<sup>st</sup> verse; then the congregation joins in.*

**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.