

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 **Come, Ye Sinners Poor and Needy** 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 #634** **To God Be the Glory**

***BLESSING AND CHARGE**

May the blessing of the Trinity—holy, holy, holy Lord—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 **Just a loser Walk with Thee** Joshua Allen

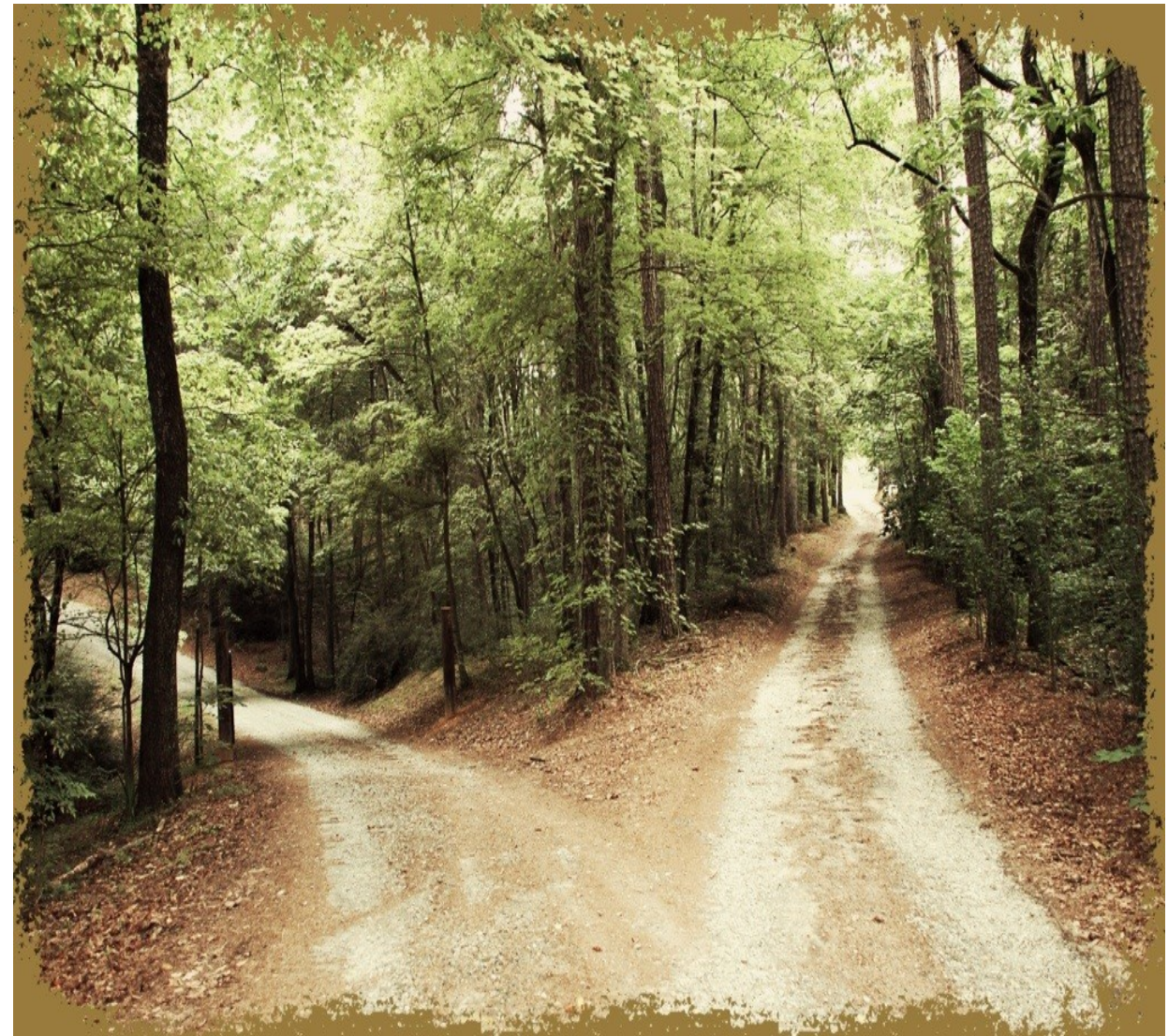
You may sit after the light passes you in the aisle.



Rev. Michele R. Goff.....Pastor
Joshua Allen.....Music Director
Debbi Ricci.....Admin. Assist.



*Serving God,
Honoring Creation,
Embracing Differences*



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
HENDERSON, TX
6th Sunday after Pentecost
July 9, 2023

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

— Gathering —

PRELUDE O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee (arr. Smith) Joshua Allen

WELCOME Rev. Michele Goff

*CALL TO WORSHIP Liturgist – John Hillin

Jesus says, “Come to me, all you that are weary, and I will give you rest.”

All of us know what it is like to be weary.

All of us carry heavy burdens.

Let us accept Christ’s invitation.

We long to rest in God.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

*HYMN #475 Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

CONFESSION

God is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. Knowing that God is compassionate to all, let us confess our sins together.

Faithful One,

Despite our best efforts, we have not lived up to what we can do or who we can be.

Even when our intentions are good, our actions cause harm.

Even when we want to follow you more closely, we end up turning away.

We are at war with ourselves, and only you can bring peace.

Still our souls, order our steps, guide our feet back to your way.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God upholds all who are falling, and raises up those who are bowed down.

Jesus Christ rescues us from sin and death;

thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

* 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 Psalm 145:8-14 Bible p. 549, LG p. 714

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

SECOND TESTAMENT READING Romans 7:15-25a Bible p. 147, LG p. 191

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 11:16-19, 25-30 Bible p. 11, LG p. 14

Hear God’s wisdom for us.

The wisdom of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON Respond or Dismiss Rev. Michele Goff

ASCRPTION OF PRAISE

— Response—

*HYMN #183 Come to Me, O Weary Traveler

*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

Lord God, there is no one like you in heaven above or on the earth below.

Hear our prayer. Only say the word, Lord, *and all shall be well.*

...Receive all these prayers in the tenderness of your mighty hand and keep us forever in the safety of your outstretched arm; through Christ our Lord we pray. *Amen.*