*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 -

*Нүмм #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

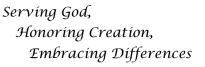
For Everyone Born (organ reprise) You may sit after the light passes you in the aisle.

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John 1:12

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH HENDERSON, TX

2nd Sunday after Pentecost **PRIDE Sunday**

June 11, 2023

— Gathering —

Prelude	Jesus Loves Me	Joshua Allen			
Welcome		Rev. Michele Goff			
*Call to Worship	*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!					
	l and God knows the desires of ou	ur heart.			
We were made for joy!					
	Look around you! God is as close	e to us as our neighbor.			
Let us worship God!					
*PRAYER OF THE DAY, from R	econciling Works	Liturgist: Jimmy Chapman			
*Нүмм #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 $^+$	Ensemble			
— Word —					
PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION, by Rev. Shawna Bowman, More Light Presbyterians					
FIRST TESTAMENT READING Listen for a word from God.	Psalm 139:1-3, 13-18	Bible p. 545-546, LG p. 710			
Second Testament Reading	i John 4	Bible p. 226, LG p. 292-293			
Listen again for a word from G	I	2.8.e p. 2207 20 p. 292 293			
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 peop	le of God. Thanks be to God.				

SERMON The Missing Piece with Mrs. Pearl E. Gates Ascription of Praise

— Response —

Solo	Blessed Are the Poor (Kessler)	Joshua Allen
*Affirm	ATION OF FAITH, From the Confession of Belhar (10.7b-10.8)	
W	'e believe that the church	
т	ust witness against and strive against any	
fo	rm of injustice, so that justice may roll	
da	own like waters, and righteousness like an	
ev	rer-flowing stream;	
th	at the church as the possession of God must	
st	and where the Lord stands, namely against	
in	justice and with the wronged;	
th	at in following Christ, the church must witness	
ag	ainst all the powerful and privileged	
W	ho selfishly seek their own interests and thus	
СС	ontrol and harm others.	
TI	herefore, we reject any ideology	
W	hich would legitimate forms of injustice and	
ar	ny doctrine which is unwilling to resist such	
ar	n ideology in the name of the gospel.	
Prayers	OF INTERCESSION, from All Saints Church Pasadena	
Lord's P	RAYER	
Ε	er-loving and holy God, hallowed be your name.	
Yo	our reign come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.	
G	ive us this day our daily bread,	
ar	nd forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors,	
ar	nd lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,	
fo	r yours is the reign, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.	
Ιννιτατις	on to Offering	
Offerto	RY How Can I Say That I Love the Lord?	Ensemble
*Doxolo	•	
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow, Praise Christ, all people here below;		
Praise Holy Spirit evermore; Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.		