

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - UNISON

The Affirmation of Faith is adapted from the Confession of 1967 (9.32-33)

The life, death, resurrection, and promised coming of Jesus Christ has set the pattern for the church's mission. His human life involves the church in the common life of all people. His service to men and women commits the church to work for every form of human well-being. His suffering makes the church sensitive to all human suffering so that it sees the face of Christ in the faces of persons in every kind of need. His crucifixion discloses to the church God's judgment on the inhumanity that marks human relations, and the awful consequences of the church's own complicity in injustice. In the power of the risen Christ and the hope of his coming, the church sees the promise of God's renewal of human life in society and of God's victory over all wrong. The church follows this pattern in the form of its life and in the method of its action. So to live and serve is to confess Christ as Lord.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION - Responsive

Our response this morning is: *hear our prayer.*

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.

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Christ, all people here below; Praise Holy Spirit evermore; praise Triune God whom we adore. 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 #826

"Lift High the Cross"

Kitchin, 1887

*BLESSING AND CHARGE

... Alleluia! ... Amen.

*RESPONSE #742

"We Will Walk with God"

Bell, 2002

POSTLUDE

Selected



**WHEN THE
SON OF MAN COMES,
WILL HE FIND FAITH
ON EARTH?**

LUKE 18:8



**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

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 20, 2019

But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days,
says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts;
and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

(each person prays silently)

*God, we come before you to pray, to sing, and to worship. Still the distractions of our busy
minds so we may focus our attention on You. In Your mercy, Amen.*

Gathering

PRELUDE

Selected

WELCOME

Rev. Michele R. Goff

INTROIT

*“Thuma Mina”
(Chancel Choir)*

*CALL TO WORSHIP - Responsive

Liturgist - John Hillin

Teach us, O Lord, the way of your statutes,
and let us observe it to the end.

Give us understanding, that we may keep your law,
and observe it with our whole hearts.

Turn our hearts to your decrees,
and not to selfish gain.

Turn our eyes from looking at vanities;
give us life in your ways.

Confirm to your servants your promise,
and let us worship you.

*HYMN #612

“We Praise You, O God”

Cory, 1902

PRAYER OF THE DAY

CONFESSION

SILENT REFLECTION

(A time of silence for personal prayer)

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*Holy God, forgive us when we forego peace for easy resolution; when we trade justice for
convenience; when we doubt whether you are real enough, whether we are good enough,*

*whether your love is strong enough to overcome the destructive powers of our world.
Forgive us, O God, and move us to know your transformative grace.*

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

Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet; Righteousness and peace will kiss each other. The
peace of Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

Please exchange signs of our Lord's peace with those around you.

*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

*“And That My Soul Knows Very Well”
(Chancel Choir)*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

HEBREW SCRIPTURE

Jeremiah 31: 27-34

Bibles,p.691/LG.p.899

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GREEK SCRIPTURE

2 Timothy 3:14 - 4:5

Bibles,p.201/LG.p.260

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

Thanks be to God.

HYMN #460

“Break Thou the Bread of Life”

Lathbury, 1877

GOSPEL SCRIPTURE

Luke 18: 1-8

Bibles, p.76/ LG. p.99

The word of God, for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Inconvenient Persistence”

Rev. Michele R. Goff

DESCRIPTION OF PRAISE

Response

*HYMN #722

“Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak”

Havergal, 1872