# LORD'S PRAYER - UNISON

Our Father who art in heaven,....

# MUSIC

## **COMMUNION NOTE**

Rev. Michele R. Goff

Joshua Allen

Reminder: Communion will be VIRTUAL streaming on Facebook at 5:30 pm on Thursday. You may read along with the prayers that were included in your weekly mailer.

# **INVITATION TO OFFERING**

Your generosity in time, talent and treasure is witness to our deeply held values.

There is only one Lord and God, from whom all things come and for whom we live. Let us offer our lives to the Lord.

# PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Steve Lowe

BLESSING AND CHARGE

Rev. Michele R. Goff

Beloved children of God, receive the gift of the Holy Spirit, the grace of Jesus Christ, and the blessing of the Lord forever. **Alleluia!** 

— Sending —

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

POSTLUDE

Joshua Allen

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Serving God,

Honoring Creation,

**Embracing** Differences

Rev. Michele R. Goff	Pastor
Joshua Allen	Music Director
Stefen Kane	Admin Assist.



# First Presbyterian Church Henderson

5th Sunday After Epiphany

February 7, 2021



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Bold italic letters indicate congregational responses.

Service for the Lord's Day

— Gathering —

PRELUDE

**WELCOME** 

Joshua Allen

Rev. Michele R. Goff

Liturgist, Steve Lowe

# **OPENING SENTENCES**

Let us worship and sing praises to God,

for the Lord is gracious and worthy of praise!

God gathers the outcasts and heals the brokenhearted.

God gives the stars their names and makes grass grow on the hills.

Let us hope in God's steadfast love

and worship God together!

#### MUSIC

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Joshua Allen

Steve Lowe

# CONFESSION

Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

O God you bring healing to our lives and comfort to our hearts. Forgive us, O Lord, when we contribute to the things that break your heart. You would have us share our gifts with the world, but we keep our resources close and our minds closed. You would have us live in faithful community, but we isolate ourselves and eye our neighbors with mistrust. You would have us see all people as our siblings, but we try to separate ourselves from anyone whose existence challenges our comfort. Forgive us, O God, by your grace, and free us to be agents of your healing.

# ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Rev. Michele R. Goff

Steve Lowe

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

- Word -

# PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

Rev. Michele R. Goff Our first reading is from the prophet Isaiah chapter 40 verses 21 through 31. Speak to us, Lord, for your servants are listening.

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

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Our gospel lesson is from the gospel according to Mark chapter 1, verses 29 through 39. Hear the word of the Lord for us.

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

## SERMON

"To Heal. To Teach. To Serve"

Rev. Michele R. Goff

**ASCRIPTION OF PRAISE** 

— Response —

MUSIC

# PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Mindful of the many needs around us, we turn to God for help and healing, saying: To you, O God, we cry; *be gracious to us.* 

Ever seeking your glory, we pray for the church . . . Let all that we say and do be done for the sake of the gospel, sharing the blessing and joy of salvation. To you, O God, we cry; be gracious to us.

Ever seeking your glory, we pray for the world . . . Lift up the downtrodden, gather up the outcast, rebuild ruined cities, and heal this wounded planet, so that all people and creatures may praise you. To you, O God, we cry; be gracious to us.

Ever seeking your glory, we pray for this community . . . Show us how to help the neighbors who are gathered around our door, welcoming them with the love of Jesus. To you, O God, we cry; be gracious to us.

Ever seeking your glory, we pray for loved ones . . . Reach out to those who are sick or hurting. By your healing touch, lift them up so that they may live to serve you. To you, O God, we cry; be gracious to us.

Gracious God, turn our mourning into dancing and change our sorrow into joy, so that we may give you thanks and praise forever; through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen

Joshua Allen

Steve Lowe