

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

FREEDOM IS COMING

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**

*Merciful and gracious God,
you abound in steadfast love and faithfulness.
With gratitude, we bring our gifts to you.
Bless these gifts and bless our lives
that together we may share your mercy and grace
for the world you dearly love. Amen.*

— Sending —

GO TO THE WORLD!

***HYMN #295**

BLESSING AND CHARGE

The blessing of the one God—Spirit, Son, and Father—be with you now and always. **Alleluia!**
Lead a life worthy of your calling, giving glory to God in all things. **Amen.**

POSTLUDE

CHRIST IS MADE THE SURE FOUNDATION

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



*Serving God,
Honoring Creation,
Embracing Differences*



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

HENDERSON, TX

13th Sunday after Pentecost

August 27, 2023

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

— *Gathering* —
OH FREEDOM!

PRELUDE

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather as the body of Christ.

We are many individuals, but together we are one.

Each of us has our own gifts, our own calling, our own role,
but all of us proclaim Jesus Christ is the Messiah!

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

*HYMN #305

COME SING, O CHURCH IN JOY!

CONFESSION

We seek the will of God, but still find ourselves conformed to this world,
instead of being transformed into God's image.

Let us seek forgiveness for the ways we have turned away from justice and mercy.

Almighty God,

*When faced with earthly powers that seem overwhelming,
we crumble.*

We fear this world.

*We fear losing our status, our stability, our station
more than we fear you.*

*Forgive our shortcomings
and teach us to trust in you*

when we take a risk for what we know is right.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

If God was not on our side,
we could not stand in the judgment.

But God is with us, steadfast and faithful,
as we seek to live in peace.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

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 41:15-32

Bible p. 36, LG p. 46-47

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

SECOND READING

Genesis 45:1-15

Bible p. 40-41, LG p. 52-53

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 16:13-20

Bible p. 17, LG p. 22

Hear God's wisdom for us.

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

SERMON

OF BROTHERS AND DREAMS

Rev. Michele Goff

ASCRPTION OF PRAISE

— *Response* —

*HYMN #630

FAIREST LORD JESUS

*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

With one mind in Christ, and one heart in the Spirit,
let us pray to the Lord of heaven and earth.

Lord, in your mercy, *hear our prayer.*

...Enable us, O God, by the power of your Spirit,
to live our lives in a way that is worthy of the gospel,
to the glory of the name that is above all names,
Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*