

# Service for the Lord's Day

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 20, 2017

God's gifts and his call are irrevocable.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

(each person prays silently)

*Dear God, help us to work in ways that bring you honor and praise. Amen.*

## Gathering

PRELUDE

**"Be Not Afraid"**  
**"But the Lord is Mindful of His Own"**  
*(From the Oratorio "St. Paul")*

arr. Hazleton  
Mendelssohn

WELCOME

Cindy Ratliff

\*INTROIT #32

**"I Sing the Mighty Power of God"** (v.1)

Watts, 1715

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Bless us, O God, with a reverent sense of your presence,  
***that we may be at peace***  
and may worship you with all our mind and spirit;  
***let us worship God!***

\*HYMN #32

**"I Sing the Mighty Power of God"** (v.2&3)

CALL TO CONFESSION

Scripture reminds us if we claim we have no sin we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But God who is faithful and just will forgive us all our sins, if we only ask. So let us now with repentant hearts make our prayers of confession known unto almighty God. First silently and then, with the Unison prayer.

SILENT PRAYER

(A time of silence for personal prayer)

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

***Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, your face is hidden from us by our sins, and we forget your mercy in the blindness of our hearts. Cleanse us from all our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires. With lowliness and meekness may we draw near to you, confessing our faults, confiding in your grace, and finding in you***

***our refuge and strength; through Jesus Christ your Son. Amen.***

LORD HAVE MERCY

Kyrie Eleison

***"Lord, have mercy upon us,  
Christ have mercy upon us, Lord have mercy upon us."***

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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. Behold, anyone who is in Christ is a new creation, the old life has gone and the new life has begun. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel, in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

***Thanks be to God.***

\*GLORIA PATRI

***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.***

#580

## Proclaiming

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE

Psalms 133

Bibles, p.543/LG. p.706

The Word of the Lord

***Thanks be to God***

HYMN #697

***"Take My Life"***

Havergal, 1874

SECOND SCRIPTURE

Matthew 15:10-28

Bibles, p.16/LG. p.20

The Word of God, for the People of God

***Thanks be to God***

SERMON

***"What Defiles?"***

Rev. Lynette Solomon

## Responding

COMMISSIONING OF PULPIT NOMINATING COMMITTEE

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

***"I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy***

*Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting.” This, we believe. Amen* —The Apostles’ Creed

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

MINISTRY OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY “Chapel Litany” Southbridge

\*DOXOLOGY

\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*Sending*

\*HYMN #693 “*Though I May Speak*” Hopson, 1972

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*RESPONSE #450 “*Be Thou My Vision*” Byrne, 1905

POSTLUDE “*Allegro*” Karl Heinrich Graun

(\*) Those who are able may stand.

*Bold italic letters* indicate congregational responses.

**Lynette Solomon is an active member of Grace Presbytery in specialized ministry, and has been a teaching elder for 27 years. Having grown up in Dallas, she graduated from Austin College in Sherman, TX and received her Masters in Divinity from Columbia Theological Seminary. She serves as chaplain, bereavement and volunteer coordinator for Genesis Hospice Care in Athens, where she has worked for 20 years. Lynette has been married to John Mark Solomon for 30 years, and they are the proud parents of two children, Luke and Kay. She enjoys serving as pulpit supply in various East Texas churches, and enjoys cooking, reading and outdoor activities with her family.**

**This week’s prayers and concerns:** Debbie Castro, Syble DeLoach, Jack Gray, Joyce Huggins, Billie Manck, Cindy and Bob Ratliff, Patsy Snelgrove, and Sue Williams.

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

Sun. 08/27	Communion
Mon. 08/28	Pipeline Deadline



*First Presbyterian Church*

311 South High Street, Henderson, TX 75652

903-657-2529

Fpchendersontx.org

We're on FaceBook!

