

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.*

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Laughter Lit the Stars of Morning (Pedersen)* 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**

*God of unending gifts, we praise you for your abundant goodness.
As you are generous, we want to be generous too.
May the gifts we bring extend your generosity into the world,
so that all people may be made whole by your goodness and grace. Amen.*

— *Sending* —

***HYMN #838** *Standing on the Promises*

***BLESSING AND CHARGE**

May the blessing of the Trinity— holy, holy, holy Lord— one God, Mother of us all,
be with you now and always. **Alleluia!**

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?"
And I said, "Here I am; send me!" **Amen.**

POSTLUDE *Go Light Your World (Rice)* Joshua Allen

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



*Serving God,
Honoring Creation,
Embracing Differences*



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*Pray earnestly
to the Lord of the harvest
to send out laborers*

Matthew 9:38

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

HENDERSON, TX

3rd Sunday after Pentecost

Fathers' Day

June 18, 2023

<https://www.immanueljoplin.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/Pentecost-2-A.jpg>

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

— **Gathering** —

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

PRELUDE

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

We come together in the sure knowledge:

God does not pass us by.

We gather to worship knowing this truth:

God fulfills promises.

Even when we cannot muster belief:

God is faithful to us.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

*HYMN #401

Gather Us In (Here in This Place)

CONFESSION

Knowing that God will listen, let us confess together:

God of our salvation, incline your ear to us.

You have given us power: power to heal, to bring hope, to comfort, to restore.

But we ignore that power, choosing to live our own lives.

*At worst, we abuse that power, storing up riches for ourselves
without an eye for the needs of others.*

*Forgive us. Remind us of our call to proclaim your good news,
and to welcome each other as we would welcome you.*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The ancient words still bring truth today: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Praise be to God! We are forgiven.

*Gloria #582 Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

*Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.*

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen (x3)

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

— **Word** —

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 18:1-15, 21:1-7 Bible p. 13-16, LG p. 17-20

The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. Listen to the word of the Lord.

SECOND TESTAMENT READING

Romans 5:1-8

Bible p. 145, LG p. 188-189

Hear the word of the Lord.

Keep these words in your heart. The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. *Thanks be to God.*

GOSPEL

Matthew 9:35-10:8

Bible p. 9, LG p. 11-12

Listen for God's word to us.

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

SERMON

Extraordinary Hospitality

Rev. Michele Goff

ASCRPTION OF PRAISE

— **Response** —

*HYMN #192 Shine, Jesus, Shine (Lord, the Light of Your Love Is Shining)

*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

Loving God,

you cause rain to fall on the just and the unjust.

Hear our prayers for your church and world:

for the hungry and the overfed, *may we have enough;*

for the mourners and the mockers, *may we laugh together;*

for the victims and the oppressors, *may we share power wisely;*

for the peacemakers and the warmongers,

may clear truth and stern love lead us to harmony;

for the silenced and the propagandists, *may we speak our own words in truth;*

for the unemployed and the overworked,

may our mark on this earth be kindly and creative;

for the troubled and the secure, *may we live together as wounded healers;*

for the homeless and the pampered, *may our homes be simple, warm, and welcoming;*

for the vibrant and the dying, *may we all die to sin and live to love. Amen.*