

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**, adapted from Isaiah 58:11-12

*You are the source of every good and perfect gift, O God.  
Use these tithes and offerings for your glory.  
Let our community be a spring whose waters never fail;  
and let your people be repairers of the breach and restorers of streets to live in.  
We pray in Christ's name. Amen.*

— Sending —

**\*HYMN #769**

**For Everyone Born**

**\*BLESSING AND CHARGE**, from More Light Presbyterians

We will try to be holy and useful,  
We will strive to repair the world given to us to hand on.

**Alleluia!**

*Let us lift each other on our shoulders and carry each other along.*

Let us see the light in others and honor that light.

Let holiness move in us.

Praise the light that shines before us, through us, after us.

**Amen.**

**POSTLUDE**

**For Everyone Born (organ reprise)**

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

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*+Mark Miller is a prolific contemporary hymnist and composer. He wrote this song amid the battles over LGBTQ+ inclusion in his denomination, the United Methodist Church.*



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*Serving God,  
Honoring Creation,  
Embracing Differences*



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**I AM A  
CHILD OF  
GOD**

**John 1:12**

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
HENDERSON, TX  
2nd Sunday after Pentecost  
PRIDE Sunday  
June 11, 2023**

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

— *Gathering* —

**PRELUDE** Jesus Loves Me Joshua Allen

**WELCOME** Rev. Michele Goff

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** Mrs. Pearl E. Gates played by Stefen Kane

We were created to be the image of God and God is love.

*We were made for love!*

We were created to know God and God knows the desires of our heart.

*We were made for joy!*

We were created to see God. Look around you! God is as close to us as our neighbor.

*Let us worship God!*

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**, from Reconciling Works Liturgist: Jimmy Chapman

**\*HYMN #301** All Are Welcome (Let Us Build a House)

**CONFESSION**, from "Lovely, Needy People" by Lenora Rand

We are told to come before God, not as despised sinners, but as beloved children. So we are bold to pour out our confession together, saying

...Lord, have mercy. *Lord, have mercy.*

...Christ, have mercy. *Christ have mercy.*

...Lord, have mercy. *Lord, have mercy.*

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON** I Am A Child of God<sup>+</sup> Ensemble

— *WORD* —

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**, by Rev. Shawna Bowman, More Light Presbyterians

**FIRST TESTAMENT READING** Psalm 139:1-3, 13-18 Bible p. 545-546, LG p. 710

Listen for a word from God.

**SECOND TESTAMENT READING** 1 John 4 Bible p. 226, LG p. 292-293

Listen again for a word from God.

The word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

**GOSPEL** Matthew 22:35-40 Bible p. 24, LG p. 30

Listen, the Spirit has something to say to us.

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

**SERMON** The Missing Piece with Mrs. Pearl E. Gates

**ASCRPTION OF PRAISE**

— *Response* —

**SOLO** Blessed Are the Poor (Kessler) Joshua Allen

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**, From the Confession of Belhar (10.7b-10.8)

*We believe that the church*

*must witness against and strive against any*

*form of injustice, so that justice may roll*

*down like waters, and righteousness like an*

*ever-flowing stream;*

*that the church as the possession of God must*

*stand where the Lord stands, namely against*

*injustice and with the wronged;*

*that in following Christ, the church must witness*

*against all the powerful and privileged*

*who selfishly seek their own interests and thus*

*control and harm others.*

*Therefore, we reject any ideology*

*which would legitimate forms of injustice and*

*any doctrine which is unwilling to resist such*

*an ideology in the name of the gospel.*

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**, from All Saints Church Pasadena

**LORD'S PRAYER**

*Ever-loving and holy God, hallowed be your name.*

*Your reign come, your will be done, on earth as it is 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 yours is the reign, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.*

**INVITATION TO OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY** How Can I Say That I Love the Lord? 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.*