

**INVITATION TO OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY**

**It is Well with My Soul (arr. Colvin)**

**\*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**

*Great and righteous God,  
we bring these gifts together as a tangible representation  
of our commitment to your work here on earth.  
We know you are interested in the flourishing of life and creation,  
and we are a part of this creation project when we work together.  
So take these gifts and offerings and multiply them  
so love and justice might expand among us and in our community.  
Thank you for the abundance you already share with us each day  
because you are a faithful God. Amen.*

— *Sending* —

**\*HYMN #166**

**Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days**

**CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

Teach the wisdom you have, and seek teachers for the wisdom you do not yet possess.  
Go forth from this place and be blessed in wisdom, in years,  
and in divine and human favor. **Amen.**

**POSTLUDE**

**Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring**

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**

**1st Sunday in Lent**

**February 26, 2023**

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(\* Please rise in body or in spirit

*Bold Italic Letters* indicate congregational response

— Gathering —

God of Grace, and God of Glory

Joshua Allen

PRELUDE

WELCOME

Rev. Michele Goff

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist: Kelly Weaver

Beloved children of God, come to worship our creator and friend!

***Here we are, from the soles of our feet to the souls within us. We are here to worship.***

Come, siblings in Christ, and attend this gathering with your body, mind, and spirit. Be fully present with us today.

***From head to toe, inside and out, from our prayers to our thoughts to our dreams, we are present to worship.***

And if our minds wander, our bodies fidget, or our spirits grow drowsy, what shall we do?

***We shall worship in wandering, fidgeting, and drowsiness, for we can find God in our very breath. Come now, let us worship!***

\*PRAYER OF THE DAY

\*HYMN #462

I Love to Tell the Story

CONFESSION

***Merciful One, we are so easily tempted.***

***We turn away from your word so quickly.***

***We seek anything that claims to save us from discomfort, inconvenience, pain, fear, and emptiness.***

***But these are false idols, dissolving in the wind.***

***You are our true hope and salvation, our hiding place, our guide, our guardian.***

***We confess our transgressions to you: forgive our sins.***

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Be glad in the Lord and rejoice! God does not count our sins against us, but offers us a free gift of righteousness. ***Thanks be to God!***

\*GLORIA# 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 OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7

Bible p. 2-3, LG p. 2-3

O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise.

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

SECOND TESTAMENT READING

Romans 5:12-19

Bible p. 145-146, LG p. 189

Hear the word of the Lord.

We proclaim Christ crucified—the wisdom and power of God. ***Thanks be to God.***

GOSPEL

Matthew 4:1-11

Bible p. 3, LG p. 3-4

Hear God's wisdom for us.

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

SERMON

One of Us

Rev. Michele Goff

ASCRPTION OF PRAISE

— Response —

\*HYMN #175

Seek Ye First

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.21*

***The reconciling work of Jesus***

***was the supreme crisis in the life of humankind.***

***His cross and resurrection become personal crisis***

***and present hope for women and men***

***when the gospel is proclaimed and believed.***

***In this experience,***

***the Spirit brings God's forgiveness to all,***

***moves people to respond in faith,***

***repentance, and obedience,***

***and initiates the new life in Christ.***

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Creator God. . .

For those who are suffering in our midst, ***we pray for relief.***

For those who are overworked and exhausted, ***we pray for rest.***

For those grieving losses of life or situation, ***we pray for comfort.***

For the ways we find ourselves at peace, well-rested, joyful, or well-resourced,

***we pray you would enlarge our generosity to share, serve, give,***

***and make room so you might be glorified among us. 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.***

***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.***