



February 4, 2024

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship

Invocation

\*Hymns and Songs of Worship and Adoration

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past (TH #30)

Before Jehovah's Awesome Throne (TH #65)

\*Confession of Faith – Apostles' Creed

\*Old Testament Scripture – Psalm 137 (pg. 521)

Corporate Prayer of Confession

Declaration of Absolution

Pastoral Prayer

\*Worship through giving back to God

A Shelter in the Time of Storm (TH #619)

Sermon – The Grace of God Transforming Danbury

Guest Pastor: Rev. Darcy Caires Jr.

Acts 11:19 – 30 (pg. 920)

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Music for Meditation

Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross (TH #264)

\*Closing Song – Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim  
(TH #165)

\*Gloria Patri (TH #735)

\*Benediction

## Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From there he will come 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.

## Corporate Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, we acknowledge and confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed; we have not loved you with all of our heart, soul, mind, and strength; we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. Deepen within us our sorrow for the wrong we have done, and the good we have left undone. Lord, you are full of compassion and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy; there is always forgiveness with you! Restore to us the joy of your salvation; bind up that which is broken; give light to our minds, strength to our wills, and rest to our souls. Speak to each of us, and let your word abide with us until it has wrought in us your holy will. Amen.

## Food for Thought

*"When we see that the Lord is 'both subject and object, source and goal, of evangelism, we have to repent of all self-centered, self-confident concepts of the Christian mission.' Furthermore, growth in the size of a church is closely linked here in Acts 11 with its growth in maturity, not simply with its outreach program."*

*—David G. Peterson, The Pillar New Testament Commentary: Acts (quoting John Stott)*