

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 Peacespeaker Joshua Allen, soloist

*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 #821 How Can I Keep from Singing

*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 I’m So Glad Jesus Lifted Me 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
11th Sunday after Pentecost
August 13, 2023

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

— Gathering —

PRELUDE
WELCOME
*CALL TO WORSHIP
O give thanks to the Lord!
Sing to God! Tell of God’s wonderful works!
Remember all the things God has done!
We glory in God’s holy name!
Seek the Lord, our strength and refuge:
We come to be in God’s presence.

Eternal Father, Strong to Save
Joshua Allen
Rev. Michele Goff
Liturgist: John Tieken

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

*HYMN #463
CONFESSION

How Firm a Foundation
*Holy God, it is easy to confess with our lips that you are Lord,
but it is much harder to believe with our hearts, to live in a way that puts you first.
We are quick to trust in idols.
We depend on what we can see, touch, and control,
instead of waiting to hear your still, small voice.
Forgive us, Lord, and help our unbelief, so that what we confess with our lips
we may truly believe in our hearts.*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.
There are no prerequisites, no disqualifications, no exceptions.
We are saved, we are forgiven, we are freed! Hallelujah!

*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
The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. Listen to the word of the Lord.
SECOND TESTAMENT READING
Hear God’s word for us.
Keep these words in your heart. The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. *Thanks be to God.*

Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28
Bible p. 32-33, LG p. 42-43
Romans 10:5-15
Bible p. 149-150, LG p. 194

GOSPEL
Matthew 14:22-33
Bible p. 15, LG p. 19-20
Hear God’s wisdom for us.
The wisdom of God for the people of God. *Thanks be to God.*
SERMON
Faith and Fear
Rev. Michele Goff
ASCRPTION OF PRAISE

— Response—

*HYMN #834
*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – JOHN
*Precious Lord, Take My Hand
This is the good news which we have received,
in which we stand, and by which we are saved,
if we hold it fast:
that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures,
that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day,
and that he appeared first to the women,
then to Peter, and to the Twelve,
and then to many faithful witnesses.
We believe that Jesus is the Christ,
the Son of the living God.
Jesus Christ is the first and the last,
the beginning and the end;
he is our Lord and our God. 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.*

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.*