Bold italic letters indicate congregational responses.

## LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, ...

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**

Steve Lowe

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**

Rev. Michele R. Goff

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 Joshua Allen

Serving God,

Honoring Creation,

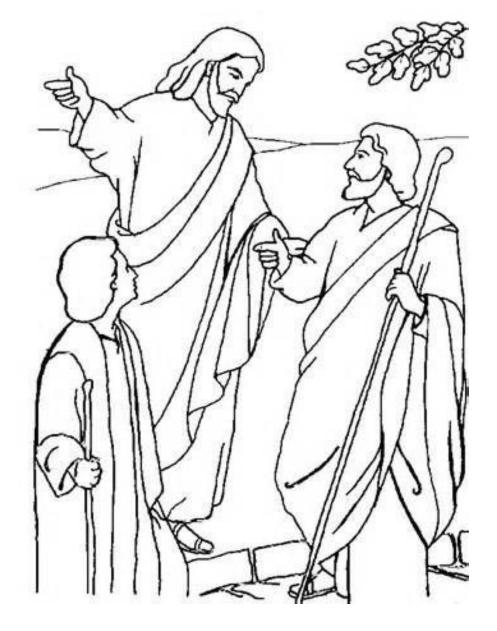
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## First Presbyterian Church Henderson Third Sunday of Easter April 18, 2021



# Service for the Lord's Day — Gathering —

**PRELUDE** 

Joshua Allen

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.

When the disciples were certain that Jesus was dead,

he stood among them and said, "Peace be with you."

Let us watch for the risen Christ this day,

bursting in with new life and new hope.

Easter people, Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed!

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Liturgist, Steve Lowe

Music Joshua Allen

## 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.

What love you have given us, O God,

that we should be called your children.

What love you have given us, O Christ,

that we should share a table with you.

Forgive us when we act as if we were your only children:

when we do not recognize your image

in the faces of strangers, enemies, or friends;

when we do not share our own tables,

forgetting that we need each other.

Forgive us, O Christ, maker of peace,

and teach us to follow in your way.

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.

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### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Rev. Michele R. Goff

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

## ALLELUIA! Joshua Allen

## - Word -

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Steve Lowe

#### **SCRIPTURE**

Our first New Testament reading is from the book of Acts chapter 3, verses 12 through 19. O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord.

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

Our next reading is Psalm 4. 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 3, verses 1 through 7. 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 for this morning comes from the gospel according to Luke chapter 24, verses 36 through 48. Hear the world 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 "Trust in Anxious Times"

Rev. Michele R. Goff

## **ASCRIPTION OF PRAISE**

## — Response —

## Music Joshua Allen

## **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Steve Lowe

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*.