

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**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.*

...

**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**

**PRAYER FOLLOWING COMMUNION**

*— Sending—*

**\*HYMN#611**

**Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee**

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

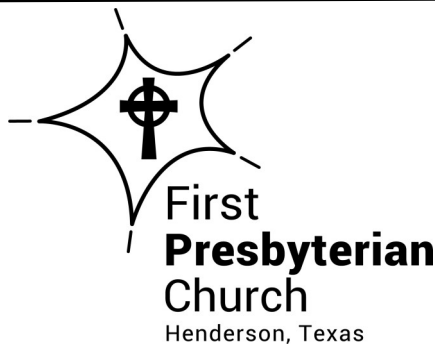
**Blessed Assurance**

Joshua Allen

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



Joshua Allen.....Music & Worship Arts Facilitator  
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*Serving God,  
Honoring Creation,  
Embracing Differences*



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**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**HENDERSON, TX**

**2nd Sunday of Easter**

**April 7, 2024**

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

— Gathering —

**PRELUDE** Thine is the Glory Joshua Allen

**WELCOME** Liturgist: Lynn Tieken

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Into our fears and through our locked doors,

***Come, Almighty God.***

When we think 'peace be with you,' means no change or disruption,

***Come, Lord Jesus.***

Amidst our lives that confuse religious entertainment with Easter fulfillment,

***Come, Holy Spirit.***

For the sake of a community meant to be its best during crisis,

***Come Father, Son and Holy Spirit.***

**\*HYMN #505** The Feast is Ready (The Trumpets Sound, the Angels Sing)

**CONFESSION**

***O Lord our God, we think our best should happen when we are in control. Forgive us for not expecting the risen Christ to show up when we are anxious, content to lock the doors of your house for fear of all that is outside.***

***Forgive us for thinking that church mainly happens inside these walls and not into the world you so love and into which we are sent. Forgive us for looking for your power in all the conventional places but never in places of brokenness, crisis and defeat. In your mercy, forgive what we have been, repair what we are, and by the power of Christ's resurrection, raise us up to serve others for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.***

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**\*ALLELUIA #586** Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

— Word—

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**FIRST READING** Acts 4:32-35 Bible p. 114, LG p. 148

The word of the Lord

***Thanks be to God.***

**SECOND READING** John 20:19-31

Bible p. 108-109, LG p. 141

The word of God for the people of God

***Thanks be to God.***

**SERMON**

Practicing Faith

Rev. Pepa Paniagua

— Response—

**\*HYMN #510** Come, Share the Lord (We Gather Here)

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (from The Study Catechism, Questions 43 and 46)

What do you affirm when you say that he was "crucified, dead, and buried"?

***That when our Lord passed through the door of real human death, he showed us that there is no sorrow that he has not known, no grief he has not borne, and no price he was unwilling to pay in order to reconcile us to God.***

What do you affirm when you say that 'on the third day he rose again from the dead'?

***That our Lord could not be held by the power of death. Having died on the cross, he appeared to his followers, triumphant from the grave, in a new, exalted kind of life. In showing them his hands and his feet, the one who was crucified revealed himself to them as the Lord and Savior of the world.***

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**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.***

— Eucharist—

**INVITATION TO THE OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY** What a Wonderful World 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.***