

✠ **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.

Sent Out as God's People in the World

✠ **Closing Song # 290** “As with Gladness Men of Old”

✠ **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
January 7, 2023**

**To walk in
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Today's Worship Leaders:

Musician: Marcia Brannon

Candle Lighting & Officer Assisting: Sally Kean

Coordinator of Vocal Leaders: Kathy Wallace

Pastor: The Reverend Dr. Janet Hufford

January 7, 2024

Epiphany

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)**

PLEASE PICK-UP COMMUNION BEFORE WORSHIP.

Gathering of God's People

After the chimes, please be in quiet reverence & silence cell phones.

LIGHT CANDLES AT 3 RINGS OF THE STEEPLE BELL & CHIMES

WELCOME by Sally Kean

ANNOUNCEMENTS (See insert.)

PRELUDE

✠ stand as able

✠ **CALL To WORSHIP:** Malachi 1:11 (responsively)

"My name will be great among the nations, from where the sun rises to where it sets.

In every place incense and pure offerings will be brought to me, because my name will be great among the nations," says the Lord Almighty.

✠ **Opening Song #263** "What Can I Give Him?"

✠ **PRAYER OF CONFESSION:** based on Malachi (unison)

(Pause in silent confession.)

Lord, our blemished offerings are not acceptable to you. We have been unfaithful. We have practiced injustice. We have withheld tithes. We have spoken arrogantly against you. Forgive our sin and restore us into right relationship with you. 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: Gospel

Matthew 2:1-2 & 9-11

p. 1374-5

Prophets

Malachi 3:1-12

p. 1368

SERMON Takeaway:

"Bring the Whole Tithe"

By the Reverend Dr. Janet Hufford

✠ **Song of Response #288** "We Three Kings"

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

by 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.