

***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# 607**

OLD HUNDREDTH

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**

To you, O God, we offer our lives—our abundance, our poverty, all that we have, all that we are—a sign of our great thanksgiving for the treasure of your grace. Take and use us for good in the world that you so love; we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Sending

***HYMN #353**

"MY HOPE IS BUILT ON NOTHING LESS"

MOTE, 1834

***BLESSING AND CHARGE**

... Alleluia! ... Amen.

***RESPONSE #742**

"We Will Walk with God"

Bell, 2002

POSTLUDE

Selected



**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

Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

November 17, 2019

"Surely God is my salvation, I will trust and not be afraid."

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

"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; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."

Gathering

PRELUDE WELCOME

Selected
Jimmy Chapman, CP

INTROIT

"Jubilate Deo"
(Chancel Choir)

*CALL TO WORSHIP - Responsive

The day of the Lord is coming!

God will complete creation: a new heaven and new earth.

The glory of the Lord is coming!

God will overturn each stone and bring justice into light.

The Spirit of the Lord is coming!

God will draw us into communion, and all our prayers will be thanksgiving.

Liturgist - Katie Hurst

*HYMN #720

"JESUS CALLS US"

ALEXANDER, 1852

PRAYER OF THE DAY

CONFESSION

SILENT REFLECTION

(A time of silence for personal prayer)

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God of mercy, hear our prayers.

Your spirit calls us to movement and change,

but we are stubborn, hesitant, and fearful.

We choose the familiar over the faithful,

the comfortable over the courageous,

selfishness over service,

diatribe over dialogue.

O God of mercy, hear our prayers.

Forgive us of our sins,

and move us to live as people transformed. Amen.

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.

*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.

~~CHILDREN'S MOMENT~*~*

Our younger Christians are invited to come forward for their special time.

Word

ANTHEM

"SO WILL I"

HOUSTON, HASTINGS, FATKIN

(Chancel Choir)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

HEBREW SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 65:17-25

Bibles, p.654/LG.851

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GREEK SCRIPTURE

2 Thessalonians 3: 6-13

Bibles, p.195/LG.p.252

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

Thanks be to God.

HYMN #767

"TOGETHER WE SERVE"

DAMON, 1996

GOSPEL SCRIPTURE

Luke 21:5-19

Bibles, p.80/ LG. p.103

The word of God, for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"New Heaven and New Earth"

Guest Preacher Jimmy Chapman

ASCRIPTION OF PRAISE

Response

*HYMN #450

"BE THOU MY VISION"

HULL, 1912