

✠ **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 #36** "He Is Exalted"

✠ **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 17, 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: Jean Johnson

Pastor: The Reverend Dr. Janet Hufford

September 17, 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 Jean Johnson

ANNOUNCEMENTS *(See insert.)*

PRELUDE

✠ stand as able

✠ CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 25:4-5 *(responsively)*

Show me your ways, Lord, teach me your paths..

**Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior,
and my hope is in you all day long.**

✠ Opening Song #370 "Rejoice the Lord is King"

✠ 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: *Letter of 1 John*

1:5-6: This is the message we have heard from him & declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. If we claim to have fellowship with him & yet walk in the darkness, we lie & do not live out the truth.

@80 times in the Gospels, Jesus prefaces with "I tell you the truth..."
Gospel of John

8:31-2: Jesus said, "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, & the truth will set you free."

14:6: Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life."

18:37-38: "You are a king, then!" said Pilate
Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. In fact, the reason I was born and came into this world is to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me."
"What is truth?" retorted Pilate

Caesarea Acts (23:23-35), 24:1-9, (24:10-23), 24:24-26 p. 1590

SERMON Takeaway: "Learn the Truth"
By The Reverend Dr. Janet Hufford

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

Sally Kean

OFFERTORY *(Receptacles for giving are at each exit.)*

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.