



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

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, HENDERSON, TX**

**Palm Sunday  
March 29, 2026**

**— Gathering —**

**PRELUDE**

**All Glory Laud and Honor**

**Jack Brooks**

**WELCOME**

**Liturgist: Jimmy Chapman**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

In the midst of all that tosses us to and fro,

***God gathers us together.***

We gather not because the sea is calm,

***But because God is faithful.***

Grounded in ancient wisdom,

Guided with grace and promise,

Nurtured by abundant love,

***Our spirits are renewed in the presence of God.***

**\*HYMN # 353**

**My Hope is Built on Nothing Less**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

***Steadfast and guiding God, we confess that we are people of anxious hearts. As wars rage and violence spreads, as prejudice wounds and injustice divides, as uncertainty about the future weighs upon us, we feel the wind and lose our footing. We cling to fear. We turn inward instead of reaching outward. We doubt your presence when the night is long.***

***Strengthen our faith to meet one another in the wilderness. Steady our collective steps to walk side by side in uncertainty. Lead us in the way of courage and peace so we may bear each other's burdens and care tenderly for all you have made. Guide us to love our neighbors and safeguard your creation, until the whole earth reflects your peace; through Jesus Christ our Savior. 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**

**Exodus 13:17-22**

**Bible p. 58, LG p. 75**

The word of the Lord.

***Thanks be to God.***

**SECOND READING**

**Matthew 14:22-30**

**Bible p. 15, LG p. 19-20**

The word of God for the people of God.

***Thanks be to God.***

**SERMON**

**Walking n the Wilderness**

**Crosby Fleming**

**—Response—**

**\*HYMN #65**

**Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah**

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (from "Living Faith" from the Presbyterian Church in Canada)

***The living God is Lord, Creator of all, Sustainer and Ruler of the universe.  
In the seasons and the harvests, in the rise and fall of nations, God's goodness and judgment are present...  
We hold in reverence the whole creation as the theatre of God's glory and action..  
We affirm God's righteous and loving purpose even in a world where evil abounds.***