

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

HENDERSON, TX

SUNDAY, MARCH 1, 2020

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

Service for the Lord's Day

First Sunday in Lent

March 1, 2020

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

*Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not hide my iniquity;
I said, 'I will confess my transgressions to the LORD', and you forgave the guilt of my sin.
Psalm 32*

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

God of Mercy, for these 40 days and nights, may we remember that you came willingly in love so that we might know freedom from sin. Amen

— Gathering —

PRELUDE

Selected

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Michele R. Goff

INTROIT

"HOLD ON"
(from The Secret Garden)

Chancel Choir

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist: Kathy Porter

We do not live by bread alone,
so we gather to feast on God's sustaining Word.
We come at the Spirit's leading
to offer ourselves in service to Christ.
Come, find strength for the journey.
Let us worship the one, true God.

*HYMN #41

"O WORSHIP THE KING, ALL GLORIOUS ABOVE"
(vs. 1,4,5)

Grant, 1833

— Word —



PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Kathy Porter

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

*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.*

HEBREW SCRIPTURE Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7

Bibles,p.2/LG.p.2

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

— *Eucharist* —

**CHOIR: “AT THE END OF A PERFECT DAY”
(from Children of Eden)**

Chancel Choir

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY MUSIC

Selected

GOSPEL SCRIPTURE Matthew 4:1-11

Bibles, p.3/ LG. p.3

All of this from God, who entrusts us with the message of reconciliation.
Thanks be to God.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION - UNISON**

*God of grace,
you have gifted us with life in Christ.
Today we bring the gifts of our work
and the gifts of our hearts.
May all that we bring and all that we are
be your means of grace in the world,
that all people may encounter your good news. Amen.*

SERMON “TEMPTATION”

Rev. Michele R. Goff

ASCRPTION OF PRAISE

**SOLO “THERE’S BEEN A CHANGE IN ME”
(from Beauty & the Beast)**

Joshua Allen

***INVITATION TO THE TABLE**

Everyone who thirsts, come to the waters;
let those who have no money come and eat.
**God will satisfy our souls with a rich feast,
and we will bless the Lord as long as we live.**

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - UNISON**

Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.21

**The reconciling work of Jesus
was the supreme crisis in the life of humankind.
His cross and resurrection become personal crisis
and present hope for women and men
when the gospel is proclaimed and believed.
In this experience,
the Spirit brings God’s forgiveness to all,
moves people to respond in faith,
repentance, and obedience,
and initiates the new life in Christ.**

***GREAT THANKSGIVING**

O God, Creator of our wilderness world,
O God, Savior of the lost,
O God, Comforter of the sick and suffering,
we give you thanks for your everlasting might;
we glorify you for your covenant of mercy.
For forty days you cleansed the earth with the waters of the flood.
[We praise you, O God. **We praise you, O God.**]
For forty days you illumined Moses with the words of your law.
[We praise you, O God. **We praise you, O God.**]
For forty years you fed your people with manna from heaven.
[We praise you, O God. **We praise you, O God.**]
You became truly human in Jesus our brother.
For forty days, with fasting and prayer,
he renounced the power of the devil.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

For the church, the world, and all in need,
let us pray to the Lord, saying: **God of grace, 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.*

CONFESSION

Kathy Porter

SILENT REFLECTION

(First in silence and then together)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION - UNISON

*Holy God, you call us to worship
and to serve only you.
Yet, when other things demand our attention,
we stray from the path Jesus tread.
We serve powers that privilege
the comfort of some over the well-being of many.
We serve a culture that values competition over collaboration.
We serve our own desires
without considering the needs of our neighbors.
Forgive us, Lord.
Send your Spirit to guide us back to you.
Free us from the clutches of sin and death
and draw us close,
that we might respond to the grace we know in Christ
and follow the ways of justice and righteousness.*

LORD HAVE MERCY

Kyrie Eleison

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Jimmy Chapman, CP

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! *Thanks be to God.*

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

*GLORIA PATRI #581

(...Jimmy continues.)

We extol his life. [Amen. **Amen.**]
We lament his death. [Amen. **Amen.**]
We celebrate his resurrection. [Amen. **Amen.**]
Transform us, O God, with your lively Spirit.
Make this food into manna for our journey,
the body and blood of your Son.
[Save us, O God. **Save us, O God.**]
Grant us with the Ninevites forty days of repentance.
[Save us, O God. **Save us, O God.**]
Teach us your words of wisdom and justice.
[Save us, O God. **Save us, O God.**]
Renew the whole earth with baptismal grace.
[Save us, O God. **Save us, O God.**]
At the last, lead all your pilgrim people
through our deserts to your Easter garden.
To you, O God, Creator, Savior, Comforter,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
be our worship and praise, adoration and thanksgiving,
now and forever. Amen. **Amen.**

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

COMMUNION MUSIC

*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION - UNISON

*Thank you, gracious God,
for giving us bread for the journey
of these forty days.
As we travel on through the wilderness,
help us to share your grace with others
and draw us ever closer to you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

— *Sending* —

*HYMN #724

"O JESUS, I HAVE PROMISED "

Bode, 1866

*BLESSING AND CHARGE

*CLOSING RESPONSE #205

"LIVE IN CHARITY"

Latin, 8th Century

POSTLUDE

Selected