PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

...We join our voices together in praying the prayer you taught us,

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 Will You Let Me Be Your Servant

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 #347 Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Allegro Jack Brooks

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

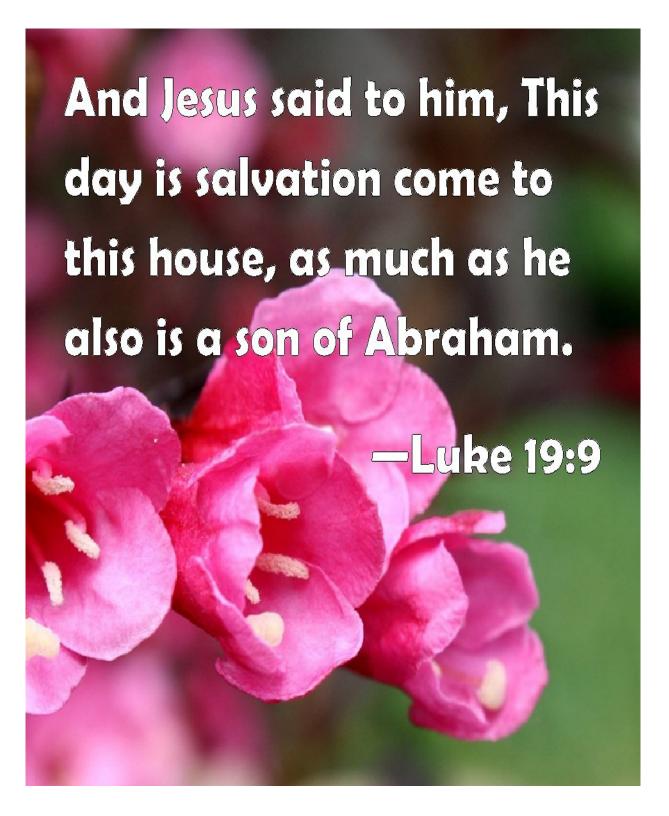


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Jack BrooksGuest Organist

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

22nd Sunday of Pentecost

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—Gathering —

PRELUDE How Firm a Foundation Jack Brooks
WELCOME Liturgist: Carol Scoggins

*Call to Worship (Psalm 98)

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!

We will break forth into joyous song, and sing praises.

Sing praises to the Lord;

Make a joyful noise with trumpet and the sound of the horn.

Let the sea roar, and all that fills it, the world and those who live in it.

The floods clap their hands and the hills sing out together;

Let us join in the joyful song of creation.

*HYMN# 450

Be Thou My Vision

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, we confess that we are too easily influenced by peddlers of despair and alarm, too quick to sink into numbness and apathy, too tired to imagine another way. Our hopes have crumbled, and our hearts are faint. Breathe new life into us, we pray. Help us to be mindful of your promises, your faithfulness, and your presence as we face the challenges of our lives. Restore our vision and give us courage to live in your truth. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon (Psalm 145)

God's ways are just, and God's kindness is constant. The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth. Beloved, God draws near to us with compassion and forgives our sins.

Thanks be to God, we are a forgiven people. Amen.

*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—

Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION
FIRST READING

Bible p. 821, Lg p. 1066-1067

SECOND READING

Psalm 32:1-7

Bible p.479, Lg p. 623

Bible p. 77, Lq p. 100

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL Luke 19:1-10

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON Saving the Lost

Jimmy Chapman

-Response-

*HYMN # 726

Will You Come and Follow Me

*Affirmation of Faith (Selections from the Barmen Declaration)

"I am the Way and the Truth and the Life; no one comes to the Father except through me."

Jesus Christ, as he is attested to us in Holy Scripture, is the one Word of God whom we have to hear, and whom we have to trust and obey in life and in death. We reject the false doctrine that the Church could and should recognize as a source of its proclamation, beyond and besides this one Word of God, yet other events, powers, historic figures and truths as God's revelation.

"Jesus Christ has been made wisdom and righteousness and sanctification and redemption for us by God."

As Jesus Christ is God's comforting pronouncement of the forgiveness of all our sins, so, with equal seriousness, he is also God's vigorous announcement of his claim upon our whole life. Through him there comes to us joyful liberation from the godless ties of this world for free, grateful service to his creatures. We reject the false doctrine that there could be areas of our life in which we would not belong to Jesus Christ but to other lords, areas in which we would not need justification and sanctification through him.

"Let us, however, speak the truth in love, and in every respect grow into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body is joined together."

The Christian Church is the community of brethren in which, in Word and Sacrament, through the Holy Spirit, Jesus Christ acts in the present as Lord. With both its faith and its obedience, with both its message and its order, it has to testify in the midst of the sinful world, as the Church of pardoned sinners, that it belongs to him alone and lives and may live by his comfort and under his direction alone, in expectation of his appearing. We reject the false doctrine that the Church could have permission to hand over the form of its message and of its order to whatever it itself might wish or to the vicissitudes of the prevailing ideological and political convictions of the day.