

✠ **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 #572** “Blessed Assurance”

✠ **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, 11am
August 6, 2023**

**To walk in
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Today’s Worship Leaders:

Musician: Marcia Brannon

Coordinator of Vocal Leaders: Kathy Wallace

Officer Assisting: Sally Kean

Pastor: The Reverend Dr. Janet Hufford

August 6, 2023 **Lord's Day Sunday** 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: **green (Celebration)** & **red (The Hymnbook)**

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 Sally Kean

ANNOUNCEMENTS *(See insert.)*

PRELUDE #589 "Here, I Am, Lord" sung by vocal leaders

† stand as able

† **CALL TO WORSHIP:** Psalm 80:1-3 *(responsively)*

Hear us, Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock.

You who sit enthroned between the cherubim,

shine forth before Ephraim, Benjamin and Manasseh.

Awaken your might; come and save us.

† **Opening Song** #690 "He Leadeth Me"

† **PRAYER OF CONFESSION:** based on Psalm 80 *(unison)*

(Pause in silent confession.)

We, your flock, have strayed from you. We are to cling to you, Our Vine, to bear Your fruit. Prune us as needed. "Watch over this vine, the root your right hand planted, the son you have raised up for yourself... Revive us, and we will call on your name." Forgive our sin. "Restore us, Lord God Almighty; make your face shine on us, that we may be saved." 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: *Troas*

Acts 20:1-12

p. 1583

Sardis

Revelation (2:1-29), 3:1-6, (7-22)

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Mark 13:35-37: Therefore, keep watch because you do not know when the owner of the house will come back -whether in the evening, or at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or at dawn. If he comes suddenly, do not let him find you sleeping. What I say to you, I say to everyone: 'Watch!'

14:37: Then he returned to his disciples and found them sleeping... "Are you asleep? Couldn't you keep watch for one hour? Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation..."

SERMON: "Encouraging... Watch!... Word: Wake Up!"

By The Reverend Dr. Janet Hufford

Response to God's Word

† **Song of Response** #624 "His Eye is On the Sparrow"

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.

SECONDS FOR STEWARDSHIP *(Receptacles for giving 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.