

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY Jesus Loves Me Stefen Kane

\*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 God, to you we give our thanks; your steadfast love endures forever.  
With gratitude we bring our gifts to you.  
Bless us and our gifts, that our lives and our resources  
may be a source of healing and hope, of joy and justice in our world. Amen.

— Sending —

\*HYMN #547 Go, My Children, with My Blessing

\*BLESSING AND CHARGE

May the love of the holy triune God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—  
abide with you forever. **Alleluia!**

Now go forth in Jesus’ name, remembering his new commandment  
to love one another, just as he has loved us. **Amen.**

Postlude My Tribute Joshua Allen

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



Rev. Michele R. Goff.....Pastor  
Joshua Allen.....Music Director  
Debbi Ricci.....Admin. Assist.



Serving God,  
Honoring Creation,  
Embracing Differences



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
HENDERSON, TX

2nd Sunday of Easter  
April 16, 2023

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

— Gathering —

PRELUDE Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee (arr. Berry) Joshua Allen  
WELCOME Guest Preacher: Rev. Jerry Carpenter  
\*CALL TO WORSHIP Liturgist: John Tieken

The good news resounds:  
*Christ is risen! Alleluia!*  
We celebrate the God who is our refuge.  
*In God's presence there is gladness and rest.*  
God is always before us;  
*we shall not be shaken.*

\*PRAYER OF THE DAY

\*HYMN #238 Thine is the Glory

CONFESSION  
*Embodied God, you pour out your Holy Spirit upon us,  
imbuing us with the grace and patience that you have shown to us time and again.  
We experience your presence,  
but are quick to judge those who do not believe as we do.  
We look down on those who ask for proof, we scorn those who scoff at our faith.  
Forgive us and soften our hearts.  
Remind us of our own human doubts, that we might have compassion for all  
and freely share your grace.*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for us.

*Thanks be to God for such a hope. Alleluia!*  
\*CELTIC ALLELUIA #587  
*Alleluia! Alleluia!*  
*Alleluia! Alleluia!*

— Word —

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Acts 2:14, 22-32 Bible p. 111-112, LG p. 144-145  
O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord.  
SECOND SCRIPTURE READING 1 Peter 1:3-9 Bible p. 218, LG p. 281-282  
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.  
YOUNG CHRISTIANS' MOMENT  
Gospel John 20:19-31 Bible p. 108-109, LG p. 141

Hear God's wisdom for us.  
The wisdom of God for the people of God. *Thanks be to God.*  
SERMON Seeing Is Believing Guest Preacher: Rev. Jerry Carpenter  
ASCRPTION OF PRAISE  
All authority and power and dominion to the name that is above all names—  
Jesus Christ our Lord—now and in the age to come. Amen.

— Response —

\*HYMN #240 Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks

\*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 INTERCESSION

We offer our prayers through Christ,  
who lives and reigns forever,  
and prays for us in heaven.  
Lord, in your mercy, *hear our prayer.*

...God of all power and glory, receive these prayers,  
and continue your mighty work among us,  
through Jesus Christ, our living 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.*  
*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.*