

✚ **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:** (*unison*)

"The Nicene Creed"

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death, and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Go Out as God's People in the World

✚ **Closing Song #410** "Standing on the Promises"

✚ **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 10, 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

✚ stand as able

✚ **CALL To WORSHIP:** Psalm 119:105-108, 111-112 *(responsively)*

Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path.

I have taken an oath and confirmed it,

that I will follow your righteous laws.

Accept, Lord, the willing praise of my mouth, and teach me your laws.

Your statutes are my heritage forever;

They are the joy of my heart.

My heart is set on keeping your decrees to the very end.

✚ **Opening Song #184** "Thy Word"

✚ **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: Church in Jerusalem Acts 23:12-22

p. 1589

Gospel

Matthew 5:33-37

p. 1379

Letter

1 Corinthians 11:27-32

p. 1635

SERMON:

"Bound Themselves with An Oath"

By The Reverend Dr. Janet Hufford

✚ **Song of Response #581** "Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus"

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

INVITATION & PRAYER of THANKSGIVING *(responsively)*

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

JOYS & CONCERNS, concluded with the **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.

WORDS of INSTITUTION & PARTAKING ELEMENTS

PRAYER of THANKSGIVING

Response to God's Word

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.