

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

HENDERSON, TX

SUNDAY, MARCH 29, 2020 - FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT



GREETING

Rev. Michele R. Goff

OPENING SENTENCES

Thus says the Lord: "I will put my breath within you, and you shall live."

In gratitude, we praise the Giver of Life.

Jesus says: "I am the resurrection and the life.

In gratitude, we praise the Source of our Being.

We gather to worship the One who frees us from the grave and stirs dry bones to life.

Spirit, come and enliven our worship!

HYMN

"In the Bulb There is a Flower"

Sleeth, 1986

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, our redeemer, in our weakness we have failed to be your messengers of forgiveness and hope. Renew us by your Holy Spirit, that we may follow your commands and proclaim your reign of love; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Holy One, we have set our minds on wrong things—
on selfish gain, not generous service; on pursuits that distract, not inspire;
on tasks that diminish, rather than give, life.

We long to set our minds on eternal things—
on your way of mercy and compassion; on paths that lead to justice and peace;
on living as people of hope.

Spirit of God, dwell in us.

Give us grace when we fall short, transform our hearts and renew our minds,
and set us free to follow you faithfully.

Believe the good news:
The Lord of life unbinds our grave clothes, and frees us for new and abundant life.
In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! *Thanks be to God.*

SCRIPTURE

- A reading from **Ezekiel 37:1-14**
- A reading from **John 11:1-45**

We proclaim Christ crucified—the wisdom and power of God. *Thanks be to God.*

HOMILY

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DESCRIPTION OF PRAISE

In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ
we bend our knees and lift up our hearts,
giving glory to God forever. *Amen.*

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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.*

BLESSING AND CHARGE

Be watchful,
stand firm in your faith,
be courageous and strong.
Let all that you do be done in love. *Amen.*

HYMN

"Be Thou My Vision"

Byrne, 1905

