

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 Shall Tribulation or Distress Solo: Stefen Kane

*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 #771 What is the World Like

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

Lead a life worthy of your calling, giving glory to God in all things. **Amen.**

POSTLUDE I’m Gonna Sing When the Spirit Says Sing 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

9th Sunday after Pentecost

July 30, 2023

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

— *Gathering* —

PRELUDE If You Only Had Faith (Si tuvieras fe) Ensemble

WELCOME Rev. Michele Goff

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Liturgist: Stefen Kane

We seek the kin-dom of God: *where the smallest seeds turn into great plants.*

We seek the kin-dom of God: *as precious as pearls or treasure.*

We seek the kin-dom of God: *where joy and abundance reign.*

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

***HYMN #175** Seek Ye First (Busca primero)

CONFESSION

We love God, and yet ...

We are Christ’s disciples, and yet ...

We are guided by the Spirit, and yet ...

There are many ways we do not live by this reality.

Let us call upon the Spirit to intercede for us in our time of confession.

Spirit, intercede ...

when we fall short of your glory,
when we do not deserve your promises,
when we do not act like those who have been called your family.

Spirit, intercede ...

when our words wound,
when our silence speaks volumes,
when our actions are a far cry from what you would have us do.

Spirit, intercede ...

break forth into our lives,
forming us into the image of your Son,
that we might never feel separate from you again.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Beloved, hear the good news: God is for us.

Not even our sins can separate us from the love of God.

Glory be to God for this grace and mercy!

*** 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 29:15-28 Bible p. 25, LG p. 32

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

SECOND TESTAMENT READING Romans 8:26-39 Bible p. 148, LG p. 192-193

Listen to 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 13:44-52 Bible p. 14, LG p. 18

Hear God’s wisdom for us.

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

SERMON Dragnets and Discoveries Rev. Michele Goff

ASCRPTION OF PRAISE

— *Response* —

HYMN LORD, YOU ARE MORE Precious than Silver Ensemble

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

THE APOSTLES’ CREED

*I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church;
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.*

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.*