

✠ **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.

✠ **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 #340** “Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus” *chorus 2x*

✠ **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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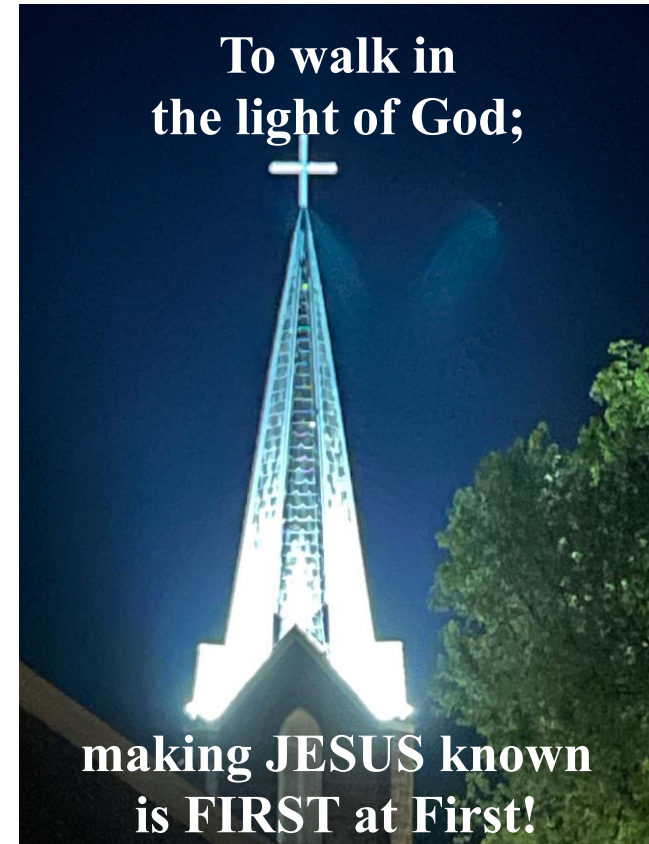
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Today’s Worship Leaders:

Musician: Marcia Brannon

Officer Assisting: Jean Johnson

Coordinator of Vocal Leaders: Kathy Wallace

Pastor: The Reverend Dr. Janet Hufford

May 12, 2024 – **Ascension Sunday** - 11am

Before worship begins, please read the bulletin insert for pertinent information.

Worship Resources in pews referred to in this bulletin: large print NIV Bibles (*black*) & 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 47:5-8 (*responsively*):

*God has ascended amid shouts of joy,
the Lord amid the sounding of trumpets.*

Sing praises to God, sing praises;

sing praises to our King, sing praises.

For God is the King of all the earth; sing to him a psalm of praise.

God reigns over the nations; God is seated on his holy throne.

↑ **Opening Song HB #85** “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

↑ **PRAYER OF CONFESSION:** based on Psalm 47 (*unison*)
(*Pause in silent confession.*)

**Lord, you have created us to glorify and enjoy you in forever worship,
to clap our hands and shout to God with cries of joy. But we are silent,
timid, or even worse raise grumbling voices. We need your forgiveness
and to be transformed by your Spirit. Help us, we pray. 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: Mark 16:19-20 pp. 1454

“After the Lord Jesus had spoken to them, he was taken up into heaven and he sat at the right hand of God. Then the disciples went out and preached everywhere, and **the Lord worked with them** and confirmed his word by the signs that accompanied it.”

Matthew 18:15-17a pp. 1401

“If your brother or sister sins, go and point out their fault, just between the two of you. If they listen to you, you have won them over. But if they will not listen, take one or two others along, so that ‘every matter may be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses.’ If they will refuse to listen, tell it to the church...”

SERMON Takeaway: “The Lord Worked with Them”
by the Reverend Dr. Janet Hufford.

Response to God's Word

↑ **Song of Response #563** “Open My Eyes That I May See”

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 by Jean Johnson

OFFERTORY (*Receptacles for offerings are found at each exit.*)

PRAYER OF DEDICATION