

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 Meditation from *Thais* (Massenet) Stefen Kane, Flute

***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 the harvest, you are continually planting the seeds of your love in our world and in our lives. As we bring our gifts to you, may they be seeds of your grace, peace, and hope, planted deeply in our community. Amen.

— Sending —

There Is a Redeemer

***HYMN #443**

***BLESSING AND CHARGE**

The blessing of the holy, triune God, who was and is and is to come—first and last, beginning and end, Alpha and Omega— be with you now and always. **Alleluia!**
Go in peace to love the Lord your God with heart and soul and mind and strength, and to love your neighbor as yourself. **Amen.**

POSTLUDE Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart Joshua Allen

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



*Serving God,
Honoring Creation,
Embracing Differences*



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**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
HENDERSON, TX**

**20th Sunday after Pentecost
October 15, 2023**

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

— Gathering —

Standin' in the Need of Prayer

PRELUDE

Ensemble

WELCOME

Rev. Michele Goff

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist: Suzanne Cross

Rejoice in the Lord always!

All thanks and praise to God!

Do not worry about anything.

We trust in God who provides for us.

Let the peace of God settle among you.

We will share God's peace with all.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

*HYMN # 401

Gather Us In (Here in This Place)

CONFESSION

From ancient times to now, God's people have turned away.

We are no different:

we let fear take hold of us and try to go our own way.

Let us be honest about how we have failed to follow God. We confess:

True God from True God,

we have not built a golden calf, but we have worshiped idols.

We have put our trust in what we build with our own hands.

We find security in what we can hoard

instead of trusting your provision.

We listen to lies that spread hatred and division

instead of the radical truth of your word.

Forgive us.

Melt down our idols until we see only you

and fix our sight on your way alone.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God shows us a different way— a way of truth, honor, justice, purity, and excellence.

This path is open to all of us if we reach out and accept God's forgiveness.

Thanks be to God! We will live as God's people, forgiven and freed.

*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 32:1-14

Bible p. 75-76, LG p. 97-98

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

SECOND TESTAMENT READING

Philippians 4:1-9

Bible p. 187, LG p. 242-243

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 22:1-14

Bible p. 23, LG p. 29-30

Hear God's wisdom for us.

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

SERMON

What Would You Wear?

Rev. Michele Goff

ASCRPTION OF PRAISE

— Response —

*HYMN #627

I Love You, Lord

*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

Our shepherd satisfies our needs;

in faith, let us pray to the Lord.

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

...Loving shepherd, lead and guide us—in green pastures and by still waters,
in right paths and through dark valleys,
until we feast with you in glory and dwell in your house forever;
through Jesus Christ our Savior. ***Amen.***