

...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.**

**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.*

(See bulletin insert)

— *Sending* —

**\*HYMN #743** Step by Step (O God, You Are My God)

**\*BLESSING AND CHARGE**

May the blessing of the Trinity—holy, holy, holy Lord—  
be with you now and always. **Alleluia!**

Now go forth in Jesus' name, remembering his new commandment  
to love one another, just as he has loved us. **Amen.**

**POSTLUDE**

**People Need the Lord**

Joshua Allen

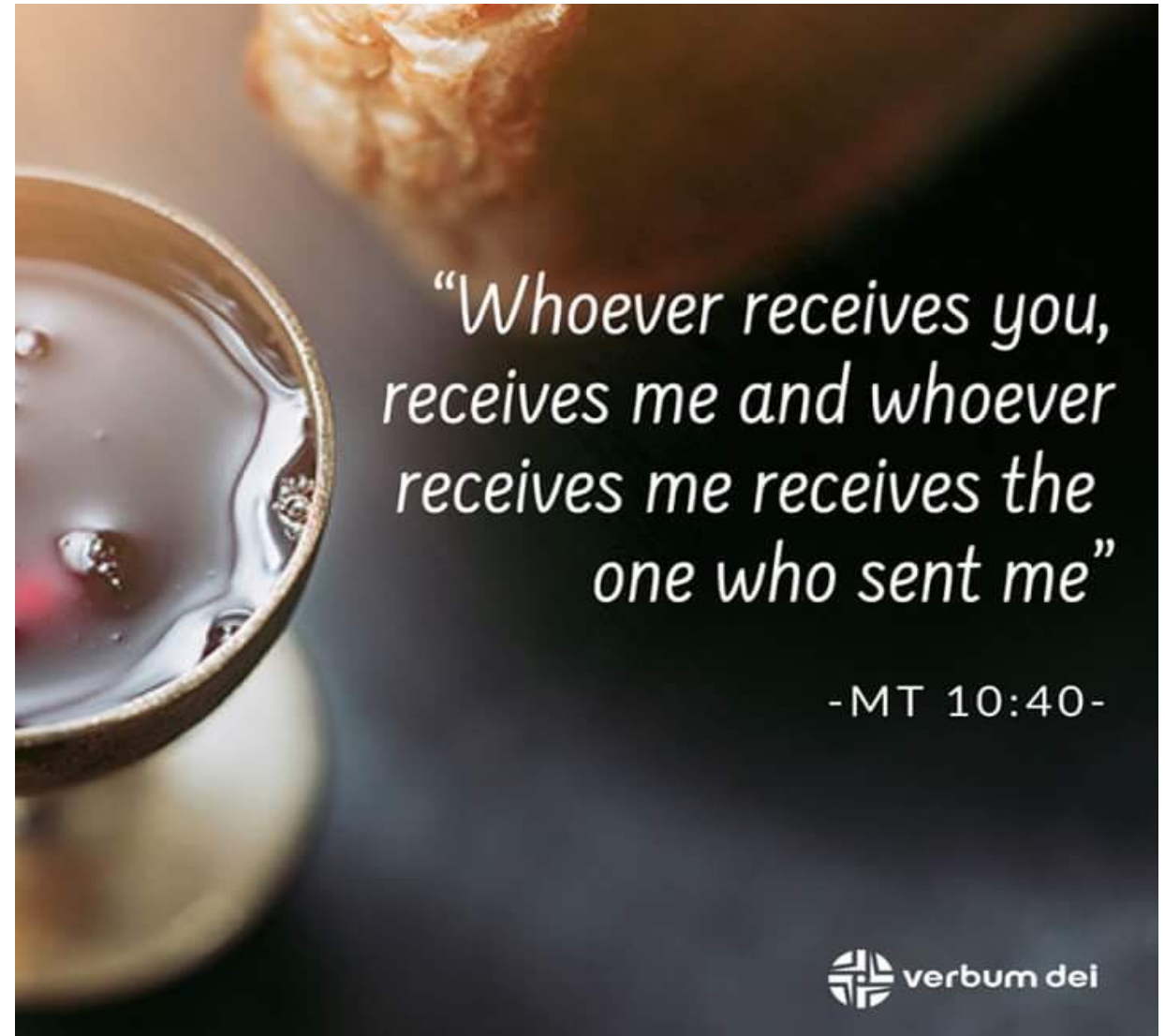
*You may sit after the light passes you in the aisle.*



*Serving God,  
Honoring Creation,  
Embracing Differences*



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**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**HENDERSON, TX**

**5th Sunday after Pentecost**

**July 2, 2023**

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

— *Gathering* —

I Am Thine, O Lord

Joshua Allen

PRELUDE

WELCOME

Rev. Michele Goff

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist: Kathy Porter

God has welcomed us without reservation, so let us welcome all in God's name.

*Peace be with you.*

*God's peace be among us,  
around us, and within us.*

\*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Spirit, Open My Heart

\*HYMN #692

CONFESSION

As we try to grow toward righteousness, we present ourselves to God in a spirit of honesty, naming where we still obey sin and death instead of goodness and life.

**God who provides our every need, you have given us countless gifts.**

**You have welcomed us for all of who we are.**

**You have showered us with steadfast love.**

**You have freely given us eternal life in Christ Jesus.**

**We do not deserve these gifts.**

**We take them and squander them.**

**We continue to trust ourselves more than we trust you.**

**We fail to embrace others as you have embraced us.**

**Accept our confession.**

**Be our glory and our strength for the days to come,  
our strength, shield, and deliverer.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Part of God's provision for all of us is a well of forgiveness that never runs dry.

*Thanks be to God! Amen.*

GLORIA PATRI #581

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;*

*as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.*

— *Word* —

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 22:1-14

Bible p. 17, LG p. 21-22

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

SECOND TESTAMENT READING

Romans 6:12-23

Bible p. 146, LG p. 190

Hear God's word for us.

Keep these words in your heart. The Lord is our God, the Lord alone.

*Thanks be to God.*

GOSPEL

Matthew 10:40-42

Bible p. 10, LG p. 13

Hear God's wisdom for us.

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

SERMON

Where is the lamb?

Rev. Michele Goff

ASCRPTION OF PRAISE

— *Response* —

\*HYMN #521

In Remembrance of Me

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.32-33*

*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.*