

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.*

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY Sing My Song Backwards (Wren)

***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 #295** Go to the World!

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE He Lives! Joshua Allen

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

3rd Sunday of Easter

April 14, 2024

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

— Gathering —

PRELUDE Festive Praise (Pote) Joshua Allen

WELCOME Liturgist: Kelly Weaver

*CALL TO WORSHIP (inspired by Psalm 4)

The Lord hears us when we call:

Come, let us put our trust in God.

The Lord fills our hearts with gladness:

Come, let us sing God's praises with shouts of joy!

The Lord grants peace to our weary souls:

Come, let us rest by the quiet waters of God's grace.

*HYMN #238 Thine is the Glory

CONFESSION

Risen Christ, we are often troubled by our doubts.

But you are not troubled by them.

You do not require perfect understanding.

Instead, you reveal yourself to us again and again

that we might come to know you.

Forgive us when our doubts keep us stuck,

when fear prevents us from loving all creation as you call us to do.

Help us to accept the peace you so graciously offer to us.

Have mercy on us when we hoard or hide it,

when we fail to offer it to others.

Renew us and make us whole that in this world of strife

we may be bearers of your peace.

In resurrection hope we pray, Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (1 John 3:1)

"See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are." Children of God, we are claimed by God, forgiven of our sins, and set free for love. Alleluia! Amen.

*ALLELUIA #586

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

—Word—

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING Acts 3:12-19 Bible p. 113, LG p. 146

SECOND READING 1 John 3:1-7 Bible p. 225-226, LG p. 291

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL Luke 24:36b-48 Bible p. 85, LG p. 110-111

The word of God for the people of God

Thanks be to God.

SERMON Knowing Better and Doing Better Jimmy Chapman

—Response—

*HYMN #452 Open the Eyes of My Heart

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Romans 8:1, 28, 38, 39)

*We believe there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus;
for we know that all things work together for good for those who love God,
who are called according to God's purpose.*

*We are convinced that neither death,
nor life, nor angels, nor rulers,
nor things present, nor things to come,
nor powers, nor height,
nor depth, nor anything else in all creation,
will be able to separate us from the love of God
in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE