

**LEARN TO
DO GOOD;
SEEK
JUSTICE,
CORRECT
OPPRESSION.**

ISAIAH 1:17, ESV

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Henderson, Texas

“Serving God, Honoring Creation, Embracing Differences”

Service for the Lord's Day

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 18, 2019

The word of the Lord is like fire, like a hammer that smashes a stone.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

(each person prays silently)

Great Shepherd, Keep us close and attuned to your voice, so your will may be evident in our lives. Amen.

Gathering

PRELUDE

Selected

WELCOME

Rev. Michele R. Goff

INTROIT

“Ain’t Gonna Let Nobody Turn Me ‘Round”
(Chancel Choir)

***CALL TO WORSHIP - Responsive**

Liturgist - Steve Lowe

God is moving in the world,

with flames of justice and waters of mercy.

Christ is calling in the world,

with whispers of love and cries of compassion.

Let us worship the one who creates the world

and lend our voices to the Spirit’s song.

***HYMN #35**

“Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty”

Winkworth, 1863

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, you have broken the tyranny of sin and sent the Spirit of your Son into our hearts. Give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service, that all people may know the glorious liberty of the children of God; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. ***Amen.***

CONFESSION

It is only by the power of God that we are able to stand against evil. Trusting in God’s grace, let us confess our sin, first in silence and then together.

SILENT REFLECTION

(A time of silence for personal prayer)

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Lord our God, you call us to work for a world where all will be fed and have dignity, but we find ourselves distracted by our own desires. You call us to seek justice and peace, but we are satisfied with injustice and discord. You call us to bring liberty to the oppressed, but we do not insist on freedom for all. Forgive us, O Lord. Turn us to your will by the power of your Spirit, so that all may know your justice and peace; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior.

LORD HAVE MERCY

Kyrie Eleison

*“Lord, have mercy upon us,
Christ, have mercy upon us, Lord, have mercy upon us.”*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the good news! As people born of water and the Spirit we have died to the old life, and a new life has begun. God’s grace is poured out upon us day by day. Come to the water and remember your baptism. Be thankful, and live as one who has been raised to new life! In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Thanks be to God.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

May mercy, peace and love be yours in abundance. The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

Let us turn to one another and share signs of our Lord’s peace.

***GLORIA PATRI**

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*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.*

Word

ANTHEM

*“Draw the Circle Wide”
(Chancel Choir)*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 5: 1-7

Bibles,p.596/LG.p.776

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE

Hebrews 11: 29 - 12:2

Bibles,p.212/LG.p.274

Keep these words in your heart. The Lord is our God, the Lord alone.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN #5

“God the Sculptor of the Mountains”

Thornburg, 1993

GOSPEL SCRIPTURE

Luke 12: 49-56

Bibles, p.71/ LG. p.92

The word of God, for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Faithful or Self-Righteous?”

Rev. Michele R. Goff

DESCRIPTION OF PRAISE

To the Lord our God, Alpha and Omega, be all glory and honor forever. *Amen.*

Response

***HYMN #345**

“In an Age of Twisted Values”

Leckebusch, 1995

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - UNISON**

The Affirmation of Faith is adapted from the Confession of 1967 (9.17)

Life is a gift to be received with gratitude and a task to be pursued with courage. People are free to seek life within the purpose of God: to develop and protect the resources of nature for the common welfare, to work for justice and peace in society, and in other ways to use their creative powers for the fulfillment of human life.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION - Responsive

Our response this morning is: *we seek your grace.*

LORD’S PRAYER

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.

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Selected

***DOXOLOGY**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below; Praise God above ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION (UNISON)**

We give you thanks and praise, O God, for you have chosen the poverty of the world to make your people rich in faith. Help us to put our faith into practice through the offering of our lives— giving food to the hungry, clothes to the naked, and shelter to the poor; all for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord, your Word made flesh. Amen.

Sending

***HYMN #326**

“For All the Saints” (v.1-4)

How, 1864

***BLESSING AND CHARGE**

The blessing of the one God—
Spirit, Son, and Father—
be with you now and always. *Alleluia!*

Lead a life worthy of your calling,
Giving glory to God in all things. *Amen.*

***RESPONSE #747**

“The Lord Now Sends Us Forth”

Cartford, 1998

POSTLUDE

Selected

(*) Those who are able may stand.

Bold italic letters indicate congregational responses.