

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.*

— *Eucharist* —

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY MUSIC

Selected

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION - UNISON

*God of glory, as people brought gifts to the infant Jesus, we bring our gifts to you. May these gifts be used to lift up those who are oppressed, to bring deliverance to those who are in need, to support those who are poor, and to help those who are in trouble. Amen.*

\*INVITATION TO THE TABLE

\*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.*

...We look with hope for his coming. **Come, Lord Jesus.**

...Bring the gift of peace on earth. **Come, Holy Spirit.**

...one God, now and forever. **Amen.** #568

BREAKING THE BREAD

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

COMMUNION MUSIC

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION - UNISON

*We give you thanks and praise, O God, that you have fed us with your mercy and poured out your Spirit in this place. Continue to nourish and fill us each day, that we may live as your beloved people; in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

— *Sending* —

\*HYMN #372

*"O FOR A WORLD"*

Winter, 1987

\*BLESSING AND CHARGE

...and the blessing of the Lord forever. **Alleluia!**

As Jesus called the first disciples, so he calls us this day: Follow me. **Amen.**

\*CLOSING RESPONSE: #155 *"RAISE A SONG OF GLADNESS"*

Jubilate Deo

\*POSTLUDE

Selected

# SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2020

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH HENDERSON

# Blessed



mourn comforted earth  
reward merciful spirit utter  
thirst peacemakers heart  
way pure prophets  
children revile  
persecute  
hunger people  
filled God glad  
receive persecuted  
Rejoice kingdom  
evil meek heaven  
inherit falsely mercy  
righteousness  
great called poor account  
see kinds sake

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

# Epiphany of Our Lord

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

February 2, 2020

## THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

*O Lord, who may abide in your tent? Who may dwell on your holy hill? Those who walk blamelessly, and do what is right, and speak the truth from their heart... Psalm 15:1-2*

## PRAYER OF PREPARATION

*Compassionate & Merciful Lord, Thank you for bringing us to dwell in the light of your love. Amen*

## — Gathering —

## PRELUDE

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

## INTROIT

*“THUMA MINA”*

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

With what shall we come before the Lord?

***Shall we bring burnt offerings or calves a year old?***

Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams?

***Or ten thousand rivers of oil?***

Mortals, God has shown us what is good.

What does the Lord require?

***To do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with our God.***

## \*HYMN #336

*“WE GATHER TOGETHER”*

Valerius, 1626

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

...in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. ***Amen.***

## CONFESSION - UNISON

*SILENT REFLECTION (First in silence and then together)*

***Surprising God, You have made foolish the wisdom of the world, teaching that the meek shall inherit the earth and heaven belongs to those who suffer for the sake of justice. But we cling to the values of this world, things that enhance our status but cheat our souls. We seek comfort in simple answers and easy outs. We disregard the marginalized and mock weakness, forgetting that Christ lifted up the lowly and made a home among the vulnerable. God of blessing, reorient our hearts, and renew our minds, so that we might act with justice, practice kindness, and—in all things—walk humbly with you.***

## KYRIE, FOR FEBRUARY

Kyrie Eleison

***“It’s me, it’s me, O Lord, standing in the need of prayer.”***

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Let us remember the saving acts of the Lord:

***In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!***

## \*PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you all; ***And also with you.***

## \*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

*“FOR EVERYONE BORN”*

Chancel Choir

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

...through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

## SCRIPTURE

Micah 6:1-8

Bibles, p.816/LG.p.1060

A new teaching, with authority! ***Thanks be to God.***

## HYMN #172

*“BLEST ARE THEY”*

Haas, 1985

## GOSPEL SCRIPTURE

Matthew 5:1-12

Bibles, p.4/ LG. p.4

A new teaching, with authority! ***Thanks be to God.***

## SERMON

Rev. Michele R. Goff

## ASCRPTION OF PRAISE

## \*HYMN #700

*“I’M GONNA LIVE SO GOD CAN USE ME”*

Spiritual, 1984

## \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - UNISON

*Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.15*

***God’s sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of the human mind. Human thought ascribes to God superlatives of power, wisdom, and goodness. But God reveals divine love in Jesus Christ by showing power in the form of a servant, wisdom in the folly of the cross, and goodness in receiving sinful men and women. The power of God’s love in Christ to transform the world discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator who made all things to serve the purpose of God’s love.***

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

We approach God in prayer not as strangers, but as beloved children, baptized in Christ Jesus. Lord, in your mercy, ***hear our prayer.***