

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 Peace, Salaam, Shalom Ensemble

*DOXOLOGY #607

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

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*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* —

*HYMN #749 We Are Called (Come! Live in the Light!)

*BLESSING AND CHARGE

Christ is risen! *Christ is risen!* Christ is risen! *He is risen indeed!*
Believe what you have witnessed and run to the others,
joyfully shouting, "I have seen the Lord!" *Alleluia! Amen!*

POSTLUDE Peace, Salaam, Shalom Joshua Allen

Rev. Michele R. Goff.....Pastor
Joshua Allen..... Music Director
Debbi Ricci.....Admin. Assist.



*Serving God,
Honoring Creation,
Embracing Differences*



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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

HENDERSON, TX

5th Sunday of Easter

May 15, 2022

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

— *Gathering* —

PRELUDE There Shall Be Showers of Blessing

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Praise the Lord, all the earth!

*Praise the Lord from the heavens;
praise the Lord in the heights.*

Praise the name of the Lord, and the Lord's glory shall be praised,

*for people near and people far,
for people present and people to come,
for the young and for those wise with age.*

Come, let us praise the Lord; come, let us worship God.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

*HYMN #238

Thine Is the Glory

CONFESSION

*Holy God,
you command us to love one another,
yet we hold grudges and refuse to work for peace.
You command us to care for all of creation,
yet we neglect the earth
and abuse nature through carelessness.
You command us to walk in the ways of Jesus,
yet we too often walk our own way.
Forgive us, O God.
Guide us as we work toward
a new heaven here on earth.
Lead us to reconciliation
and a vision for your beloved community,
as we share your love with your people everywhere.*

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Know that you are forgiven, and be at peace. *Thanks be to God!*

*RESPONSE #587

Celtic Alleluia

— *Word* —

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 11:1-18

(Bible p. 122, LG p. 158)

O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 148

(Bible p. 550, LG p. 716)

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

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL

John 13:31-35

(Bible p. 102, LG p. 132)

Hear the word of God for us.

The wisdom of God for the people of God. *Thanks be to God.*

SERMON

Love Without Distinction

ASCRIPTION OF PRAISE

— *Response* —

*HYMN #753 Prayer of St. Francis (Make Me a Channel of Your Peace)

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.26

*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 INTERCESSION

Rejoicing in God's promise of new creation,
let us pray to the Maker of heaven and earth,
saying: God of new life, *hear our prayer...*

Gracious God, keep us working and praying
for the coming of your holy realm of peace,
when we will share abundant life with you;
through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. **Amen.**