

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.**

**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 #526                      Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ**

**\*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                                      Let Us Break Bread Together**

Joshua Allen

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



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Honoring Creation,  
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**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**HENDERSON, TX**  
**10th Sunday after Pentecost**  
**August 6, 2023**

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

— *Gathering* —

**PRELUDE** Jesus, Name Above All Names Joshua Allen  
**WELCOME** Rev. Michele Goff  
**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** Liturgist: Kathy Porter

We come, carrying just what we need for the journey:  
*five loaves, two fish.*

We come, bringing whatever we have to offer:  
*our time, our talents, our gifts.*

We come, knowing God will multiply our offerings:  
*in God’s hands, what we have is enough.*

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**\*HYMN #510** Come, Share the Lord

**CONFESSION**

When we call upon God, God answers.  
Even when our steps stray from God’s path,  
even when our feet slip,  
God listens to us and answers our prayers.  
Let us offer our prayer of confession together:  
*Generous God,  
you freely offer us all we need.  
You offer us the bread of life,  
so we may never be hungry again.  
You offer us living water, so we will never thirst.  
But we scoff at your gifts,  
wasting our money, time, and energy  
on things that do not satisfy.  
Forgive us and call to us again,  
reminding us of your gifts of new life  
that are ours if we would only accept them.*

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Incline your ear, listen: God makes an everlasting covenant with us.  
*God forgives us, renews us, refreshes us, and leads us onward.  
Thanks be to God!*

**\*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 32:22-31 Bible p. 29, LG p. 37  
The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. Listen to the word of the Lord.

**SECOND READING** Psalms 17:1-7, 15 Bible p. 469-470, LG p. 610-611  
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 14:13-21 Bible p. 15, LG p. 19  
Hear God’s wisdom for us.  
The wisdom of God for the people of God. *Thanks be to God.*

**SERMON** Plenty of Bread Rev. Michele Goff

**ASCRPTION OF PRAISE**

— *Response* —

**\*HYMN #460** Break Thou the Bread of Life

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

*Nicene Creed*  
*We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.  
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.*  
*We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son  
is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.*

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

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