

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

HENDERSON, TX

APRIL 26, 2020 - THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER - EARTH DAY SUNDAY

— *Gathering* —

WELCOME

Rev. Michele R. Goff

OPENING SENTENCES

The heavens declare the glory of God.
The firmament proclaims God's handiwork.

The plants and trees show God's presence.
Let us join with creation in praising God.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

HYMN #15 (455)

"All Creatures of Our God and King"

Francis of Assisi, 1225

(Alternate hymn numbers are for the old blue hymnals.)

CONFESSION

*God of life,
You created us in your image
to care for one another and for all creation.
Forgive us for turning away from you,
ignoring the needs of our neighbors
and the cries of the earth.
As the sun brings light and warmth to this earth,
make us signs of your grace,
through Christ, our light and life, we pray.*

PARDON

Know that you are forgiven,
and be at peace
as you share that blessing with others
and care for this good earth,
that all creation may declare God's glory.
Thanks be to God.

PEACE

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



— *Word* —

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

Our epistle reading is from Peter's first letter, chapter 1, verses 17 through 23. Listen for the voice of the good shepherd, who calls you by name. Hear the word of the Lord.

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

GOSPEL

Our gospel lesson is from the gospel according to Luke chapter 24, verses 13 through 35. Hear the good news of the resurrection.

This is the good news which we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON

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DESCRIPTION OF PRAISE

— *Response* —

HYMN #14 (473)

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

Pierpoint, 1864

(Alternate hymn numbers are for the old blue hymnals.)

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.*

— *Sending* —

BLESSING AND CHARGE

May the One who creates us, go with and before us,
May the One who saves us, lead us into everlasting life,
May the One who gives us wisdom, guide us in the way of peace.
Alleluia!

Go and join the song of creation, singing out in praise to God.
Go and join the cries of creation, yearning for healing.
Go and work for the healing and wholeness of all the earth.
Amen.

HYMN #32 (288)

“I Sing the Mighty Power of God”

Watts, 1715

(Alternate hymn numbers are for the old blue hymnals.)



“Serving God, Honoring Creation, Embracing Differences”