

LORD'S PRAYER

*Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as 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 Lord, Make Us Instruments Ensemble

***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. Amen.*

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

*God of glory, as people brought gifts to the infant Jesus, we bring our gifts to you.
May these gifts be used to lift up those who are oppressed,
to bring deliverance to those who are in need, to support those who are poor,
and to help those who are in trouble. Amen.*

— Sending —

***HYMN #747** The Lord Now Sends Us Forth

***BLESSING AND CHARGE**

Beloved children of God, receive the gift of the Holy Spirit,
the grace of Jesus Christ, and the blessing of the Lord forever. **Alleluia!**
As Jesus called the first disciples, so he calls to us this day: Follow me. **Amen.**

POSTLUDE Love Divine, All Loves Excelling (Zundel) Joshua Allen

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



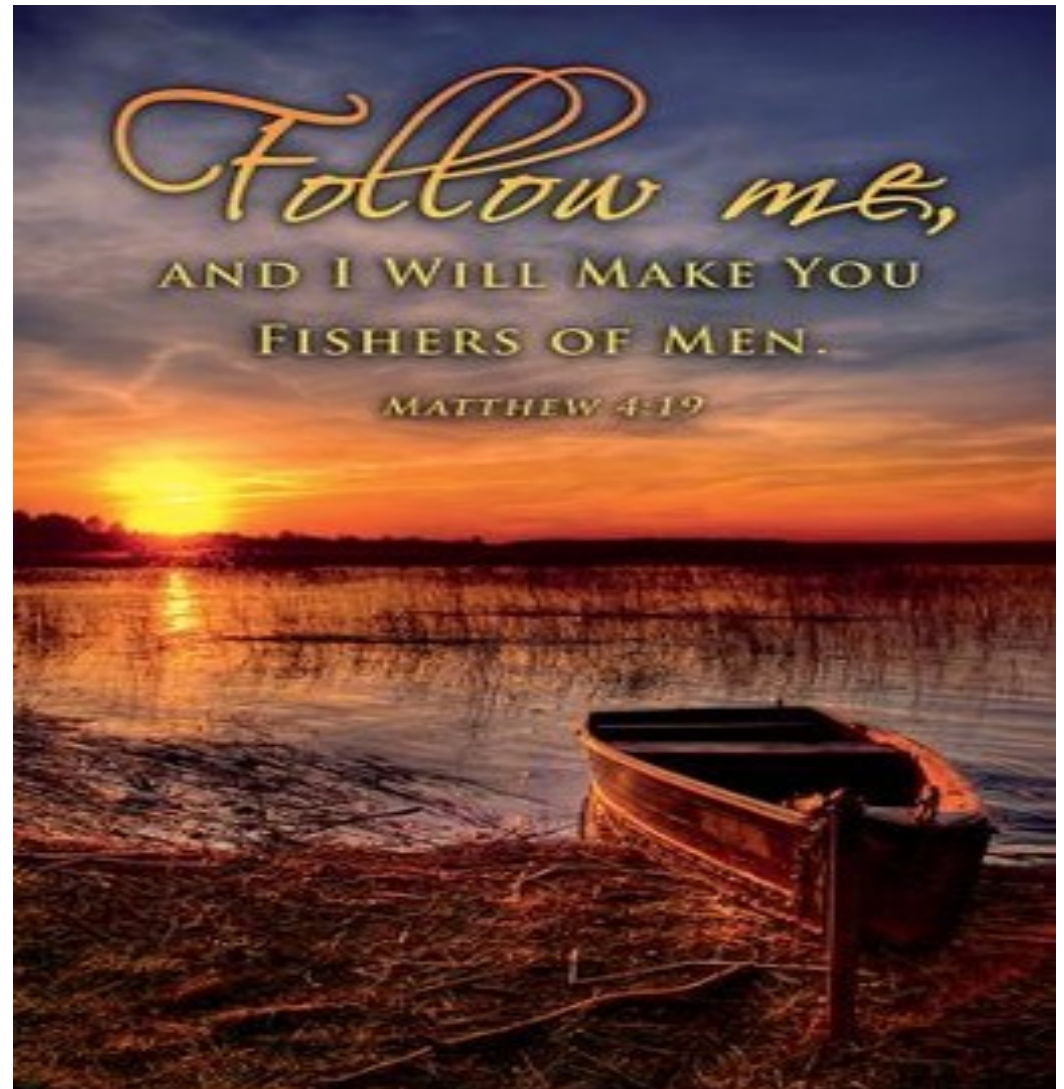
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Joshua Allen.....Music Director
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*Serving God,
Honoring Creation,
Embracing Differences*



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HENDERSON, TX**

**3rd Sunday after Epiphany
January 22, 2023**

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

— Gathering —

Shine, Jesus, Shine

Joshua Allen

PRELUDE

WELCOME

Rev. Michele Goff

*OPENING SENTENCES

Liturgist: Carol Scoggins

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

As we behold the beauty of God's temple, we see God's face.

God is our shelter and our shade.

We will sing to the God of our salvation!

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

*HYMN #721

Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore

CONFESSION

Christ calls us to follow, knowing that we are human.

Jesus knows we are not perfect.

He knows we will not always get it right.

All he asks is that we try, learn, and try again.

Let us go to God, telling how we have tried and failed,

that God may teach us what we must learn.

Christ, our Messiah,

you call us to fish for people,

but we are hesitant to leave our boats.

We are afraid to let go of the things we hoard,

believing they make us secure.

We are afraid to put our trust in you,

afraid to follow, afraid we will fail.

Forgive us.

Transform our fear into faithfulness,

and enable us to walk with you,

that we may be part of your work in the world.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Just as Jesus called the disciples, so Christ calls us.

Forgiven of our sin and freed to serve, let us answer Christ's call.

Christ calls us, forgives us, heals us, and teaches us. Thanks be to God!

*GLORIA #582,v1

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,

and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,

and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

— Word —

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 9:1-4

Bible p. 600, LG p. 780-781

Speak to us, Lord, for your servants are listening.

SECOND TESTAMENT READING

1 Corinthians 1:10-18

Bible p. 155-156, LG p. 201-202

The word of the Lord for us.

A new teaching, with authority! ***Thanks be to God.***

GOSPEL

Matthew 4:12-23

Bible p. 3, LG p. 4

Hear God's wisdom for us.

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

SERMON

Follow Me

Rev. Michele Goff

DESCRIPTION OF PRAISE

To the Lord who speaks to us, strengthens us,

and blesses us with peace, be all glory and honor forever. **Amen.**

— Response —

*HYMN #169

Dear Lord and Father of Mankind

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.15

God's sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of the human mind.

Human thought ascribes to God

superlatives of power, wisdom, and goodness.

But God reveals divine love in Jesus Christ

by showing power in the form of a servant,

wisdom in the folly of the cross,

and goodness in receiving sinful men and women.

The power of God's love in Christ to transform the world

discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator

who made all things to serve the purpose of God's love.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

We approach God in prayer not as strangers,

but as beloved children, baptized in Christ Jesus.

Lord, in your mercy, ***hear our prayer.***

... These things we pray in the name of Jesus,
your beloved Child, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**