

✠ **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 #234** “Now Unto Him”

✠ **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.



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**Sunday, 11am
September 3, 2023**

**To walk in
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Today’s Worship Leaders:

Musician: Marcia Brannon

Coordinator of Vocal Leaders: Kathy Wallace

Officer Assisting: Jean Johnson

Pastor: The Reverend Dr. Janet Hufford

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 Jean Johnson

ANNOUNCEMENTS *(See insert.)*

PRELUDE **#184** "Thy Word" *sung by the vocal leaders*

† stand as able

† **CALL To WORSHIP:** Isaiah 41:10 *(responsively)*

Isaiah the prophet heard the Lord say,

"So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand."

† **Opening Song #408** "How Firm a Foundation"

† **PRAYER OF CONFESSION:** based on 1Jn 1:8, 10 & Mt 28:20 *(unison)*
(Pause in silent confession.)

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us... If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his word is not in us. Jesus, through your great commission, we are taught to obey all that you command us and have promised to do so. Forgive us in not following your decrees to the very end. Amen.

† **ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS:** based on 1John 1:9 *(responsively)*
If we confess our sins,

he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

Thanks be to God. 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 22:30-23:11

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Letter

1 John 1:2-3

The life appeared; we have seen it and testify to it, and we proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and has appeared to us. We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ.

SERMON:

"Must Testify"

By The Reverend Dr. Janet Hufford

Response to God's Word

† **Song of Response #730** "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus"

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.