

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 *We Walk in Love* 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

*We give you thanks and praise, O God,
for you have chosen the poverty of the world to make your people rich in faith.
Help us to put our faith into practice through the offering of our lives—
giving food to the hungry, clothes to the naked,
and shelter to the poor; all for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord,
your Word made flesh. Amen.*

— Sending —

*HYMN #649 *Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound*

*BLESSING AND CHARGE

The blessing of the one God—Spirit, Son, and Father— be with you now and always.

Alleluia!

Lead a life worthy of your calling, giving glory to God in all things. **Amen.**

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE HYMN #80 *The Trees of the Field*

*POSTLUDE *My Tribute* Joshua Allen

You may sit after the light passes you in the aisle.



*Serving God,
Honoring Creation,
Embracing Differences*



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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
HENDERSON, TX

14th Sunday after Pentecost

September 11, 2022



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

— Gathering —

PRELUDE *The Lord is My Light (Allitsen)* Joshua Allen

WELCOME Rev. Michele Goff

*CALL TO WORSHIP Liturgist: Claudia Morgan-Gray

Crowds gathered to hear Jesus speak of pain—
the pain of losing something precious.

Crowds gathered to hear Jesus speak of joy—
the joy of finding what was lost.

We gather to hear Jesus speak words of truth, words of power, words of love.
Speak now, O Lord, for your servants are listening.

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***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Almighty God,
you call your church to witness that in Christ we are reconciled to you.
Help us so to proclaim the good news of your love,
that all who hear it may turn to you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

***HYMN #692** Spirit, Open My Heart

CONFESSION

Let the sound of our confession cause celebration in heaven:

*Create in us clean hearts, O God, cast out any transgression you find there—
ransack, renovate, redecorate!
Deep in our hearts, remove fearful features
and restore your original design.
The old lamps are dim; bring new light into the darkness.
Make your dwelling place deep in our hearts,
and teach us wisdom, so the hearts you transform may rejoice.*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ came into the world to save sinners. Believe the gospel. *In Jesus Christ we are redeemed.*

***GLORIA PATRI #581**

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen,
amen.*

— Word —

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST TESTAMENT READING Jeremiah 4: 11,12,22-28 Bible p. 660-661, LG p. 859-860

The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. Listen to the word of the Lord.

SECOND TESTAMENT READING 1 Timothy 1: 12-17 Bible p. 196, LG p. 253

Listen to the word of the Lord.

Keep these words in your heart. The Lord is our God, the Lord alone.

GOSPEL Luke 15: 1-10 Bible p. 73, LG p. 95

Hear God's wisdom for us.

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

SERMON **Lost & Blind, or Found?** Rev. Michele Goff

DESCRIPTION OF PRAISE

To the Lord our God, Alpha and Omega, be all glory and honor forever. **Amen.**

— Response —

SOLO

Untitled Hymn

Stefen Kane

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.32-33

*The life, death, resurrection, and promised coming of Jesus Christ
has set the pattern for the church's mission.
His human life involves the church in the common life of all people.
His service to men and women commits the church
to work for every form of human well-being.
His suffering makes the church sensitive to all human suffering
so that it sees the face of Christ in the faces of persons in every kind of need.
His crucifixion discloses to the church God's judgment on the inhumanity
that marks human relations, and the awful consequences
of the church's own complicity in injustice.
In the power of the risen Christ and the hope of his coming,
the church sees the promise of God's renewal of human life in society
and of God's victory over all wrong.
The church follows this pattern in the form of its life and in the method of its action.
So to live and serve is to confess Christ as Lord.*

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

In remembrance of the tragedy on 9/11 and the way it has impacted our lives in America, we offer this prayer of peace.

We hold in our hearts the many people and nations currently caught in battles over land, terrorism, civil war, and sectarian violence.

People of God, for the sake of the world that God so loves, let us pray.

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem.

*We pray for peace in every nation—
that people will turn their swords into plowshares
and their spears into pruning hooks and study war no more.*

Pray for the peace of the church.

*We pray for peace in Christ's body— put an end to fear and fighting,
and help us to proclaim in word and action the good news of salvation to all.*

Pray for the peace of this community.

*We pray for peace in this place— for safety in our homes and streets,
for the prosperity of our neighbors, and for the health of family and friends.*

God of the future, make us ready for the coming of your reign,
when you will bring everlasting peace and renew the face of the earth;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.