

✠ **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 #287** “Come, Labor On”

✠ **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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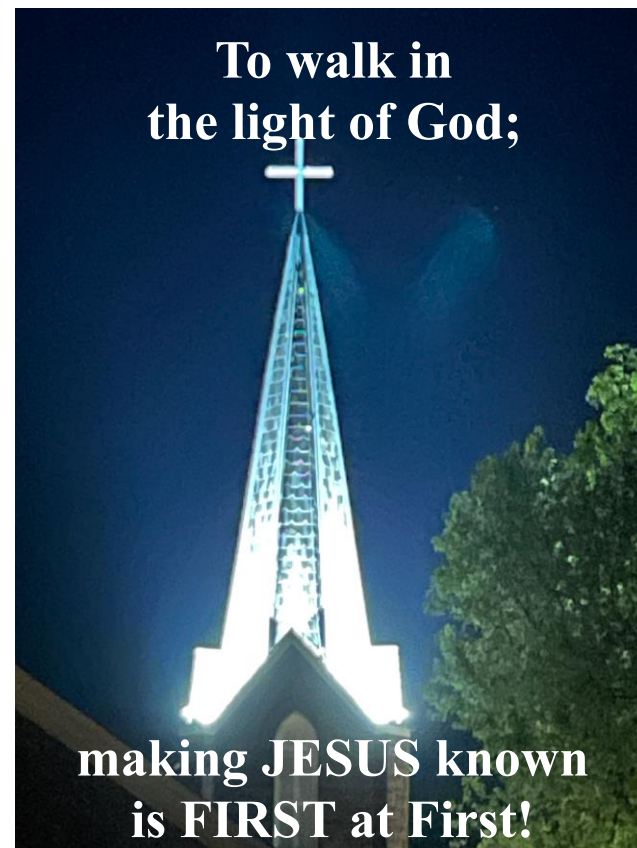
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Today’s Worship Leaders:

Musician: Marcia Brannon

Officer Assisting and

Coordinator of Vocal Leaders: Kathy Wallace

Pastor: The Reverend Dr. Janet Hufford

April 28, 2024 – **5th Sunday of Easter** - 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 Kathy Wallace

ANNOUNCEMENTS *(See insert.)*

PRELUDE

✠ stand as able

✠ **CALL To WORSHIP:** Psalm 46:10 *(responsively)*

He says, "Be still, and know that I am God;

I will be exalted among the nations. I will be exalted in the earth."

✠ **Opening Song #446** "We've a Story to Tell to the Nations"

✠ **PRAYER OF CONFESSION:** *based on Psalm 46* *(unison)*

(Pause in silent confession.)

No matter where we go, you are ever present with us, yet we act as though you have abandoned us. No matter what we do, you are our helper, yet we act as though you are against us. In these actions we sin. Forgive us through your goodness and grace. 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: Matthew 28:18-20 pp. 1422
"Then Jesus came to them & said, 'All authority in heaven & on earth has been given to me. Therefore **go and make disciples** of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father & of the Son & of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the every end of the age.'"

Acts 1:8 pp. 1549

"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will **be my witnesses** in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and **to the ends of the earth.**"

Mark 16:15-16 & 20a pp. 1454-5

"He said to them, '**Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation.** Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned... Then the disciples **went out and preached everywhere...**'"

SERMON Takeaway: "Go... and Preach... the Gospel to All Creation"
by the Reverend Janet Hufford

Response to God's Word

✠ **Song of Response #668** "I'll Go Where You Want Me to Go"

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

OFFERTORY *(Receptacles for offerings are found 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.