

✠ **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 #668** "I'll Go Where You Want Me to Go"

✠ **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
August 27, 2023**

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

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

Today's Worship Leaders:

Musician: Marcia Brannon

Coordinator of Vocal Leaders: Kathy Wallace

Officer Assisting: Sally Kean

Pastor: The Reverend Dr. Janet Hufford

August 27, 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 #234 "Now Unto Him" sung by the vocal leaders

↑ stand as able

↑ **CALL TO WORSHIP:** Psalm 33:12-15 *(responsively)*

Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord,

the people he chose for his inheritance.

From heaven the Lord looks down and sees all mankind;

from his dwelling place he watches all who live on earth –

he forms the hearts of all, who considers everything they do.

↑ **Opening Song #591** "Have Thine Own Way"

↑ **PRAYER OF CONFESSION:** based on Psalm 33 *(unison)*

(Pause in silent confession.)

Forgive us, Lord, that we do not consider everything we do. Transform our hearts, remolding them to confirm to your will. 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: *Jerusalem - Acts (21:15-39) 21:30-22:29* p. 1586

Letters to Churches:

Abraham & Sarah - Hebrews 11:16: Instead, they were longing for a better country - a heavenly one. Therefore, God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared a city for them.

Jerusalem - Hebrews 13:14: For here we do not have an enduring city, but we are looking for the city that is to come.

Philippians 3:20: But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ.

Ephesians 18:22: For through him we both have access to the Father by one Spirit. Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people and also members of his household, built on the foundation of the apostle and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone.

SERMON: "A Citizen of No Ordinary City"
By The Reverend Dr. Janet Hufford

Response to God's Word

↑ **Song of Response #600** "I Pledge Allegiance to the Lamb"

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.