

*Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope and come on earth.
 With the bread we need for today, feed us.
 In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.
 In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.
 From trials too great to endure, spare us.
 From the grip of all that is evil, free us.
 For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and forever. Amen.*

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY **She is the Spirit (Bell)** Solo, Joshua Allen

***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.*

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

— *Sending* —

***HYMN #292** **As the Wind Song**

***BLESSING AND CHARGE**

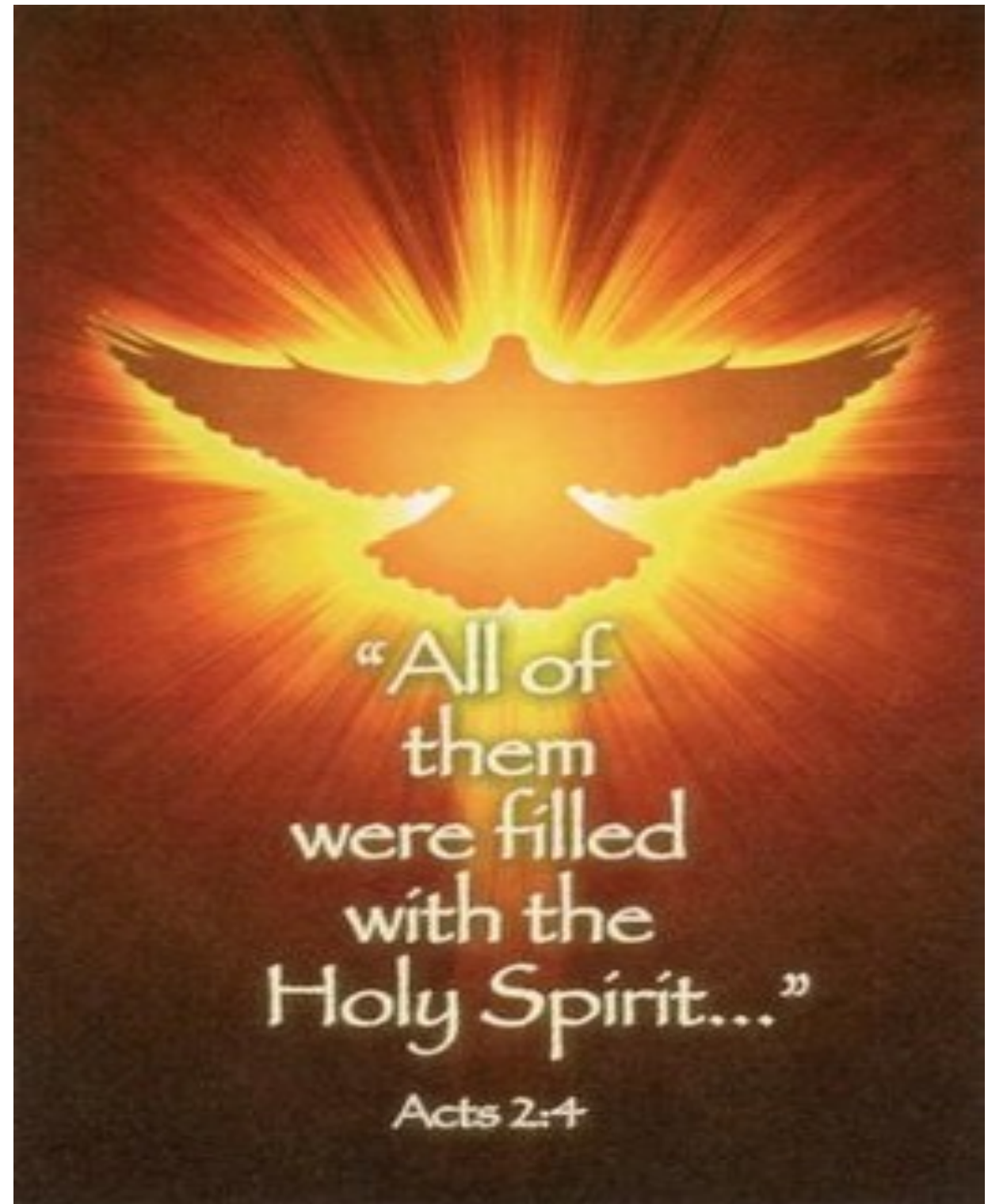
May the love of the holy triune God— Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, mother of us
 all— abide with you forever. **Alleluia!**
 Now go forth in Jesus’ name, remembering his new commandment to love one another, just
 as he has loved us. **Amen.**

POSTLUDE **Every Time I Feel the Spirit** Joshua Allen

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



*Serving God,
 Honoring Creation,
 Embracing Differences*



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

HENDERSON, TX

Day of Pentecost

May 28, 2023

(* Please rise in body or in spirit

Bold Italic Letters indicate congregational response

— *Gathering* —

Alleluia (Hagenberg)

Joshua Allen

PRELUDE

WELCOME

Rev. Michele Goff

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist: Carol Scoggins

We worship a creative God *who formed all living things!*

We worship an abundant God *who gives each of us different gifts!*

We worship a glorious God *who is seen in the vast array of creation! Alleluia!*

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

*HYMN #280

COME, O SPIRIT, DWELL AMONG US

CONFESSION

God pours out the Spirit upon us, but we do not always welcome God's gifts.

Let us confess our doubts and fears, that we might find forgiveness and newness of life.

Together we pray:

Infinite God,

you come to us in many colors, shapes, and languages.

You speak to each of us in the way we can understand.

You reach out to us and meet us where we are.

But we are quick to limit you to what we can understand and control.

Forgive us, and set your Spirit loose among us.

Challenge us, surprise us, and open us to your power,

that we might know you more deeply, follow you more faithfully, and love more fully.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Through Christ, God has poured out the Holy Spirit upon us for the forgiveness of sins.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Alleluia! Thanks be to God!

*Celtic Alleluia #587

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

— *Word* —

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 2:1-21

Bible p. 111, LG p. 144-145

We will speak of God's deeds of power in our own language. Hear the word of the Lord.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

Bible p. 163, LG p. 212

Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.

Thanks be to God.

YOUNG CHRISTIAN'S MOMENT

GOSPEL

John 20:19-23

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

The Spirit at Work

Rev. Michele Goff

ASCRPTION OF PRAISE

— *Response* —

*HYMN #291

Spirit (Spirit of Gentleness)

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

From Rom. 8:1, 28, 38, 39

We believe there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus;

for we know that all things work together for good for those who love God,

who are called according to God's purpose.

We are convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers,

nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth,

nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God

in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

We offer our prayers through Christ, who lives and reigns forever,

and prays for us in heaven. Gracious God, *transform our lives.*

...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

Interpretive version from the New Zealand Prayer Book

Eternal Spirit, Earth-Maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,

Source of all that is and that shall be,

Father and Mother of us all, Loving God, in whom is heaven:

The hallowing of your name shall echo through the universe!

The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the earth!

Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!