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.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

We Will Sing (Stone) OFFERTORY

Ensemble

*Doxology #607

Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise Christ, all people here below; Praise Holy Spirit evermore; raise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

— Sending—

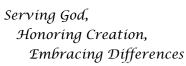
*HYMN #837 Leaning on the Everlasting Arms (What a Fellowship)

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

We Are All One in Mission Joshua Allen Postlude You may sit after the light passes you in the aisle.



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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH HENDERSON, TX

5th Sunday of Easter April 28, 2024

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

— Gathering —

INTROIT Welcome Into This Place (Oliver) Ensemble

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP Liturgist: Steve Lowe

We gather this day in joy and Christian fellowship, for we are the church of Jesus Christ!
We pray for the Holy Spirit to be among us, opening our hearts and minds to the worship of God!

*HYMN #401 Gather Us In (Here in This Place)

CONFESSION

Gracious God, our hearts are restless until they find their home in you.
Forgive our pursuit of things that separate us from you.
We pursue success, realizing it will never be enough.
We desire more possessions, knowing they are empty.
We turn toward the world and hope we will find peace, knowing the world cannot provide it.
Forgive us, we pray, and may our wandering hearts find their rest in you alone. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the good news! In Christ, we are new creations. The old life is gone, thank God! A new life has begun. Know you are forgiven, and be at peace.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

*ALLELUIA #586 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! — Word—

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING Acts 8:26-40 Bible p. 119, LG p. 155-156

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING Matthew 4:18-22 Bible p. 3, LG p. 4

The word of God for the people of God

Thanks be to God.

SERMON Gone Fishin' Rev. Danny Crouch

— Response—

SOLO Pass It On Joshua Allen

*Affirmation of Faith (adapted from Belonging to God: A First Catechism)

We are the church:

the people who believe the good news about Jesus, who are baptized, and who share in the Lord's Supper. Through these means of grace, the Spirit renews us so that we may serve God in love. We believe the good news that gives us comfort that we belong to our faithful Savior Jesus Christ, who died and rose again for our sake, so that nothing will ever separate us from God's love. We know this good news through reading the Bible and hearing it taught and preached. The Holy Spirit inspired those who wrote the Bible and helps us rely on its promises today.