

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 **To You, O Lord, We Lift Our Eyes** **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 # 643** **Now Thank We All Our God**

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE **Middlebury** **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

3rd Sunday of Easter

April 19, 2026

—Gathering—

PRELUDE

Let All the World in Every Corner Sing

Jack Brooks

WELCOME

Liturgist: Steve Lowe

*CALL TO WORSHIP

I will offer to you a thanksgiving sacrifice
and call on the name of the Lord.

I will pay my vows to the Lord

in the presence of all his people,

in the courts of the house of the Lord,
in your midst, O Jerusalem.

Praise the Lord!

*HYMN# 2

Come, Thou Almighty King

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, even as we proclaim the saving life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, we fail to see the living Christ in our midst. We find ourselves preoccupied with our own well-being and success, forgetting your imperative to love our neighbor as ourselves. We turn away from systems that challenge our way of thinking, choosing to justify our actions instead of examining our intentions.

Show us again how to live a resurrection faith, a faith that sees life and hope in the midst of death and destruction. Transform our hearts so that where they are hardened toward you, neighbor and self, they may once again be filled with love and moved to actions of grace and mercy. In your holy name, we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

...Children of God, you 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

FIRST READING

Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19

Bible p. 533—534, LG p. 694

SECOND READING

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

Bible p. 111-112, LG p. 144-145

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING

Luke 24:13-35

Bible p. 84-85, LG p. 109-110

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rev. Michele Goff

—Response—

*HYMN # 721

Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (The Confession of Belhar)

We believe that Christ's work of reconciliation is made manifest in the church as the community of believers who have been reconciled with God and with one another; that unity is, therefore, both a gift and an obligation for the church of Jesus Christ; that through the working of God's Spirit it is a binding force, yet simultaneously a reality which must be earnestly pursued and sought: one which the people of God must continually be built up to attain.

That this unity must become visible so that the world may believe that separation, enmity and hatred between people and groups is sin which Christ has already conquered, and accordingly that anything which threatens this unity may have no place in the church and must be resisted.