

✠ **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 39** "Great is Thy Faithfulness"

✠ **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 a celebratory cake for our graduates!

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

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**Sunday, I I am
May 7, 2023**

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

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

Today's Worship Leaders:

Musician: Marcia Brannon

Officer Assisting: Leslie Crawford

Coordinator of Vocal Leaders: Kathy Wallace

Pastor: The Reverend Dr. Janet Hufford

May 7, 2023

5th 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 Leslie Crawford

ANNOUNCEMENTS *(See insert.)*

PRELUDE

✠ stand as able

✠ **CALL To WORSHIP:** Psalm 25:4-5 *(responsively)*

Show me your ways, Lord, teach me your paths.

**Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior,
and my hope is in you all day long.**

✠ **Opening Song** "In the Name of the Lord" *insert 299 Celebration*
Vocal leaders sing once; then the congregation sings twice.

✠ **PRAYER OF CONFESSION:** based on Psalm 25 *unison*
(Pause in silent confession.)

**"Remember, Lord, your great mercy and love, for they are from of old.
Do not remember the sins of my youth and my rebellious ways;
according to your love remember me, for you Lord, are good. Good
and upright is the Lord; therefore, he instructs sinners in his ways. He
guides the humble in what is right and teaches them his way... For the
sake of your name, Lord, forgive my iniquity, though it is great."
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.

In Christ 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)* **1 Thessalonians 2:17-3:13 & 5:12-28** p. 1682 & 4

SERMON Takeaway: "To Strengthen & Encourage You in Your Faith"
By The Reverend Dr. Janet Hufford

Response to God's Word

✠ **Song of Response** **HoF 33** "My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

RECOGNITION OF GRADUATES by Leslie Crawford
FROM WATKINS MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL:

- **Sean Patrick Rice** (Crawford's grandchild) will continue working at Ascena Retail group in Etna, his current employer.
- **Keegan Horn** (Cindy's son) wrestled in H.S. He is still deciding plans after graduation, perhaps going into mechanics.

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.