

✠ **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 196** "Trust and Obey"

✠ **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 soon.

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**Sunday, I I am  
May 14, 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 14, 2023

6<sup>th</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 Leslie Crawford

ANNOUNCEMENTS (See insert.)

### PRELUDE

✠ stand as able

✠ CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 78:2b-7 (responsively)

*I will utter hidden things, things from of old –  
things we have heard and known, things our ancestors have told us.*

**We will not hide them from their descendants;  
we will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord,  
his power, and the wonder he has done.**

*He decreed statues for Jacob and established the law in Israel,  
which he commanded our ancestors to teach their children,  
so the next generation would know them, even the children  
yet to be born, and they in turn would tell their children.*

**Then they would put their trust in God  
and would not forget his deeds but would keep his commands.**

✠ Opening Song **HB #15** "Sing Praise to God"

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

✠ PRAYER OF CONFESSION: based on Psalm 78 (unison)

*(Pause in silent confession.)*

**Lord, we have turned away, not keeping your covenant and refusing  
to live by your love. We have forgotten what you have done and the  
wonder you have shown. We continue to sin against you, rebelling  
against your Most High. We have willfully put you God to the test. We  
speak against you, doubting your provision. Without your mercy and  
forgiveness, we have not hope. Forgive us, O Lord, we pray. 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: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-5:11 p. 1683

SERMON Takeaway: "Do Not Grieve"  
*By The Reverend Dr. Janet Hufford*

## Response to God's Word

✠ Song of 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.