

*GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. *And also with you.*
Lift up your hearts. *We lift them to the Lord.*
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The people may be seated.

... raising the dead to life.

HYMN #565 "Holy, Holy, Holy" Haugen, 1984

Take this bread and cup, O God—a feast of grace;
take our hearts and lives—an offering of praise.

HYMN #566 "Christ Has Died; Christ Is Risen" Haugen, 1984

Blessing and glory,
wisdom and thanksgiving,
honor and power,
forever and ever! *Amen.*

HYMN #568 "Amen" Haugen, 1984

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.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

COMMUNION MUSIC #530 "One Bread, One Body" Foley, SJ, 1978

*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION - Unison

God of glory, in this holy feast you have made us one with Christ and with that great multitude of the faithful— those who hunger and thirst no more and worship night and day in your temple. Lead us in the paths of righteousness and guide us to the springs of the water of life, until we join the choir of the redeemed, singing: Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb: Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sending

*HYMN #14 "For the Beauty of the Earth" (v.1-4) Pierpoint, 1864

*BLESSING AND CHARGE ...Alleluia! ...Amen.

*CLOSING RESPONSE #747 "The Lord Now Sends Us Forth" Cartford, 1998

POSTLUDE Selected

For all who
exalt themselves
will be humbled,

Luke 14:11, NRSV

and those who
humble themselves
will be exalted.



**First
Presbyterian
Church**
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

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

September 1, 2019

Do good and share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

(each person prays silently)

God of Creation, may my life reflect love and care for all that you have made: earth and sky, fruit and flower, animal and humanity, for all are the work of your divine hand. Amen.

Gathering

PRELUDE

Selected

WELCOME

Rev. Michele R. Goff

INTROIT

"I See the Lord"
(Chancel Choir)

*CALL TO WORSHIP - Responsive

Liturgist - Kathy Porter

Sing aloud to God our strength.

Shout for joy to the God of Jacob!

*God would feed us with the finest of the wheat,
and satisfy us with honey from the rock.*

*HYMN #267

"Come, Christians, Join to Sing"

Bateman, 1843

PRAYER OF THE DAY

CONFESSION

SILENT REFLECTION

(A time of silence for personal prayer)

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Though we have heard that the humble ones will be exalted, we live as if we did not know your Word. We seek power and privilege over humility and compassion. We climb ladders of success rather than humble steps of justice. We still wrestle for seats of honor, and we still try to limit the guest list at your table. Forgive us in Christ, our model of true humanity, and convict us to reflect the depth of your love. Amen.

LORD HAVE MERCY

Kyrie Eleison

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

In the name of 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.

Word

ANTHEM

"So Will I"
(Chancel Choir)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

GREEK SCRIPTURE

Hebrews 13: 1-8, 15-16

Bibles, p.213/LG.p.276

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

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL SCRIPTURE

Luke 14: 1-14

Bibles, p.72/ LG. p.94

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rev. Michele R. Goff

DESCRIPTION OF PRAISE

*HYMN #453

"Open Your Ears, O Faithful People"

Jabusch, 1966

*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: *hear our prayer.*

Eucharist

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Selected

*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.

*INVITATION TO THE TABLE