

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

HENDERSON, TX

APRIL 19, 2020 - SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

— *Gathering* —

WELCOME

Rev. Michele R. Goff

OPENING SENTENCES

With Mary, whose glad tidings signaled hope
and summoned joy, we proclaim:

We have seen the Lord!

With the disciples, whom Jesus greeted with peace
and freed from fear, we declare:

We have seen the Lord!

Behold! The risen Lord is in our midst!

Let us worship God!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

HYMN #233 (118)

The Day of Resurrection"

John of Damascus, 8th century

(Alternate hymn numbers are for the old blue hymnals.)

CONFESSION

Trusting that God will transform our hearts,
let us confess our tendency to cling to old ways of living
rather than embracing the gift of new life.

***Risen Lord,
you have breathed the Spirit upon us,
and sent us forth to testify
to what we have heard and seen.
Yet we resist this calling,
huddling behind locked doors
rather than stepping out with confidence.
We yearn for more—***

***more proof,
more courage,
more guidance,
more faith—***

***and forget that you have given us all we need:
the gift of the Holy Spirit.***

Forgive us, we pray.

Free us from fear

and send us forth to proclaim:

"We have seen the Lord!"

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Know that you are forgiven and be at peace. *Alleluia! Amen!*

— *Word* —

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

Our gospel lesson is from the gospel according to John chapter 20, verses 19 through 31.
O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord.
This is the good news which we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON

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DESCRIPTION OF PRAISE

— *Response* —

HYMN #286 (316)

"Breathe on Me, Breath of God"

Hatch, 1878

(Alternate hymn numbers are for the old blue hymnals.)

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Draw near to the Lord, who is good, whose steadfast love endures forever.
God of our salvation, **answer us with grace.**

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.**

— *Sending* —

BLESSING AND CHARGE

Beloved church family,
May the love of the holy triune God—
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—
abide with you forever. **Alleluia!**

Remember Christ's new commandment
to love one another, just as he has loved us. **Amen.**

HYMN #643 (555)

"Now Thank We All Our God"

Rinkart, 1636

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"Serving God, Honoring Creation, Embracing Differences"