

✠ **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 #151** “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

✠ **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 20, 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

Preacher: Jean Johnson, Ruling Elder

August 20, 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**

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† **CALL To WORSHIP:** Psalm 52:8b-9 *(responsively)*

I trust in God's unfailing love for ever and ever.

**For what you have done I will always praise you in the presence of your faithful people.**

And I will hope in your name,

**For your name is good.**

† **Opening Song #370** "Rejoice the Lord is King"

† **PRAYER OF CONFESSION:** based on 2 John *(unison)*  
*(Pause in silent confession.)*

**John writes the churches to share his great joy in finding that some are "walking in truth, just as the Father commanded." But he also writes to express concern about deceivers who attempt to be welcomed into "the house" of God. Jesus, open our eyes, if we have been deceived, walking not in the light, but in darkness. Convict us of our sin. Hear our confession. Forgive us, we pray, and turn us back to you, The Way, the Truth, and The Light. 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:** *(Letter to the Church)* 2 John N.T. pg. 1743

**SERMON:** "Teachers of Truth, not deceivers"

*By Jean Johnson*

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

† **Song of Response #414** "O Word of God Incarnate"

**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.