

MUSIC

Joshua Allen

INVITATION TO OFFERING

Rev. Michele R. Goff

How does God’s love abide in anyone who has the world’s goods yet refuses to help a sister or brother in need? Remembering God’s great love for the world, let us offer our lives to the Lord.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Kathy Porter

Eternal God, take and use these gifts for your purpose in the world—giving food to the hungry, hope to the despairing, and new life to the dead. Teach us to live each day for you, so that future generations will know your goodness and praise your glory; in the name of Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

— *Sending* —

BLESSING AND CHARGE

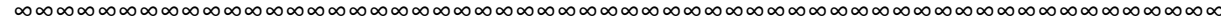
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May the love of the holy triune God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—abide with you forever. *Alleluia!*

Now go forth in Jesus’ name, remembering his new commandment to love one another, just as he has loved us. *Amen.*

POSTLUDE

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*Serving God,
Honoring Creation,
Embracing Differences*

Rev. Michele R. Goff.....Pastor
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Stefen Kane.....Admin Assist.



***First Presbyterian Church Henderson
Second Sunday of Easter***

April 11, 2021

Bold italic letters indicate congregational responses.

Service for the Lord's Day
— Gathering —

PRELUDE

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WELCOME

Rev. Michele R. Goff

OPENING SENTENCES

We worship in the Easter light,
for the shadow of death is no match for God’s love.
Let us join our voices with the disciple Thomas:
“My Lord and my God!”
Easter people, Christ is risen!
Christ is risen indeed!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Liturgist, Kathy Porter

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CONFESSION

The Spirit of God helps us in our weakness, interceding with sighs too deep for words.
Trusting in God’s grace, let us confess our sin together.
*O Christ,
you rose from the depths of suffering, from death itself,
to breathe peace upon your disciples.
Still, O Lord, we cannot trust your promise of peace.
Still, O Lord, we do not follow in the way of your love.
Forgive us when we fail to be people of resurrection.
Forgive us when we fail to recognize your grace.
Show us your hands and your feet once more,
and teach us to be your body in the world.*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Rev. Michele R. Goff

Hear the good news of God's promise:
I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh.
Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.
In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! **Thanks be to God.**

ALLELUIA!

Joshua Allen

— *Word* —

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Kathy Porter

SCRIPTURE

Our first New Testament reading is from the book of Acts chapter 4,
verses 32 through 35. O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord.

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

Our epistle reading is from First John chapter 1, verse 1 through chapter
2 verse 2. Hear the word of God for us.

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

GOSPEL

Rev. Michele R. Goff

Our gospel lesson today comes from the gospel according to John chapter
20, verses 19 through 31. Hear the word of God for us.

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

SERMON

Rev. Michele R. Goff

ASCRPTION OF PRAISE

— *Response* —

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AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Kathy Porter

Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.26

Let us affirm our faith together:

***Life in Christ is life eternal. The resurrection of Jesus is the sign
that God will consummate the work of creation and reconciliation
beyond death and bring to fulfillment the new life begun in
Christ.***

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

In the blessed hope of the resurrection, we pray to the
Lord of endless life, saying:
By your grace, O God, ***raise us from death to life.***

Life-giving God, we pray for the church . . .
Keep us faithful in the fellowship of Jesus Christ,
walking in the light of his life and love,
proclaiming the good news he has revealed.
By your grace, O God, ***raise us from death to life.***
Life-giving God, we pray for the world . . .
Enable the families of the earth to live together
in harmony and justice, in unity and peace,
so that all may know your blessing of abundant life.
By your grace, O God, ***raise us from death to life.***

Life-giving God, we pray for this community . . .
Let us be of one heart and one soul in you.
Take all that we have and hold in common
and distribute it for the good of those in need.
By your grace, O God, ***raise us from death to life.***

Life-giving God, we pray for loved ones . . .
Be present to all who need to know you are near.
Encourage those who struggle with doubt or despair.
Breathe among us with the power of your peace.
By your grace, O God, ***raise us from death to life.***

Eternal God, show forth in us and in our world
the good news of your saving power and love,
so that all may believe and have life in you;
through Jesus Christ, who is risen indeed. ***Amen.***

LORD'S PRAYER

***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.***