

**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**                      Let It Be Said of Us (Fry)                      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* —  
Give Thanks

**\*HYMN #647**  
**\*BLESSING AND CHARGE**

The blessing of the one God— Spirit, Son, and Father— be with you now and always.  
*Alleluia!*  
Lead a life worthy of your calling, giving glory to God in all things.  
*Amen.*

**POSTLUDE**                      **He is Exalted**                      Joshua Allen  
*You may sit after the light passes you in the aisle.*



*Serving God,  
Honoring Creation,  
Embracing Differences*



**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**HENDERSON, TX**  
**4th Sunday after Pentecost**  
**June 25, 2023**

(\* Please rise in body or in spirit

**Bold Italic Letters** indicate congregational response

— Gathering —

The God of Abraham Praise

Joshua Allen

Rev. Michele Goff

Liturgist: John Tieken

PRELUDE

WELCOME

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Do not be afraid: *God hears our cries when we are lost.*

Do not be afraid: *God does not leave us abandoned.*

Do not be afraid: *God is with us, now and always.*

\*PRAYER OF THE DAY

\*HYMN #177

You Are Mine (I Will Come to You)

CONFESSION

Trusting that promise, let us confess together:

*Gracious God, we try to follow your word:*

*to put others above ourselves,*

*to remember that we are all bound together as your beloved children,*

*to seek the common good instead of our own interests.*

*But it is so easy for our lesser selves to get the better of us.*

*We succumb to jealousy, vindictiveness, callousness, and indifference.*

*In your mercy, send your healing to those we have hurt,*

*and to our own misguided souls so that we may follow you once more.*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

We are united in Christ's life, death, and resurrection:

he has saved us from sin so that we might live in God.

*We walk in the newness of life! Thanks be to God.*

\*GLORIA #582

Glory to God

*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. 3x*

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

— Word —

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 21:8-21

Bible p. 16, LG p. 20-21

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

SECOND TESTAMENT READING

Romans 6:1-11

Bible p. 146, LG p. 189-190

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 10:24-39

Bible p. 10, LG p. 12-13

Listen to God's wisdom for us.

The wisdom of God for the people of God.

*Thanks be to God.*

SERMON

More Worthy Than Sparrows

Rev. Michele Goff

ASCRPTION OF PRAISE

— Response —

\*HYMN #737

Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*Adapted from the Confession of 1967*

*The life, death, resurrection, and promised coming of Jesus Christ has set the pattern for the church's mission.*

*His human life involves the church in the common life of all people.*

*His service to men and women commits the church*

*to work for every form of human well-being.*

*His suffering makes the church sensitive to all human suffering*

*so that it sees the face of Christ in the faces of persons in every kind of need.*

*His crucifixion discloses to the church God's judgment on the inhumanity*

*that marks human relations, and the awful consequences*

*of the church's own complicity in injustice.*

*In the power of the risen Christ and the hope of his coming,*

*the church sees the promise of God's renewal of human life in society*

*and of God's victory over all wrong.*

*The church follows this pattern in the form of its life*

*and in the method of its action.*

*So to live and serve is to confess Christ as Lord.*

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Let us pray in the Spirit, who helps us in our weakness,

interceding with sighs too deep for words. Lord, in your mercy, *hear our prayer.*

...In the Spirit, we pray to you, O God, confident that all things work together for good for those who love you and are called according to your purpose.

Above all, we give you thanks, O God, that nothing can separate us from your love in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**