

*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.*

— Eucharist —

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY I'VE JUST SEEN JESUS (GAITHER) Duet, Stefen Kane, Tenor

***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**

*Gracious God, there is no greater love than the love you showed us through Jesus,
who lived and walked among us. Now, as Jesus is seated at your right hand, we
celebrate the never-ending, abundant life of Easter. We cannot repay you, and we
cannot respond with perfect behavior, because we are human and all we have is
yours. We respond with our offerings and gifts, knowing you will multiply them and
use them to further your reign of love and justice on earth. You take our best attempts
at generosity and create something beautiful. Receive them today, and grant us
wisdom to use them in our community. Amen.*

(see insert)

— Sending —

***HYMN #157** Lord of the Dance (I Danced in the Morning)

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

Christ is risen!

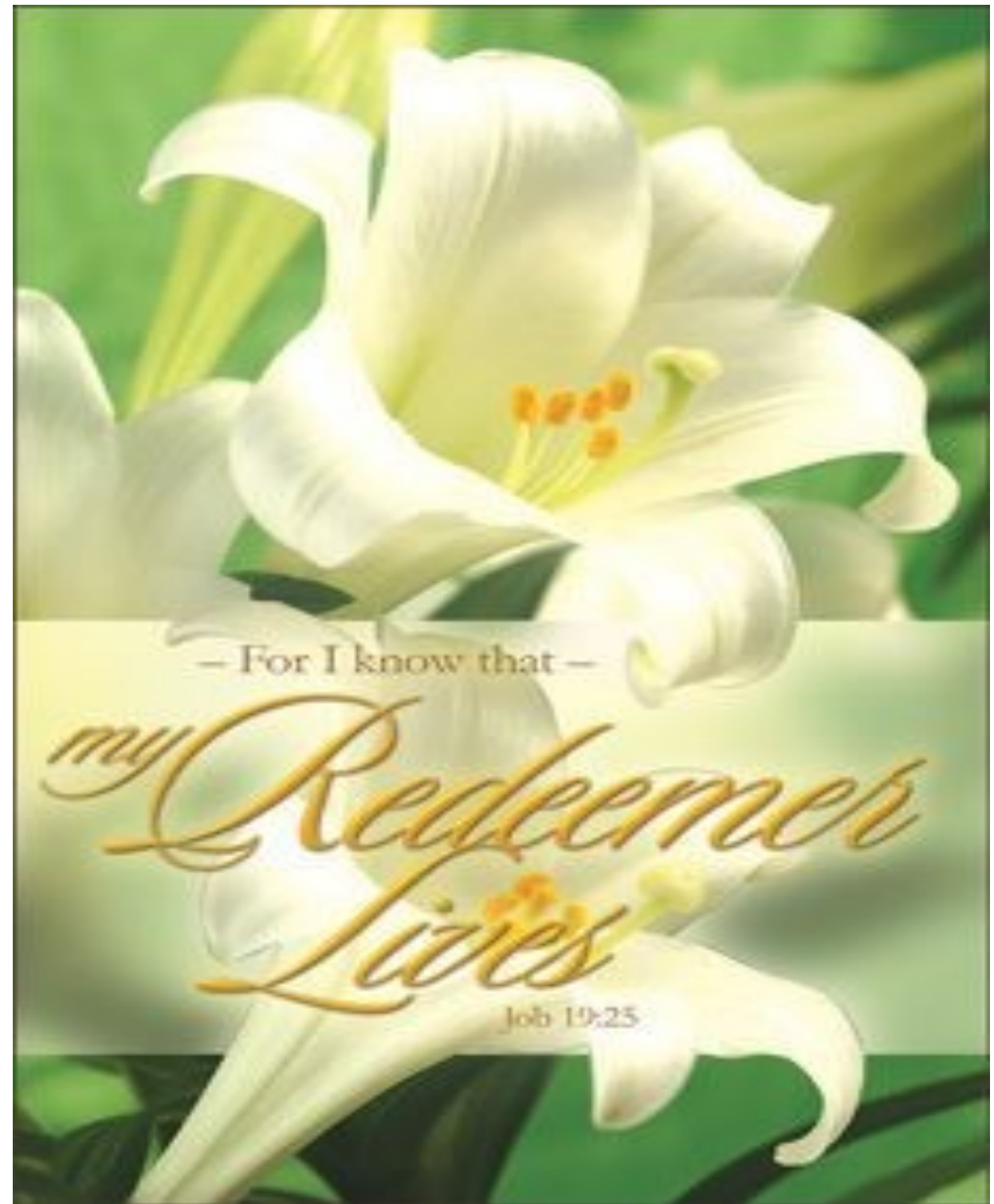
Christ is risen, indeed!

POSTLUDE BWV 866 (J.S. BACH) Joshua Allen

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



*Serving God,
Honoring Creation,
Embracing Differences*



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

HENDERSON, TX

Resurrection of the Lord

April 9, 2023

(* Please rise in body or in spirit

Bold Italic Letters indicate congregational response

— *Gathering* —

BWV 217 (J.S. Bach)

Joshua Allen

PRELUDE

***OPENING HYMN #245**

Christ the Lord is Risen Today

WELCOME

Rev. Michele Goff

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Liturgist: Kathy Porter

The clouds are breaking, a new day is dawning, and there is a soft rumble in the earth. Christ is risen! ***Christ is risen, indeed!***

The stone has been rolled away! The tomb is empty! Christ is risen! ***Christ is risen, indeed!***

After three days in the cold, still silence of the grave, Jesus is not here. Christ is risen! ***Christ is risen, indeed!***

The empire tried to stop him. Death was powerless to contain him. Evil could not destroy him. Christ is risen! ***Christ is risen, indeed!***

Christ is risen! ***Christ is risen, indeed!***

Christ is risen! ***Christ is risen, indeed! Hallelujah!***

***OPENING PRAYER**

CONFESSION

Therefore, let us bring them before God in confession.

Resurrected Christ, there is nothing we can do to deserve the grace you give us.

There is no way we can earn your love, there is no way we can be worthy of your forgiveness.

And yet you shower these mercies on us.

You, who have taken away the sting of death, meet us where we are, in our doubt and fear, in our regrets and shame, in our delight and awe.

Meet us here in this place, and call us once again to trust in you.

RESPONSE

O Love (Hagenberg)

Ensemble

Lyrics (to a different tune) can be found in the Glory to God Hymnal #833

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God says to us, I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you. ***Christ says to us, Do not be afraid.***

We need not fear; we are forgiven, we are loved, we are redeemed! ***Alleluia!***

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***CELTIC ALLELUIA #587**

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

— *Word* —

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 10:34-43

Bible p. 121, LG p. 157-158

O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord.

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

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Colossians 3:1-4

Bible p. 190, LG p. 249

Hear God's word for us.

This is the good news which we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved. ***Thanks be to God.***

GOSPEL

Matthew 28:1-10

Bible p. 32, LG p. 41

Hear God's wisdom for us.

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

SERMON

Good News

Rev. Michele Goff

ASCRPTION OF PRAISE

— *Response* —

***HYMN #248**

Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna!

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.26*

Life in Christ is life eternal.

The resurrection of Jesus is the sign that God will consummate the work of creation and reconciliation beyond death and bring to fulfillment the new life begun in Christ.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Spirit of the Risen Christ,

on this blessed day of resurrection, when we celebrate the miracle of new life, we have a renewed sense of expectation and hope for the circumstances, struggles, and trials within our community and the world.

There is nothing outside the scope of your redemption, and we trust you to carry us along this journey. With resurrection hope, we pray... ***Living God, hear our prayer.***

... We pray you would redeem, heal, inspire, save, shelter, and comfort your people in desperate places, for to you there are no lost causes. ***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;