

*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 Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus 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 #611 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

\*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 Jubilate (Kernoff) Joshua Allen

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

*†Black History Month: See hymnal note for this hymn that lifts up the contribution of African American Spirituals to the Church's life of worship.*



**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
HENDERSON, TX**

**Transfiguration of the Lord**

**7th Sunday after Epiphany  
February 19, 2023**



*Serving God,  
Honoring Creation,  
Embracing Differences*



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

— *Gathering* —

**Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain**

Joshua Allen

**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME**

Rev. Michele Goff

**\*OPENING SENTENCES**

Liturgist: John Tieken

The day has dawned, the morning star rises in our hearts.

***We witness the glory of Christ!***

God speaks to us in cloud and flame, in mysterious words and dazzling visions.

***We witness the glory of Christ!***

The Lord loves justice and equity, and is exalted over all the people.

***We witness the glory of Christ!***

***Praise the Lord!***

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**\*HYMN #66**

***†Every Time I Feel the Spirit***

**CONFESSION**

***God of compassion, in Jesus Christ you reveal the light of your glory,  
but we turn away, distracted by our own plans.***

***We confess that we speak when we should listen, and act when we should wait.***

***Forgive our aimless enthusiasms.***

***Grant us wisdom to live in your light and to follow in the way of your beloved Son,  
Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.***

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

The one who calls light out of darkness now shines in our hearts to reveal the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! ***What a wonder! Alleluia!***

**\*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.***

— *Word* —

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**FIRST TESTAMENT READING**

Exodus 24:12-18

Bible p. 68, LG p. 87-88

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

This is the word of the Lord. ***Thanks be to God.***

**SECOND TESTAMENT READING**

2 Peter 1:16-21

Bible p. 222, LG p. 287

Hear the word of the Lord.

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

**GOSPEL**

Matthew 17:1-9

Bible p. 17-18, LG p. 22-23

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

**SERMON**

**Overcome by Fear**

Rev. Michele Goff

**ASCRPTION 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 #450**

**Be Thou My Vision**

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.08

***In Jesus of Nazareth, true humanity was realized once for all.***

***Jesus, a Palestinian Jew, lived among his own people***

***and shared their needs, temptations, joys, and sorrows.***

***He expressed the love of God in word and deed***

***and became a brother to all kinds of sinful men and women.***

***But his complete obedience led him into conflict with his people.***

***His life and teaching judged their goodness,***

***religious aspirations, and national hopes.***

***Many rejected him and demanded his death.***

***In giving himself freely for them, he took upon himself the judgment***

***under which everyone stands convicted.***

***God raised him from the dead, vindicating him as Messiah and Lord.***

***The victim of sin became victor, and won the victory over sin and death for all.***

**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.***

... As you have called us to listen to Christ,  
Help us to always heed his word and seek his will.  
These things we pray in the name of Jesus,  
your beloved Child, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

**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.***