

*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.*

**MUSICAL RESPONSE**

**Don't Be Afraid**

*Don't be afraid, my love is stronger,*

*My love is stronger than your fear.*

*Don't be afraid, my love is stronger*

*And I have promised, promised to be always near. (repeat)*

**INVITATION TO OFFERING**

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**\*DOXOLOGY #607**

**Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow**

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

*— Sending —*

**Rain Down**

**\*HYMN #48**

**\* BLESSING AND CHARGE**

May the God of peace make you holy in every way  
and keep your whole being— spirit, soul, and body—

free from every fault at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

**POSTLUDE**

**To God Be the Glory**

Joshua Allen



Rev. Michele R. Goff.....Pastor

Joshua Allen..... Music Director

Debbi Ricci.....Admin. Assist.



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Honoring Creation,  
Embracing Differences*



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**HENDERSON, TX**

**4th Sunday in Lent**

**March 27, 2022**

(\*) Please rise in body or in spirit  
*Bold Italic letters* indicate congregational response

— *Gathering* —

Softly and Tenderly

Joshua Allen  
Rev. Michele Goff

PRELUDE  
WELCOME

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

We are ambassadors for Christ.

*God has entrusted to us the message of reconciliation.*

We gather as God's beloved family  
to worship God and offer our praise.

*Let us join our hearts in song and in prayer.*

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**\*HYMN #415**

Come Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

*Holy God,  
we confess that we keep silent when we should speak.  
We see iniquity and the injustices of the world,  
yet are content not to call them out.  
We withhold kind words,  
yet are quick to speak in judgment.  
Forgive us, O God.  
Direct the way we should go  
and help us to use our voices  
to spread your grace and truth.*

**DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

Happy are those whose sin is forgiven.  
Be glad and rejoice, for in Christ, we are a new creation.  
*Thanks be to God!*

— *Word* —

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**FIRST TESTAMENT READING**

Joshua 5:9-12

Bible p. 188, LG p. 244

O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise.  
This is the word of the Lord.

**SECOND READING**

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

Bible p. 170-71, LG p. 221

Hear the word of the Lord.

All of this is from God, who entrusts us with the message of reconciliation.

*Thanks be to God.*

**GOSPEL**

Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

Bible p. 73-74, LG p. 95-96

The word of God for us.

The wisdom of God for the people of God.

*Thanks be to God.*

**SERMON**

**The Lost Son**

Rev. Michele Goff

**ASCRPTION OF PRAISE**

— *Response* —

**DUET**

**Testify to Love**

Stefen Kane and Joshua Allen

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

*Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.21*

*The reconciling work of Jesus  
was the supreme crisis in the life of humankind.  
His cross and resurrection become personal crisis  
and present hope for everyone  
when the gospel is proclaimed and believed.  
In this experience,  
the Spirit brings God's forgiveness to all,  
moves people to respond in faith,  
repentance, and obedience,  
and initiates the new life in Christ.*

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Jesus, remember us  
when you come into your kingdom.  
Your kingdom come, *your will be done...*

fill our bodies with the life that is Christ within us.  
In his holy name we pray. *Amen.*

**LORD'S PRAYER**

*Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come,*