

✠ **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 #456** “Find Us Faithful”

✠ **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 13, 2023**

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

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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 13, 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

† stand as able

† CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 46:1, 10-11 (responsively)

*God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.*

**He says, "Be still, and know that I am God;**

*I will be exalted among the nations.*

**I will be exalted in the earth.**

† Opening Song #585 "Be Still and Know"

† PRAYER OF CONFESSION: based on Psalm 46 (unison)

*(Pause in silent confession.)*

**When the earth gives way and the mountains fall, so does our faith and fears take over our countenance and peace. We admit that we as human beings cause the uproar of nations. We bring wars to pass. We raise bow and spear rather than lifting hands in holy prayer. Save us from ourselves. Rescue us from our sin, Jesus, the One Who Saves. You are our only hope and fortress, our refuge and strength. You are the Lord Almighty. 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: *En Route* Acts (20:13-18) 20:19-21:15 p. 1584

*Ephesus* Revelation 2:1-7, (8-3:1-22) p. 1748

**2 Timothy 4:7-8:** I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that -and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

**SERMON:** "Finish the Race & Complete the Task... Not... Dissuaded"  
*By The Reverend Dr. Janet Hufford*

## Response to God's Word

† Song of Response #589 "Here I Am Lord"

**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** "So I Send You" solo by Kathy Wallace

### 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.