

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. *And also with you.*

Lift up your hearts. *We lift them to the Lord.*

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *It is right to give our thanks and praise.*

...Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with the choirs of heaven and with all the faithful of every time and place who forever sing to the glory of your name:

*Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest! ...*

...Great is the mystery of faith:

Dying you destroyed our death, rising you restored our life. Lord Jesus, come in glory.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

*All are welcome at Christ's table. The cup is offered as red wine, and white grape juice.
You may place your empty cup in the baskets on the first pews.*

COMMUNION HYMN #527

Eat This Bread (Taize)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

—-Sending—

***HYMN #547**

Go, My Children, with My Blessing (vv 1, 3)

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

In The Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful

Ensemble

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

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



*Serving God,
Honoring Creation,
Embracing Differences*



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**FIRST
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH
HENDERSON, TX**

3rd Sunday in Lent

March 3, 2024



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

— Gathering —

PRELUDE

To God Be the Glory

Joshua Allen

WELCOME

Liturgist: Kathy Porter

***Call to Worship (Psalm 19:7-10)**

The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul;

The decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple.

The precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart.

The fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever.

The ordinances of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

They are more desirable than gold and sweeter than honey. Let us worship God!

***HYMN #692**

Spirit, Open My Heart

CONFESSION

God of righteousness, we confess that we have not kept your commandments. We bow down before idols, declaring our allegiance to other powers and principalities. We take your name in vain, using it to justify our own prejudices and opinions.

We do not make adequate time to rest and remember your goodness, nor to revel in the delight of family and friends. We look the other way in the face of violence and oppression, misogyny and sexual assault, land grabs and unjust economic practices. Our dishonesty and greed get the better of us. Yet you gave us commandments not for condemnation, but so that we might live in justice and joy. Purify us by your righteousness and enfold us in your grace. Sanctify our intentions and actions, that our lives may begin to reflect your Beloved Community. 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

...The grace of Christ is sufficient for us. *In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God!*

***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 Within Our Darkest Night (Taize) Ensemble

FIRST READING 1 Corinthians 1:18-25 Bible p. 156, LG p. 202

The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING John 2:13-22 Bible p. 87-88, LG p. 113

The word of God for the people of God
Thanks be to God.

SERMON Cleansing the Temple Rev. Dr. Jerry Carpenter

***HYMN #701** Sanctuary (Lord, Prepare Me)

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (adapted from the Confession of 1967)

God's redeeming work in Jesus Christ embraces the whole of human life: social and cultural, economic and political, scientific and technological, individual and corporate. It includes our natural environment as exploited and despoiled by sin. God wills that God's purpose for human life shall be fulfilled under the rule of Christ, and all evil be banished from God's creation. Already God's reign is present as a ferment in the world, stirring hope in all people and preparing the world to receive its ultimate judgment and redemption.

With an urgency born of this hope, the church applies itself to present tasks and strives for a better world. It does not identify limited progress with the kingdom of God on earth, nor does it despair in the face of disappointment and defeat. In steadfast hope, the church looks beyond all partial achievement to the final triumph of God.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Remember, You are Cleansed...and Changed
 ...Re-forming and restoring God, *We are cleansed and we are changed.*

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.*

PRAYER RESPONSE

Fresh as the morn - ing, sure as the sun - rise,
 God al - ways faith - ful, you do not change.
 Fresh as the morn - ing, sure as the sun - rise,
 God al - ways faith - ful, you do not change.

—Eucharist—

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING
OFFERTORY Leftover People in Leftover Places 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**