

Our response this morning is: *hear our 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.

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.

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.

Faber, 1854

Cartford, 1998

Selected



Henderson, Texas

“Serving God, Honoring Creation, Embracing Differences”

(*) Please rise in body or in spirit.
Bold italic letters indicate congregational responses.

Service for the Lord's Day

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost August 25, 2019

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, who alone does wondrous things. Blessed be his glorious name for ever; may his glory fill the whole earth.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION (each person prays silently)

Holy One, Holy Three, may I, like the bent woman, give praise and glory and gratitude to you with my body and soul. Joyfully I pray, Amen.

Gathering

PRELUDE Selected

WELCOME Rev. Michele R. Goff

*INTROIT #853 “We Are Marching in the Light of God” Grindal, 1984

*CALL TO WORSHIP - Responsive Liturgist - Steve Lowe

Let us worship the One who nourishes us,
who satisfies us in parched places and makes our bones strong.

Let us worship the One who calls us,
who leads us to compassion and draws us nearer to justice.

Let us worship the One who creates us,
who forms and reforms us in the image of our maker.

*HYMN #393 “O Day of Rest and Gladness” Woodward, 1904

PRAYER OF THE DAY

CONFESSION

SILENT REFLECTION (A time of silence for personal prayer)

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

You are faithful, O God of mercy, from everlasting to everlasting. Forgive us when our faith withers, our passion grows weary, and our focus wanes. You are loving, O God of mercy, from everlasting to everlasting. Forgive us when our love is too shallow, our compassion too slow, our status too important. You are the creator, O God of mercy, from everlasting to everlasting. Forgive us when we fear that you have stopped creating, stopped calling, stopped reforming. Convict us, enliven us, and lead us to know the depth of your steadfast love.

LORD HAVE MERCY Kyrie Eleison

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Now stand firm in your faith, covered by the saving grace of God and ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. In the name of 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.*

* Please rise and share a sign of our Lord’s peace with one another.

*GLORIA PATRI #580

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 “I Will Sing New Songs to the Lord”
(Chancel Choir)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

HEBREW SCRIPTURE Jeremiah 1: 4-10 Bibles,p.656/LG.p.854
The word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

GREEK SCRIPTURE Hebrews 12: 18-29 Bibles,p.213/LG.p.275
Keep these words in your heart. The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. *Thanks be to God.*

HYMN #442 “Just as I Am, without One Plea” Elliott, 1834

GOSPEL SCRIPTURE Luke 13: 10-17 Bibles, p.71/ LG. p.92
The word of God, for the people of God. *Thanks be to God.*

SERMON “Hypocrites, Round 2” Rev. Michele R. Goff

ASCRIPTION OF PRAISE

HYMN #69 “I, the Lord of Sea and Sky” Schutte, 1981

*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.