

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 **The King of Love My Shepherd Is** **Mary Tidwell**

***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 # 468** **In My Life**

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE **Come, Thou Almighty King** **Mary Tidwell**

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



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*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

7th Sunday of Easter

May 17, 2026

—Gathering—

PRELUDE

Holy God, We Praise Thy Name

Mary Tidwell

WELCOME

Liturgist: Suzanne Cross

*CALL TO WORSHIP

O God, when you went out before your people, when you marched through the wilderness, the earth quaked,
the heavens poured down rain at the presence of God, the God of Sinai, at the presence of God, the God of Israel.

Rain in abundance, O God, you showered abroad; you restored your heritage when it languished; your flock found a dwelling in it; in your goodness, O God, you provided for the needy.

Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; sing praises to the Lord.

*HYMN #306

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, you have loved us from generation to generation. You have shown your faithfulness more often than we can recall. The Bible tells us of your steadfast mercy. You even pray for us. Yet we live holding on to past hurts; we are not open to your new creation. We prefer the safety of what we know to the excitement of discipleship. Forgive us, we pray, and make us again as you would have us be. We make all of our prayers in the name of Jesus Christ, Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

We know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence.

Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

Believe the promise of the gospel:

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

*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

1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11

Bible p. 221, Lg p. 285-286

The Word of the God.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

John 17:1-11

Bible p. 105, Lg p. 136

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

A Lasting Commissioning

Crosby Fleming

—Response—

*HYMN # 300

We are One in the Spirit

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from A Brief Statement of Faith)

*In a broken and fearful world
the Spirit gives us courage
to pray without ceasing,
to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,
to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,
to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,
and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.
In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks
and to live holy and joyful lives,
even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,
praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"
With believers in every time and place,
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death
can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.*