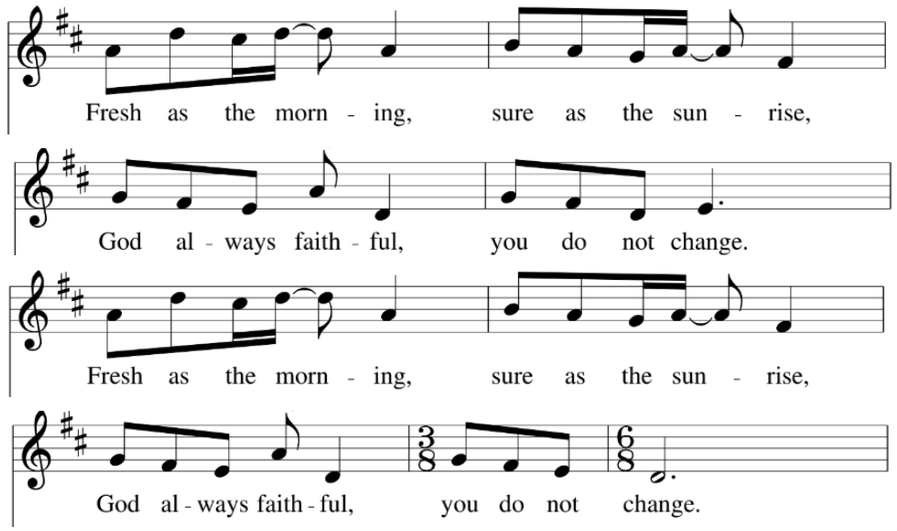
Prayer Response



Invitation to the Offering

Offertory **When the Poor Ones** 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**

— Sending—

***Hymn #250** **Hymn of Promise (In the Bulb There Is a Flower)**

***Charge and Benediction**

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

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

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Serving God,
Honoring Creation,
Embracing Differences

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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

HENDERSON, TX

4th Sunday in Lent

March 10, 2024

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

— Gathering —

Prelude **O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go** Joshua Allen

Welcome Liturgist: Stefen Kane

***Call to Worship** (Psalm 130:1-4)

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord. Lord, hear my voice!
Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!
If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand?
But there is forgiveness with you, so that you may be revered.
Let us worship God!

***Prayer of the Day** (adapted from a prayer by Rev. Elizabeth Dilley)

***Hymn #610** **O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing**

Confession (adapted from a prayer by Rev. Elizabeth Dilley)

Revitalizing God, Your power goes far beyond our own, and yet still we fall victim to the belief that the pains of this world will win out. We give in to despair and hopelessness, not trusting in Your ability to call forth new life from the tombs of our lives.
Forgive us for wanting to limit You to "the last day" or "the world beyond this one," not trusting You to move and act among us, within us, through us, bringing new life to us and through us right here and right now in a world where it feels as though death and despair always wins.
Forgive us and open our eyes to the wonder of new life sprouting into being in our very midst. 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

***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 **Our Darkness is Never Darkness** Ensemble

First Reading **John 11:1-45** Bible p. 98-99, LG p. 127-129

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Second Reading **Ezekiel 37:1-14** Bible p. 759, LG p. 987-988

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

Sermon **Can these bones live?** Rev. Brendan McLean

— Response—

Solo **Shall Tribulation or Distress** Stefen Kane

***Affirmation of Faith** (From the Declaration of Faith *10.1*)

In the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, God kept God's promises. All that we can ever hope for was present in Christ. But the work of God in Christ is not over.
God calls us to hope for more than we have yet seen. The hope God gives us is ultimate confidence that supports us when lesser hopes fail us.
In Christ, God gives hope for a new heaven and earth, certainty of victory over death, assurance of mercy and judgment beyond death. This hope gives us courage for the present struggle.

Prayers of the People **"Remember, You Are Dying…and Living"**

Source and Breath of Life, we remember,
We are dying, and yet we are living.

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.