

With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

— Response —

***HYMN #802** *The King of Love My Shepherd Is (v.1-4)*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (see insert)

THE 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.*

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY *How Beautiful Heaven Must Be*

DOXOLOGY #607

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow
Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore.*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

— Sending —

HYMN #547 *Go, My Children, with My Blessing*

BLESSING AND CHARGE

POSTLUDE *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

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Joshua Allen..... Music Director
Debbi Ricci.....Admin. Assist.



*Serving God,
Honoring Creation,
Embracing Differences*



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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

HENDERSON, TX

4th Sunday of Easter—Mothers' Day

May 8, 2022

<https://theorthodoxlife.files.wordpress.com/2013/11/moses-in-a-basket.jpg>

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

— *Gathering* —

PRELUDE

In the Garden

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Kenny Rigoulot

MINUTE FOR MISSION *(see insert)*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist: Carol Scoggins

Based on Themes from Psalm 139

Today, we are giving thanks to God for the gift of mothers and those who nurture others.

Isaiah wrote that God is like a mother to us, comforting and carrying us in her arms:

“As a mother comforts her child, so will I comfort you...” (Isa. 66:13)

Loving Lord, thank you for your tender care.

Isaiah also wrote that God would never forget us. God knows each of us, like a mother knows her own children: *“Can a woman forget her nursing-child, or show no compassion for the child of her womb? Even these may forget, yet I will not forget you.”* (Isa. 49:15)

Loving Lord, thank you for your tender care.

David wrote that in God's presence, he was quiet and at peace, trusting his mother God like a child safe in loving arms: *“But I have calmed and quieted my soul, like a weaned child with its mother; my soul is like the weaned child that is with me.”* (Ps. 131:2)

Loving Lord, thank you for your tender care.

Jesus spoke of himself as a mother, longing to wrap his arms around us, like a mother hen gathers her chicks under her wings: *“O Jerusalem, Jerusalem...how often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you were not willing.”* (Matt. 23:37)

Loving Lord, thank you for your tender care.

Paul writes about his missionary ministry and compares his work to that of a nurse who looks after those in her care: *“...but we were gentle among you, like a mother caring for her little children.”* (1 Thess. 2:7)

Loving Lord, thank you for your tender care.

PRAYER OF ADORATION

HYMN # 248

Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna!

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Heavenly Father, it is your will that the whole human family live in peace. With heavy hearts, we confess that we have not yet managed to live in peace within our own families. Those who love us best, we often treat the worst. Too often we take their love for granted. We have been short-tempered and inconsiderate. We expect them to please us, but do not bother trying to please them. We have withheld truths that needed to be heard. We have made stupid threats and cruel comments. We have held on to old grudges rather than pursue healing and forgiveness. Forgive us and help us to find the strength and courage to ask for and extend forgiveness to those within our family, community, country, and around the world.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

— *Word* —

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 12:46-50

Bible p. 13, LG p. 16

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 1:8-2:10

Bible p. 47, LG p. 61

SERMON

The Boy Who Lives (and Those Who Save Him)

Rev. Kenny Rigoulot

DESCRIPTION OF PRAISE

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Excerpts from “The Brief Statement of Faith – Presbyterian Church (USA)”

In life and death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one true God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.