

✚ **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!

Sent Out as God's People in the World

✚ **Closing Song HB #27:** "Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim"

✚ **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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Today's Worship Leaders:

Musician: Marcia Brannon

Coordinator of Vocal Leaders: Kathy Wallace

Officer Assisting: Chuck Long

Pastor: The Reverend Dr. Janet Hufford

March 24, 2024 – **Palm 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 Chuck Long

ANNOUNCEMENTS (See insert.)

PRELUDE

✚ stand as able

✚ **CALL To WORSHIP:** Psalm 118:26-29 (responsively)

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

**From the house of the Lord, we bless you. The Lord is God,
and he has made his light shine on us. With boughs in hand,
join in the festal procession up to the horns of the altar.**

You are my God, and I will praise you;

you are my God, and I will exalt you.

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever.

✚ **Opening Song HB #185:** "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

✚ **PRAYER OF CONFESSION:** (unison)

(Pause in silent confession.)

**Even when we praise you, Lord, like the people at the gates of
Jerusalem, at times we praise you, in hope for you to act according to
our desires. In this we sin. We need your mercy and grace. Forgive us
Jesus, according to the will of the Father and his perfect plan. 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:**

NEW TESTAMENT: Gospel of: Mark 11:8-21	pp. 1443
Luke 13:6-9	p. 1486
John 15:1-8	p. 1537

SERMON Takeaway: "Withered Tree or Cut Branches?"
by the Reverend Janet Hufford.

Response to God's Word

✚ **Song of Response HB #187:** "All Glory, Laud and Honor"

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 offerings are found 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.