

*Give us each day sustenance and perseverance.
Remind us of our limits as we give grace to the limits of others.
Separate us from the temptation of empire, and deliver us into community.
For you are the dwelling place within us, the empowerment around us,
and the celebration among us, now and forever. Amen.*

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY **My Lord is Near Me All the Time** 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 —
Christ Is Alive!

***HYMN #246**

***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 **O Thou Great Jehovah (arr. Berry, in the setting of Bach)** Joshua Allen

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

¹Grace Cathedral, Womanist Lord's Prayer, Beyoncé Mass



*Serving God,
Honoring Creation,
Embracing Differences*



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

HENDERSON, TX

Mothers' Day

6th Sunday of Easter

May 14, 2023

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

— Gathering —

PRELUDE Surely the Presence of the Lord is in This Place Stafen Kane, flute
WELCOME Liturgist: Kelly Weaver

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Our God gathers us here.

We have been tested, we have suffered, but God has brought us through.

Come, let us tell of what God has done for us!

We cried aloud to God, and God listened and answered.

Therefore, we will praise God with shouts of joy!

Alleluia! Alleluia!

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

***HYMN #760**

Bring Many Names

CONFESSION

Let us lift our prayers to God together:

Holy One,

We love you imperfectly: we do not always keep your commandments.

We love each other imperfectly:

we hurt those you call us to love through our actions and our inaction.

We love ourselves imperfectly:

we struggle to believe that we are truly your children, made in your image.

Forgive us.

By the power of your Spirit, make us more faithful

that we might live as Christ has shown us, reflecting your love and grace.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Guest Preacher: Rev David Reeder

Because Christ lives, we also live.

Not because of anything we have done, not because of our belief or faithfulness:

we live because Christ lives.

This is the Christ who forgives us. This is the God who is in us.

This is the Spirit who is with us. Alleluia! Praise be to God!

***Celtic Alleluia #587**

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

— Word —

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST TESTAMENT READING

PSALM 62

Bible p. 498, LG p. 647-648

O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND TESTAMENT READING

Acts 17:22-31

Bible p. 129, LG p. 168

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.

YOUNG CHRISTIANS MOMENT

GOSPEL

John 14:15-21

Bible p. 103, LG p. 133

Hear the word of the Lord.

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

SERMON

Wait Training Part 2

Rev David Reeder

DESCRIPTION OF PRAISE

— Response —

***Hymn #735**

I Need Thee Every Hour

***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, WOMANIST¹ VERSION

Our Mother, who is in heaven and within us, we call upon your names.

Your wisdom come. Your will be done, in all the spaces in which you dwell.