

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 Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song 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 # 719** Come, Labor On

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE Trust in God 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

4th Sunday of Easter

April 26, 2026

—Gathering—

Take Up Your Cross

Jack Brooks

Liturgist: Liz Cross

PRELUDE

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates!

Behold! The Savior of the world is risen!

Fling wide the portals of your hearts:

Let us feel the presence of the God's grace and love!

O Holy spirit, lead us on in worship;

Call us each by name, that we may give God glory!

*HYMN# 321

The Church's One Foundation

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, from before the foundation of the world, you called us by name and pledged your steadfast love. But like ornery sheep, we stray from the fold. You offer to lead us, but we prefer to lead ourselves. Christ laid down his life, yet we refuse to lay down our phones, our plans, our pride.

Forgive us, O God. Call us back to the open gate of Christ's redeeming love that we may enter your Beloved Community and find restoration for our souls, reconciliation with our enemies and the glory of abiding with you forevermore. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

...you are forgiven and restored to new, abundant life.

Alleluia! 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—

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

Psalms 23

Bible p. 474-475, Lg p. 617

SECOND READING

Acts 2:42-47

Bible p. 112, Lg p. 145-146

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING

John 9:1-41

Bible p. 96-97, Lg p. 125-126

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Do You See?

Rev. David Reeder

—Response—

*HYMN # 314

Christ, Be Our Light

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH ((Second Helvetic Confession)

In all crises and trials of our life we call upon God alone, and do so by the mediation of our only mediator and intercessor, Jesus Christ. For we have been explicitly commanded: "Call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify me" (Psalm 1:15). Moreover, we have a most generous promise from the Lord who said: "If you ask anything of the Father, he will give it to you" (John 16:23), and: "Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest" (Matthew 11:28). And since it is written: "How are men to call upon him in whom they have not believed?" (Romans 10:14), and since we do believe in God alone, we assuredly call upon God alone, and we do so through Christ alone. Amen.