

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 **Dona Nobis Pacem (Hobson)** 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**

*Holy God, we bring you our offerings and gifts. We desire that our faith community
would be a place of safe refuge for all who need rest and restoration. We pray our
leaders and elders would steward these gifts with wisdom so many may be blessed in
your name. May the Spirit of Christ inspire us to keep giving throughout this season of
Lent. Amen.*

— Sending —

***HYMN #803** **My Shepherd Will Supply My Need**

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE **I Stand Amazed in the Presence of Jesus**

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

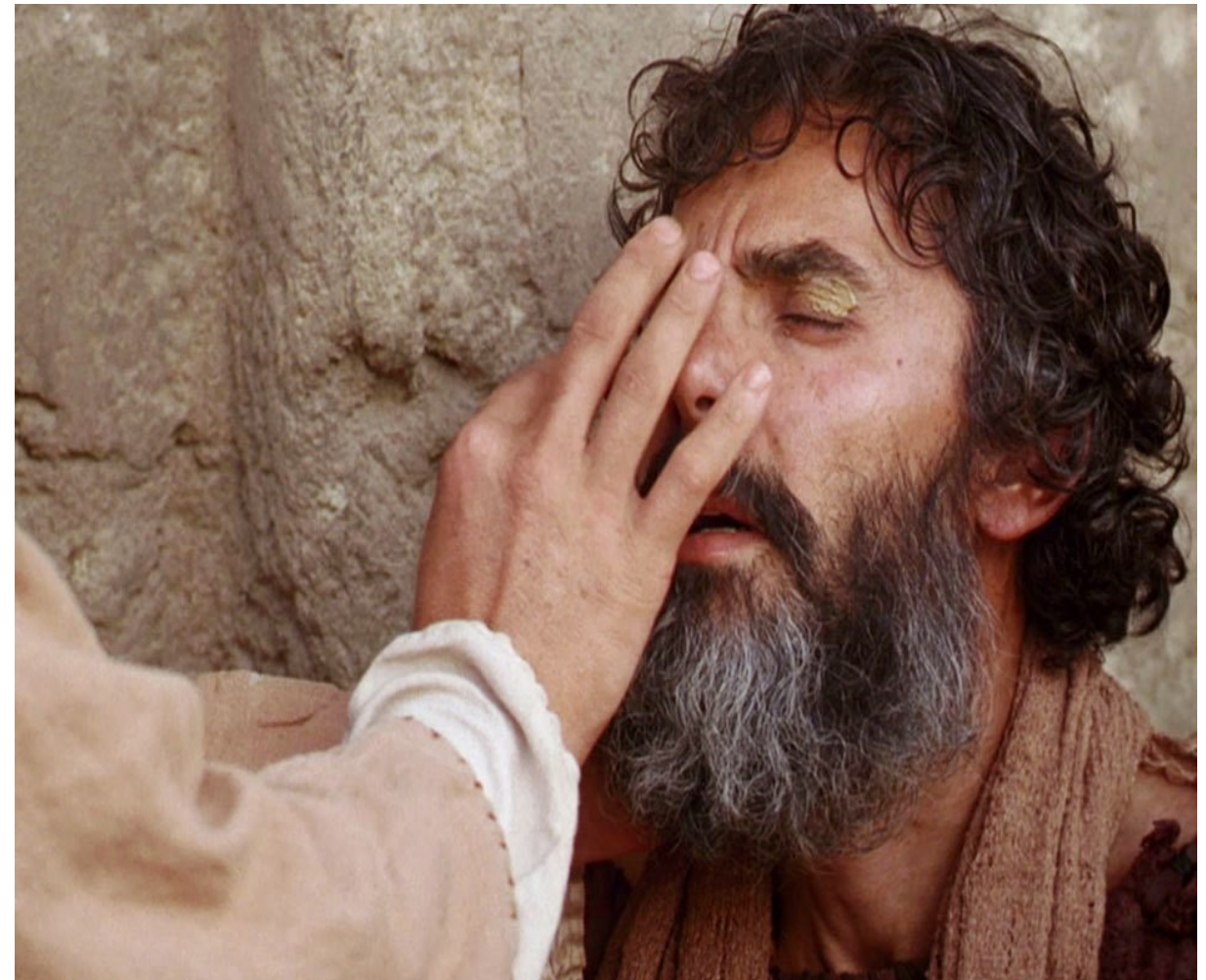
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*Serving God,
Honoring Creation,
Embracing Differences*



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**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
HENDERSON, TX**

**4th Sunday in Lent
March 19, 2023**

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(* Please rise in body or in spirit

Bold Italic Letters indicate congregational response

— Gathering —

Open the Eyes of My Heart

Joshua Allen

PRELUDE

WELCOME

Rev. Michele Goff

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist: Claudia Morgan-Gray

Draw as close as you dare, children of God. Press into community and fellowship.

For Christ is found, not only in solitude but in the noise and chaos of the crowd.

Draw close and press in, for together in worship, we truly become the body of Christ.

Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many.

There is a time to find God by ourselves and a time to find God together.

We gather as a community of saints to praise and worship our God in unity.

Come, let us worship!

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

*Hymn #744

Arise, Your Light is Come!

CONFESSION

Let us confess our sins of trespassing boundaries together.

Holy and righteous God, you taught us to treat one another as we would like to be treated and to honor one another. Therefore, we believe in bodily autonomy, consent, and privacy, because we know you have endowed each person with the right to decide how close or how known they want to be. But we have not always respected bodily autonomy, consent, and privacy.

We listened in when we should have walked away.

We hugged or kissed when we should have asked for permission.

We gave gifts when we were asked to refrain.

We stayed late when we should have left on time.

We gave advice when we were not asked.

We spoke words of judgment about someone else's situation.

We shared secrets that were not ours to share.

We embarrassed someone for a laugh.

We shamed someone for a few more clicks.

We posted or commented when we should have been silent.

God, we have trespassed boundaries. Please forgive our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. May we learn to love each other better and more carefully. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends and siblings in Christ, though we may have work to do to repair our relationships, we can rest in the assurance we are forgiven by God. Let us go forth in peace, facing our

consequences with determination and obedience. ***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

1 Samuel 16:1-13

Bible p. 248, LG p. 322

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

The word of the Lord. ***Thanks be to God.***

PSALM READING

Psalm 23

Bible p. 474-475, Lg p. 617

Hear the word of the Lord.

The word of the Lord. ***Thanks be to God.***

SECOND TESTAMENT READING

Ephesians 5:8-14

Bible p. 183, LG p. 237

Hear the word of the Lord.

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

YOUNG CHRISTIANS' MOMENT

GOSPEL

John 9:1-41

Bible p. 96-97, LG p. 125-126

Hear God's word for us.

The wisdom and power of God. ***Thanks be to God.***

SERMON

None of the Above

Rev. Michele Goff

ASCRPTION OF PRAISE

— Response —

*HYMN #795

Healer of Our Every Ill

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.31

To be reconciled to God is to be sent into the world as God's reconciling community. This community, the church universal, is entrusted with God's message of reconciliation and shares God's labor of healing the enmities which Separate people from God and from each other. Christ has called the church to this mission and given it the Gift of the Holy Spirit. The church maintains continuity with the apostles and with Israel by faithful obedience to his call.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

In Christ Jesus, we have a great high priest who knows our weakness and suffering; therefore, with boldness, let us seek God's grace. Lord, in your mercy, ***hear our prayer.***

...in the name of our great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Savior. ***Amen.***