

**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**

**THANK YOU, LORD**

**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 —

**\*HYMN #726**

**The Summons (vv 1, 4, 5)**

**\*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**

**We Will Walk With God**

Joshua Allen

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



*Serving God,  
Honoring Creation,  
Embracing Differences*



**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**HENDERSON, TX**

**17th Sunday after Pentecost**

**September 24, 2023**

(\* Please rise in body or in spirit

**Bold Italic Letters** indicate congregational response

— **Gathering** —

**PRELUDE** Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah Joshua Allen  
**WELCOME** Rev. Michele Goff  
**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** Liturgist: Stefen Kane

We will sing to God and bless God's name forever and ever.

***Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised!***

We will declare God's mighty acts and celebrate God's abundant goodness.

***Let us worship, singing of God's righteousness.***

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**\*HYMN #838** Standing on the Promises

**CONFESSION**

We try to live our lives in a manner worthy of Christ.

We try to stand firm in God's spirit,

but our human self-interest gets the better of us.

In humility and faith, let us confess together:

***God of generosity,***

***we find ourselves bitter***

***when faced with your abundant grace.***

***We believe ourselves more deserving than others.***

***We nurse our anger and resentment at those you forgive,***

***instead of rejoicing in the abundant love you show.***

***Forgive us when we wish your grace was scarce.***

***Forgive the double standards we hold.***

***Help us to know that we are all in need of your grace,***

***and help us rejoice as we all gratefully receive your mercy.***

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

The grace of God is boundless, poured out freely for all of us.

***We will receive this gift of forgiveness, and trust God to transform our lives!***

**\*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** Exodus 16:2-15 Bible p. 60-61, LG p. 78

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

**SECOND TESTAMENT READING** Philippians 1:21-30 Bible p. 185-186, LG p. 240

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 20:1-16 Bible p. 20-21, LG p. 26

Hear God's wisdom for us.

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

**SERMON**

**A DAILY WAGE**

Rev. Michele Goff

**DESCRIPTION OF PRAISE**

— **Response** —

**Be Still, My Soul**

**\*HYMN #819**

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

*FROM PHIL 2:5-11*

***Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God,  
did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited,  
but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave,  
being born in human likeness.***

***And being found in human form he humbled himself  
and became obedient to the point of death—  
even death on a cross.***

***Therefore God also highly exalted him  
and gave him the name that is above every name,  
so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend,  
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,  
and every tongue should confess to the glory of God:  
Jesus Christ is Lord! 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.***