

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 **Because He Lives** Joshua Allen and 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 B2 #8** **Down By the Riverside, vs 1, 2 & 8**

***HYMN B2 #14** **He Lives, Vs 1 & 2**

***BLESSING AND CHARGE**

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

Alleluia!

Be watchful, stand firm in your faith, be courageous and strong.
Let all that you do be done in love. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE **Higher Ground** Joshua Allen

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



*Serving God,
Honoring Creation,
Embracing Differences*



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HENDERSON, TX
12th Sunday after Pentecost
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(* Please rise in body or in spirit

Bold Italic Letters indicate congregational response

— *Gathering* —

Heavenly Sunlight

Joshua Allen

Rev. Michele Goff

Liturgist: Claudia Morgan-Gray

PRELUDE

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Thus says the Lord:

Maintain justice, and do what is right, for soon my salvation will come.

God will bring us to the holy mountain, a house of prayer for all people.

God gathers all the outcasts together, and makes us joyful!

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

*HYMN B3 #3 IN THE GARDEN (I COME TO THE GARDEN ALONE) VS 1 & 2

*HYMN B3 #8 JESUS CALLS US O'ER THE TUMULT VS 1 & 5

CONFESSION

God of all goodness,

We do not want to face all that is in our own hearts.

*We want to focus on the good— on the love, the compassion, the care—
and ignore the bad— the greed, the envy, the cruelty.*

But before you, God, we must face it.

Forgive all the ways we have let evil take hold in our hearts.

Cleanse us. Help us face our own demons,

and empower us to live a Christlike life.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

We have been disobedient to God, but we have received mercy.

Let us live our lives as those transformed by the abundant mercy of 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

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

Bible p. 645, Lg p. 639-640

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

GOSPEL

Matthew 15:10-28

Bible p. 16, Lg. p. 20-21

Hear the word of the Lord.

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

Thanks be to God.

— *Response* —

WORD PROCLAIMED IN SONG

HYMN B1 #8 O God, Our Help in Ages Past, vs 1 & 2

HYMN B1 #15 What a Friend We Have in Jesus, vs 1 & 2

HYMN B2 #9 Every Time I Feel the Spirit, vs 1 & 2

HYMN B2 #10 Give of Your Best to the Master, vs 1 & 2

HYMN B2 #11 God Will Take Care of You, vs 1 & 4

HYMN B2 #15 He Touched Me, vs 1 & 2

HYMN B2 #16 His Eye is on the Sparrow, vs 1 & 2

HYMN B2 #18 His Way with Thee, vs 1 & 3

HYMN B2 #19 I Love to Tell the Story, 1 & 2

HYMN B2 #20 I Stand Amazed in the Presence, vs 1 & 2

ASCRPTION OF PRAISE

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God,
the firstborn of all creation;
in him all things in heaven and on earth were created,
things visible and invisible.*

All things have been created through him and for him.

*He himself is before all things,
and in him all things hold together.*

He is head of the body, the church;

*he is the beginning, the firstborn of the dead,
so that he might come to have first place in everything.*

*For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell,
and through him God was pleased to reconcile all things,
whether on earth or in heaven,*

by making peace through the blood of his cross. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Almighty God, who taught us to pray not only for ourselves
but for people everywhere, hear us as we pray for others,
in the name of Jesus Christ.

...Bring to our remembrance
all those who, having served you on earth,
now sing your praises eternally.
May their endurance give us courage
and their faithfulness give us hope;
through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**