

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION - Responsive

Lord, in your mercy, *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 MUSIC

*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

*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.*

— *Sending* —

*HYMN #815

"GIVE TO THE WIND THY FEARS"

Gerhardt, 1653

*BLESSING AND CHARGE

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

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

*RESPONSE #155

"RAISE A SONG OF GLADNESS"

Taize, 1978

*POSTLUDE

Selected

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2020

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH HENDERSON



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

Service for the Lord's Day

Sixth Sunday after Epiphany February 16, 2020

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Choose life ... by loving YHWH your God, obeying God's voice, and by clinging to YHWH.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

God of the Living, May we follow the path of fruitfulness that you clear for us time after time. Amen

— Gathering —

PRELUDE Selected
WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Michele R. Goff
INTROIT “**AMEN**” Chancel Choir
***CALL TO WORSHIP - Responsive** Liturgist - Kelly Weaver

Happy are those whose footsteps follow the way of the Lord—
the path of justice and mercy that draws us toward wholeness.
Happy are those whose hearts delight in the law of the Lord—
teachings that root us in love, sustain us in hope, and nurture generous spirits within us.
Happy are our souls when we gather to worship the Living Lord—
the Fountainhead of Grace, the Giver of Life.

***HYMN #610** “**O FOR A THOUSAND TONGUES TO SING**” Wesley,1739

PRAYER OF THE DAY

CONFESSION

SILENT REFLECTION (A time of silence for personal prayer)

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of steadfast love, how often do we utter careless words that humiliate or harm? How often do we lash out in anger, when we could reach out with kindness? How often do we hurt those we love and tear away at relationships that give life? Forgive us, we pray. In your abundant mercy, give us the grace to confess our faults, to seek forgiveness, and to work for reconciliation in our homes and our communities. Turn our hearts back to you and teach us the ways of love, so that we might hold fast to one another, and draw near to your presence.

KYRIE, For February Kyrie Eleison
“It’s me, it’s me, O Lord, standing in the need of prayer.”

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Know that you are forgiven and be at peace! ***Thanks be to God.***

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you. ***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 —

SOLO “**HOW GREAT THOU ART**” Stefen Kane

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

HEBREW SCRIPTURE Deuteronomy 30:15-20 Bibles: p.179/LG.p.233
The word of the Lord. ***Thanks be to God.***

GREEK SCRIPTURE 1 Corinthians 3:1-9 Bibles: p.156/LG.p.203
A new teaching, with authority! ***Thanks be to God.***

HYMN #300 “**WE ARE ONE IN THE SPIRIT**” Scholtes,1966

GOSPEL SCRIPTURE Matthew 5:21-37 Bibles, p.4/ LG. p.5
The voice of the Lord, powerful and full of majesty. ***Thanks be to God.***

SERMON “**YOU HAVE HEARD IT SAID**” Rev. Michele R. Goff

ASCRPTION OF PRAISE

— Response —

***HYMN #716** “**GOD, WHOSE GIVING KNOWS NO ENDING**” Edwards,1961

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - UNISON

Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.08
In Jesus of Nazareth, true humanity was realized once for all. Jesus, a Palestinian Jew, lived among his own people and shared their needs, temptations, joys, and sorrows. He expressed the love of God in word and deed and became a brother to all kinds of sinful men and women. But his complete obedience led him into conflict with his people. His life and teaching judged their goodness, religious aspirations, and national hopes. Many rejected him and demanded his death. In giving himself freely for them, he took upon himself the judgment under which everyone stands convicted. God raised him from the dead, vindicating him as Messiah and Lord. The victim of sin became victor, and won the victory over sin and death for all.