

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER RESPONSE

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INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY God , We Gather as Your People Joshua Allen

***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**
—Sending—

***HYMN #490** Wash, O God, Your Sons and Daughters (vv 1, 3)

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION** (from an "Invitation to Observe a Holy Lent")

POSTLUDE In The Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful (Taize) Ensemble

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

Joshua Allen.....Music & Worship Arts Facilitator
Debbi Ricci.....Administrative Assistant



First Presbyterian Church
Henderson, Texas



*Serving God,
Honoring Creation,
Embracing Differences*



**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
HENDERSON, TX**

**1st Sunday in Lent
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(*) Please rise in body or in spirit
Bold Italic Letters indicate congregational response

— Gathering —

PRELUDE I Want Jesus to Walk with Me Joshua Allen

WELCOME Liturgist: John Hillin

***Call to Worship** (based on Psalm 25)

O God, in you we trust.

*Lead us in your truth and teach us,
for you are the God of our salvation;
for you we wait, for you we worship.*

***HYMN #177** You Are Mine (I Will Come to You)

Confession

Gracious God, as we begin this Lenten wilderness journey with Jesus, we confess our neglect of you and our faith. We make idols of nation, money and power. We build walls instead of better relationships. We fail to follow Jesus to the poor, the destitute, the stranger. Empty us this Lent, Holy God. Guide us in our faith so we can leave this wilderness season in right relationship with you. Amen.

KYRIE #471 O Lord, Hear My Prayer

*O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer. When I call, answer me.
O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer. Come and listen to me.*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (John 8:31-32)

***RESPONSE** (#471) The Lord Is My Song

*The Lord is my song; the Lord is my praise; All my hope comes from God.
The Lord is my song; the Lord is my praise; God, the well-spring of life.*

— Word —

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Bless the Lord (Taize) Ensemble

FIRST READING Mark 1:9-15 Bible p. 33, LG p. 42

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING Revelation 5:1-14 Bible p. 233-234, LG p. 301

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Reigning with the Lamb

Rev. David Reeder

—Response—

SONG

Is He Worthy?

Ensemble

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (From A Brief Statement of Faith)

*We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life.
The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church.*

The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church.

In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE "Remember, You Are Beloved...and Empowered"

...God who calls us by name, we remember

We are beloved, and we are empowered

LORD'S PRAYER

*Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is 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.*