### 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 I Love to Tell the Story

**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

—Sending—

\*HYMN # 837 What a l

What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

**POSTLUDE My Life Flows On**You may be seated after the light passes you in the aisle.

Jack Brooks



Debbi Ricci.....Administrative Assistant
Jack Brooks ......Guest Organist

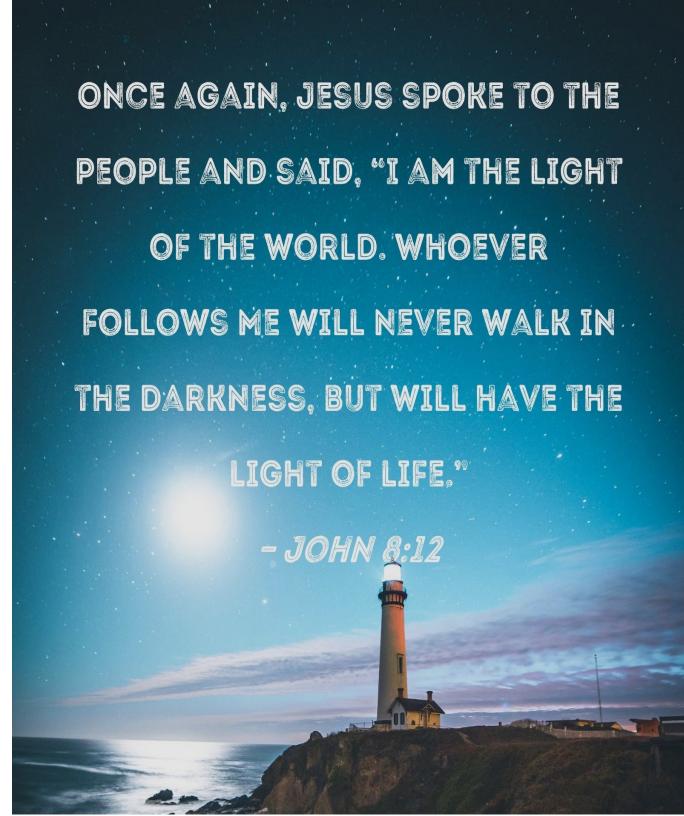
Serving God,

Honoring Creation,

Embracing Differences



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

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, HENDERSON, TX 8th Sunday of Pentecost August 3, 2025

—Gathering —

PRELUDE He Shall Feed His Flock Jack Brooks
WELCOME Liturgist: Steve Lowe

\*Call to Worship (based on Psalm 107)

O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good,

for God's steadfast love endures forever.

Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, those God redeemed from trouble;

They cried to the Lord in their trouble, and God delivered them from their distress.

Let us thank the Lord for God's steadfast love, For God satisfies the thirsty and fills the hungry with good things.

\*HYMN# 12 Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

# **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

God of the risen Christ, you broke the power of sin and evil. Yet we still live in the tombs of forgetfulness, anxiety and fear. We have failed to love you as we should. We have neglected to love our neighbor. In fact, we have even failed to love ourselves. Release us from the tombs that terrify us so we can see your image in one another and in your good creation. Truly, free us from the graves of self-hatred so we can see ourselves as your children. Amen.

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON** 

\*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 Colossians 3:1-11 Bible p. 190, LG p. 246

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

**GOSPEL** John 8:12-30 Bible p. 95, LG p. 123

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON When Light Meets Night Rev. David Reeder

-Response-

\*HYMN # 192 Lord, the Light of Your Love is Shining

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from A Brief Statement of Faith)

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.