

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ 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

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 #300 They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love (We Are One in the Spirit)

\*BLESSING AND CHARGE

May the One who creates us, go with and before us, May the One who saves us, lead us into everlasting life, May the One who gives us wisdom, guide us in the way of peace.

Alleluia!

Go and join the song of creation, singing out in praise to God. Go and join the cries of creation, yearning for healing. Go and work for the healing and wholeness of all the earth.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE Come, Thou Fount (arr. Berry, in the setting of Tchaikovsky) Joshua Allen You may sit after the light passes you in the aisle.



Serving God, Honoring Creation, Embracing Differences



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH HENDERSON, TX 4th Sunday of Easter April 30, 2023

(\* Please rise in body or in spirit

Bold Italic Letters indicate congregational response

— Gathering —

PRELUDE Break Thou the Bread of Life (arr. Sherwin) Joshua Allen

WELCOME Rev. Michele Goff

\*CALL TO WORSHIP Liturgist: Lynn Tieken

We come to worship the risen Christ. Praise to Christ, the good shepherd! Alleluia, praise to Christ, the gate! Alleluia, praise to Christ, the lamb! Alleluia, praise to Christ, our savior! Christ is risen still! Alleluia!

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**\*HYMN #267**                      **Come, Christians, Join to Sing**

**CONFESSION**

Christ's voice calls us to repent and return;  
let us heed that voice and go to God in prayer.

*God of community, you call us to a world radically different  
from what we are used to.*

*You ask us to lay aside our ideas of "mine" and "yours."*

*You show us a life where goods are shared, where all are loved,  
and faithfulness is shown through generosity.*

*But we cling to our possessions, trusting them more than we trust you.*

*Forgive us, merciful God.*

*Help us to truly believe in your just and peaceful realm and to work to make it so.*

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

...by his wounds we have been healed.

*For we were going astray like sheep,  
but now we have returned to the shepherd  
and guardian of our souls. Thanks be to God!*

**\*CELTIC ALLELUIA #587**

*Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

— Word —

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**FIRST TESTAMENT READING**                      Psalm 23                      Bible p. 474-475, LG p. 617-618

O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord.

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

**SECOND TESTAMENT READING**                      Acts 2:42-47                      Bible p. 112, LG p. 145-146

Hear the word of the Lord.

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

**GOSPEL**                      John 10:1-10                      Bible p. 97, LG p. 126

Hear God's wisdom for us.

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

**SERMON**                      **Voice and Way**

**ASCRPTION OF PRAISE**

— Response —

**\*Hymn #802**                      **The King of Love My Shepherd Is**

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

*Nicene Creed*

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God, begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

**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.**