

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD’S PRAYER

*Our Father which 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 Sweet Hour of Prayer Mary Tidwell

*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 # 829 My Faith Looks Up to Thee

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION
POSTLUDE Fugue Mary Tidwell
You may be seated after the light passes you in the aisle.



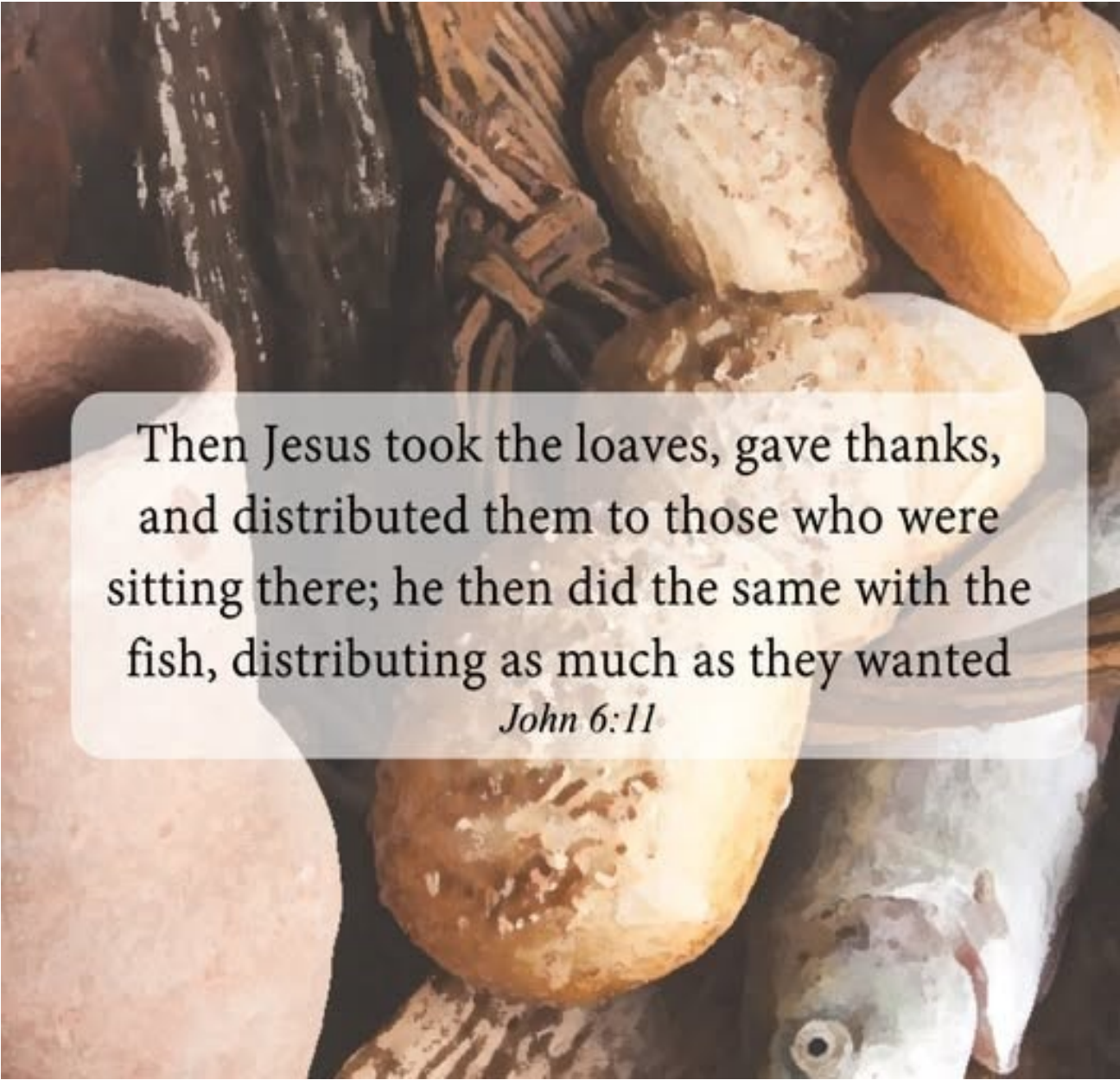
Debbi Ricci.....Administrative Assistant
Mary TidwellGuest Organist



*Serving God,
Honoring Creation,
Embracing Differences*



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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, HENDERSON, TX
5th Sunday of Easter
May 18, 2025

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

— Gathering —

PRELUDE Morning Song Mary Tidwell
WELCOME Liturgist: Jan Pennal

*CALL TO WORSHIP
Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights!
Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his host!
Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars!
Praise him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens!
Let them praise the name of the Lord, for he commanded and they were created.
He established them forever and ever; he fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed.

*HYMN #15 All Creatures of Our God and King

PRAYER OF CONFESSION
Loving God, you call us to your merciful, gracious love, freely given without expectation or strings attached, like the unconditional love of a bridegroom. While we are eager to experience your mercy and grace in our own lives, we are quick to make our extension of your mercy and grace conditional for others, holding court in our own hearts. We would rather show mercy to those we judge worthy, forgetting the new commandment to love as you have loved us. We would rather extend grace to those who will show us grace in return, missing the trustworthy and true nature of your boundless forgiveness. Forgive us, Redeeming God. And transform our hearts with your amazing grace and unconditional love so that our relationships and your world are transformed.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON
Behold: The former things have passed away, and God’s grace flows like a river of new life. Friends, hear the good news: through the grace of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! You are made anew!

*GLORIA PATRI #581
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

—Word—

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION
FIRST READING Psalm 148 Bible p. 550, LG p. 716
The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL John 6:1-15 Bible p.91-92, Lg p. 118-119
The word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON Jesus —Our Provider, not our Puppet Rev. David Reeder

—Response—

*HYMN # 501 Feed Us, Lord

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from Confession of 1967)
The life, death, resurrection, and promised coming of Jesus Christ has set the pattern for the church’s mission. His human life involves the church in the common life of all people. His service to men and women commits the church to work for every form of human well-being. His suffering makes the church sensitive to all human suffering so that it sees the face of Christ in the faces of persons in every kind of need. His crucifixion discloses to the church God’s judgment on the inhumanity that marks human relations, and the awful consequences of the church’s own complicity in injustice. In the power of the risen Christ and the hope of his coming, the church sees the promise of God’s renewal of human life in society and of God’s victory over all wrong. The church follows this pattern in the form of its life and in the method of its action. So to live and serve is to confess Christ as Lord.