

*the church's mission. His human life involves the church in the common life of all people. His service to men and women commits the church to work for every form of human well-being. His suffering makes the church sensitive to all human suffering so that it sees the face of Christ in the faces of persons in every kind of need. His crucifixion discloses to the church God's judgment on the inhumanity that marks human relations, and the awful consequences of the church's own complicity in injustice. In the power of the risen Christ and the hope of his coming, the church sees the promise of God's renewal of human life in society and of God's victory over all wrong. The church follows this pattern in the form of its life and in the method of its action. So to live and serve is to confess Christ as Lord.*

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION - Responsive**

Our response this morning is: *hear our prayer.*

**LORD'S PRAYER - UNISON**

*Our Father, who 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 OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY**

**\*DOXOLOGY**

*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 - UNISON**

*To you, O God, we offer our lives—our abundance, our poverty, all that we have, all that we are—a sign of our great thanksgiving for the treasure of your grace. Take and use us for good in the world that you so love; we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.*

*Sending*

**\*HYMN #37**

*"Let All Things Now Living"*

Davis, 1939

**\*BLESSING AND CHARGE**

*... Alleluia! ... Amen.*

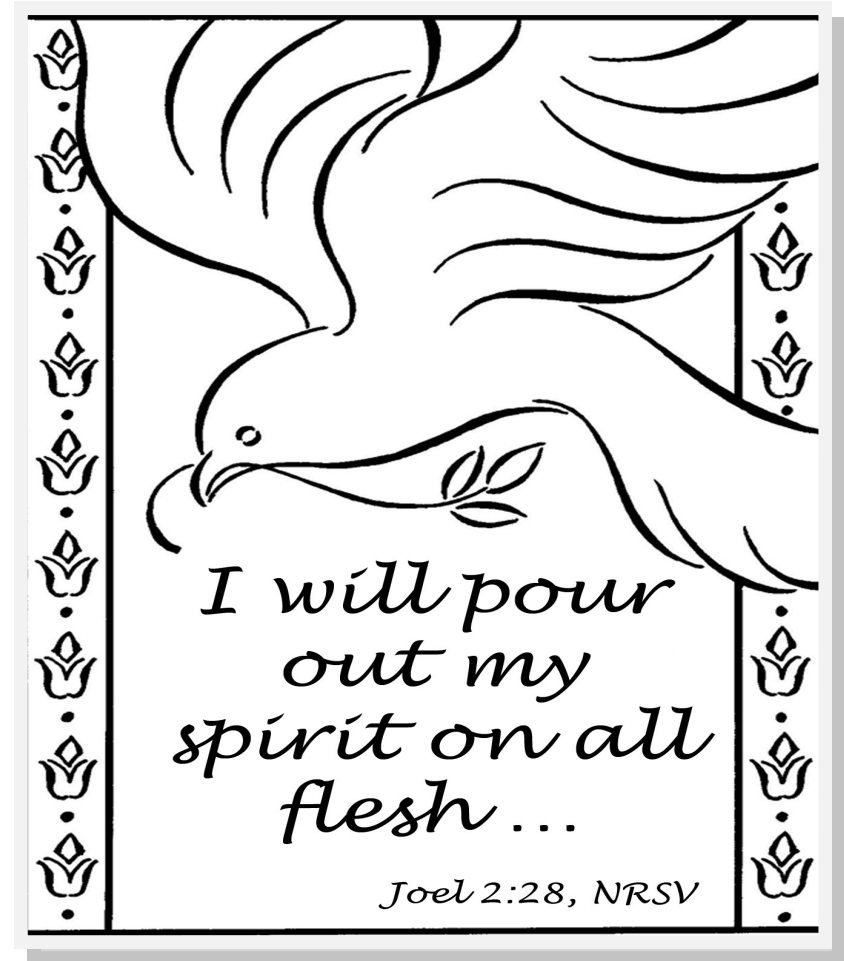
**\*RESPONSE #742**

*"We Will Walk with God"*

Bell, 2002

**POSTLUDE**

Selected



**First  
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Church**

Henderson, Texas

*"Serving God, Honoring Creation, Embracing Differences"*

(\*) Please rise in body or in spirit.  
*Bold italic letters* indicate congregational responses.

# Service for the Lord's Day

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

October 27, 2019

The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A) affirms: The church reformed,  
always to be reformed according to the Word of God.

## PRAYER OF PREPARATION

(each person prays silently)

*God, Gracious and Giving Lord, on this Reformation Sunday, may we remember  
how your Son taught us the fundamental value of faithful love above all else. Amen.*

## Gathering

### PRELUDE

Selected

### WELCOME

Rev. Michele R. Goff

### INTROIT

*"Jubilate Deo"*  
(Chancel Choir)

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP - Responsive

Liturgist - Carol Scoggins

God formed us into beings, breathing life into the dust of the earth.

*God formed us into the church, breathing life into human community.*

Let us keep our hearts open to the leading of Christ; let us keep our minds open to the movement of the Spirit,

*For God is not finished forming and re-forming.*

We are the church, who has been reformed. We are the church, always being reformed.

*Let us worship the living God!*

### \*HYMN #634

*"To God Be the Glory"*

Crosby, 1875

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

### CONFESSION

### SILENT REFLECTION

(A time of silence for personal prayer)

### UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*Eternal God, we confess that we have failed to seek your will. You write your law in our hearts, but we ignore your holy word. You call us to be reconciled but we continue to live in discord. Forgive us, God of grace. Reform and transform our lives so that we may live in the light of the truth that sets us free.*

## LORD HAVE MERCY

Kyrie Eleison

*"Lord, have mercy upon us, Christ, have mercy upon us, Lord, have mercy upon us."*

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Now stand firm in your faith, covered by the saving grace of God and ready to proclaim the gospel of peace.

## \*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet; Righteousness and peace will kiss each other. The peace of Christ be with you all. *And also with you.*

Please exchange signs of our Lord's peace with those around you.

## \*GLORIA PATRI

#580

*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

### ANTHEM

*"Fill-A-Me-Up"*  
(Chancel Choir)

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

### HEBREW SCRIPTURE

Joel 2:23-32

Bibles, p.799/LG.1038

The word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

### GREEK SCRIPTURE

2 Timothy 4:6-18

Bibles, p.201/LG.p.255

Keep these words in your heart. The Lord is our God, the Lord alone.

*Thanks be to God.*

### HYMN #288

*"Spirit of the Living God"*

Iverson, 1926

### GOSPEL SCRIPTURE

Luke 18: 9-14

Bibles, p.76/ LG. p.99

The word of God, for the people of God.

*Thanks be to God.*

### SERMON

Rev. Michele R. Goff

### ASCRPTION OF PRAISE

## Response

### \*HYMN #649

*"Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound"* v.1-2, 4

Newton, 1772

### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - UNISON

*The Affirmation of Faith is adapted from the Confession of 1967 (9.32-33)*

*The life, death, resurrection, and promised coming of Jesus Christ has set the pattern for*