

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 What Shall I Render to the Lord 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 # 175 Seek Ye First

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Go out with joy to love God, love yourself, and love your neighbor.
The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Alleluia! **Alleluia!**

POSTLUDE In the Lord I'll Be ever Thankful Jack Brooks

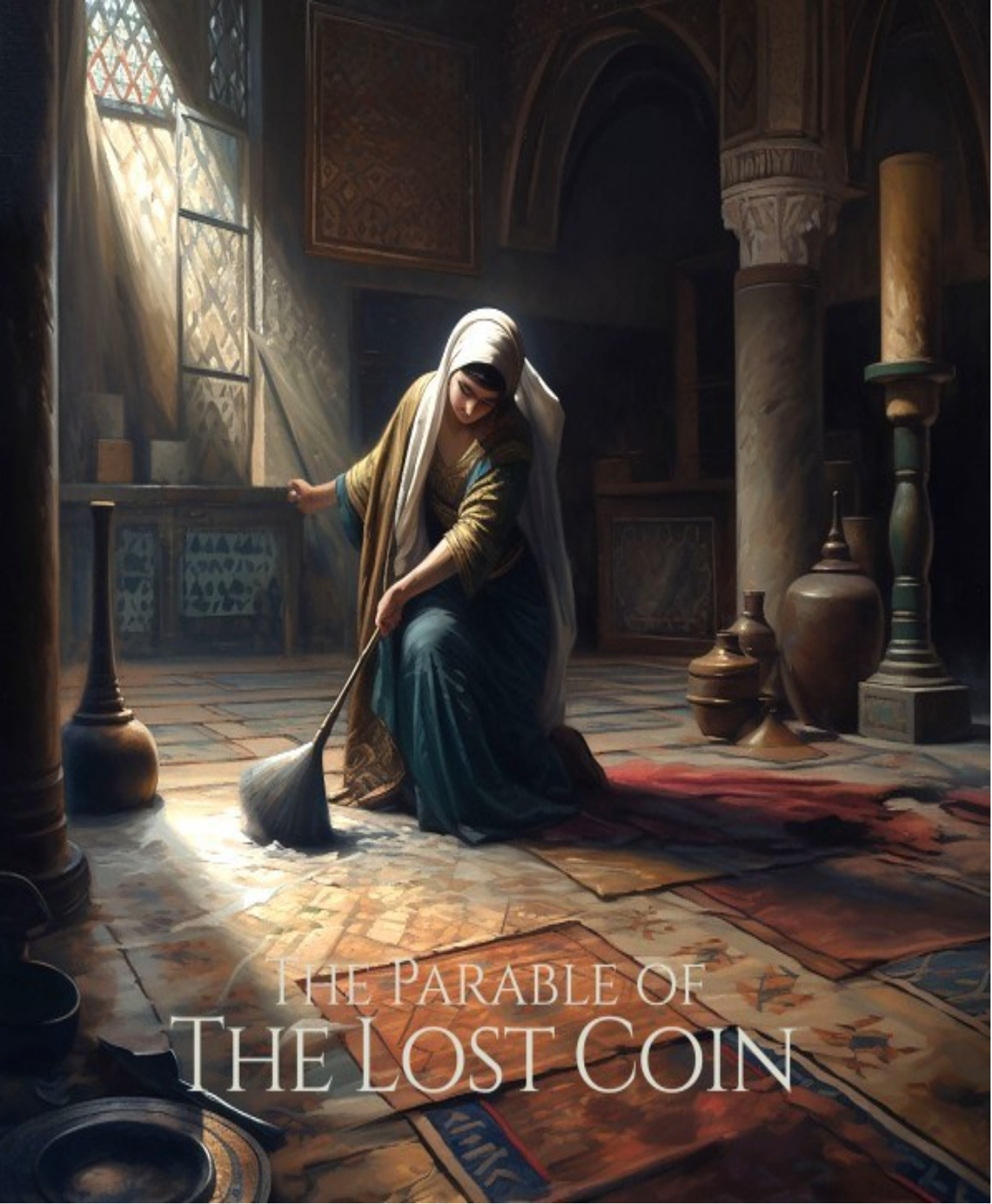
You may be seated after the light passes you in the aisle.



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



*Serving God,
Honoring Creation,
Embracing Differences*



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

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, HENDERSON, TX

14th Sunday of Pentecost

September 14, 2025

—Gathering—

PRELUDE Sing, Praise, and Bless the Lord Jack Brooks
WELCOME Liturgist: Lynn Tieken

*CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Luke 15:1-10)

Have you come here to grumble?
No! We are here to rejoice!
Oh. Are you lost?
No! We are found!
Okay, I see. Do you seek a welcome at this table?
Yes! We are here to let go of the past and begin fresh.
We are here to celebrate the joy of heaven.
We are here to feast with Christ, our Lord!
Wonderful! You are in the right place.
You are welcome here.
Let’s worship God together!

*HYMN# 634 To God be the Glory

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (based on Psalm 51:1-10)

God of loving kindness, have mercy on us. According to your multitude of tender mercies, blot out our transgressions, thoroughly wash us from our iniquity, and cleanse us from our sin. We know our transgressions, our sin, our evil done against you as we distort your love and corrupt your creation. From the moment of our conception we have worked to separate ourselves from your love. You desire truth in the inward being; therefore teach us wisdom, purge and clean our hearts, put your Spirit anew within us. Let us hear joy and gladness so that our ragged bones might rejoice with you.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (based on 1 Timothy 1:14,16)

Hear the good news:
With utmost patience, Christ offers mercy
so that we may thrive in eternal life.
In Christ’s name, we are forgiven!
Thanks be to God!
May the grace of our Lord overflow for you
with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus.

*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 51:1-10 Bible p. 492, LG p. 640
SECOND READING 1Timothy 1:12-17 Bible p. 196, LG p. 253-254
The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.
GOSPEL Luke 15:1-10 Bible p. 73, LG p. 95
The word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON The Lost and the Least Rev. Kris Crawford
—Response—

*HYMN # 300 We Are One in the Spirit

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from The Confession of 1967, Inclusive Language Text)

In Jesus of Nazareth, true humanity was realized once for all. Jesus, a Palestinian Jew, lived among his own people and shared their needs, temptations, joys, and sorrows. He expressed the love of God in word and deed and became a brother to all kinds of sinful men and women. But his complete obedience led him into conflict with his people. His life and teaching judged their goodness, religious aspirations, and national hopes. Many rejected him and demanded his death. In giving himself freely for them, he took upon himself the judgment under which everyone stands convicted. God raised him from the dead, vindicating him as Messiah and Lord. The victim of sin became victor, and won the victory over sin and death for all.