Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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.

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

All are welcome at Christ's table. The cup is offered as <u>red</u> wine, and <u>white</u> grape juice. You may place your empty cup in the baskets on the first pews.

COMMUNION MUSIC

One Bread, One Body

Jack Brooks

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Bless the Lord, O my soul; and all that is within me, bless God's holy name! Bless the Lord, O my soul; and forget not all God's benefits.

Lead us, O God, to confirm this world to your kingdom of love, justice and peace. Help us to live as the Lord requires: to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with you, our God. Keep us faithful in your service until Christ comes in final victory and we shall feast with all your saints in the joy of your eternal realm.

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, now and forever. Amen.

—Sending—

*HYMN # 435 There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE God Reigns! Let Earth Rejoice!

Jack Brooks

You may be seated after the light passes you in the aisle.

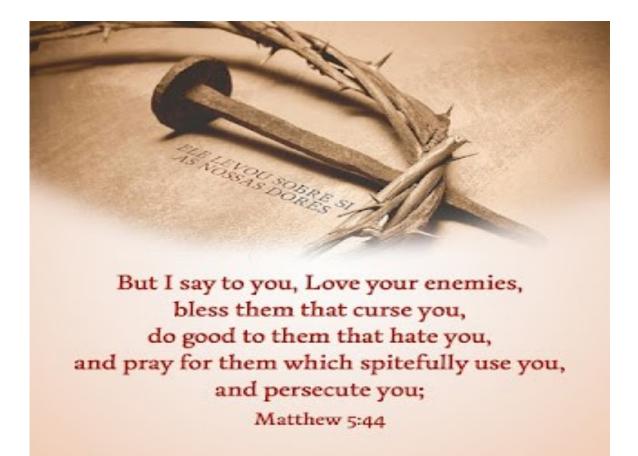


Debbi Ricci.....Administrative Assistant
Jack BrooksGuest Organist

Serving God, Honoring Creation, Embracing Differences



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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, HENDERSON, TX

7th Sunday of Easter ~ Communion Sunday

June 1, 2025

— Gathering —

When Morning Gilds the Skies

Jack Brooks

Liturgist: Suzanne Cross

*CALL TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

WELCOME

But let the righteous be joyful; let them exult before God; let them be jubilant with joy.

Sing to God, sing praises to his name; lift up a song to him who rides upon the clouds—his name is the LORD—be exultant before him.

Let us worship God with great joy!

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

*HYMN# 634

To God Be the Glory

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

The hatred which divides nation from nation, race from race, class from class, Father, forgive us. The covetous desires to possess what is not our own, Father, forgive us. The greed that exploits the labors of people and lays waste the earth, Father, forgive us. Our envy of the welfare and happiness of others, Father, forgive us. Our indifference to the plight of the homeless and the refugee, Father, forgive us. The lust which uses for ignoble ends the bodies of men and women, Father, forgive us. The pride which leads to trust in ourselves and not in you, Father, forgive us. Forgive us in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

...according to our iniquities.

For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.

Friends, this is the good news of the Gospel!

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Thanks be to God!

*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

RESPONSIVE PSALTER READING

Psalm 30

I will exalt you, LORD, for you lifted me out of the depths and did not let my enemies gloat over me.

LORD my God, I called to you for help, and you healed me.

You, LORD, brought me up from the realm of the dead; you spared me from going down to the pit.

Sing the praises of the LORD, you his faithful people; praise his holy name.

For his anger lasts only a moment, but his favor lasts a lifetime; weeping may stay for the night, but rejoicing comes in the morning.

When I felt secure, I said, "I will never be shaken."

LORD, when you favored me, you made my royal mountain stand firm; but when you hid your face, I was dismayed.

To you, LORD, I called; to the Lord I cried for mercy:

"What is gained if I am silenced, if I go down to the pit? Will the dust praise you? Will it proclaim your faithfulness?

Hear, LORD, and be merciful to me; LORD, be my help."

You turned my wailing into dancing; you removed my sackcloth and clothed me with joy,

That my heart may sing your praises and not be silent. LORD my God, I will praise you forever.

FIRST READING Leviticus 19:9-14, 18 Bible p. 102, LG p. 132-133

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL Matthew 5:43-48 Bible p 5, LG p. 6

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON Be Perfect Rev. Steve Newton

—Response—

*HYMN #525

Let Us Break Bread Together

*Affirmation of Faith (Apostles' Creed)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Invitation to the Offering

OFFERTORY Shall We Gather Jack Brooks

*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

—THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER —

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**