

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Joining our hearts and minds in prayer,
let us call on the name of the Lord,
saying: O God of grace, *bless us with peace...*
through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A CALL TO PRAYER—for the Ukraine

from the Office of General Assembly

As tensions continue to rise, as soldiers on both sides of the conflict prepare, as mothers and fathers pray, let us pray for peace. Let us pray for the governments of Russia, Ukraine, Belarus, the United States and the European Union to seek all avenues for a peaceful resolution to the current tensions. And may we soften our own hearts and words in our own communities to de-escalate the tensions that consume our world. Lord, be with us, we pray. Teach us to be your peacemakers. *Amen.*

LORD’S PRAYER

*Our Father, who art in heaven ... debts/debtors...
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.*

PRAYER RESPONSE

Total Praise

Ensemble

INVITATION TO OFFERING

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*We praise and thank you, Lord God, for the majesty of your work,
the wisdom of your word, and the generosity of your grace.
Let the gifts of our lives bear witness to your goodness and mercy,
your faithfulness and justice, and your steadfast love for all. Amen.*

— *Sending* —

Be Thou My Vision

HYMN #450

BLESSING AND CHARGE

POSTLUDE

The Power and the Glory

Joshua Allen



Rev. Michele R. Goff.....Pastor
Joshua Allen..... Music Director
Debbi Ricci.....Admin. Assist.



*Serving God,
Honoring Creation,
Embracing Differences*



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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

HENDERSON, TX

8th Sunday After Epiphany

February 27, 2022

Transfiguration of the Lord

The Transfiguration, from *Art in the Christian Tradition*, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN

(*) Please rise in body or in spirit
Bold Italic letters indicate congregational response

— *Gathering* —

WELCOME

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, let us worship God,
singing joyful songs of praise!
For the glory of the Lord shines upon us,
and calls us forth with thanksgiving.
Let us turn to the mountaintop,
and let us give God the glory.
Come, let us worship God!

Come Let Us Dwell

Stefen Kane, soloist
Liturgist: John Hillin

PRAYER OF THE DAY

HYMN #667

When Morning Gilds the Skies

CONFESSION

We all fall short of our call as beloved children of God.
Yet, in hope and with boldness we confess our sin together,
trusting that we will be heard in God's great mercy.

Holy Lord,

we confess that we do not always seek the light of your way.

We are satisfied to dwell in darkness,

holding fast to the comforts of material fortune.

We ignore the needs of others,

and selfishly look the other way

when our neighbors are oppressed.

In your merciful way,

help us to establish your equity in the world.

Move us to protect creation and ensure equality,

that all of our siblings may have a share of your abundance

and the safety of your peace,

and that the light of your face may shine upon all creation.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

The Lord our God answers our prayers. The Holy One forgives us of our sin.
Know that you are forgiven and be at peace. *Thanks be to God.*

— *Word* —

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

HEBREW SCRIPTURE

Exodus 34:29-35

Bible p. 78, LG p. 101-102

Speak to us, Lord, for your servants are listening.

EPISTLE READING

2 Corinthians 3:12 - 4:2

Bible p. 169, LG p. 219-220

Hear the word of the Lord.

A new teaching, with authority! *Thanks be to God.*

GOSPEL

Luke 9:28-36

Bible p. 65, LG p. 85

Hear the word of God for us today.

The wisdom of God for the people of God. *Thanks be to God.*

SERMON

Reflecting God's Radiance

Rev. Michele Goff

ASCRPTION OF PRAISE

— *Response* —

SONG

Adonai

Joshua Allen, soloist

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.08

In Jesus of Nazareth,

true humanity was realized once for all.

Jesus, a Palestinian Jew,

lived among his own people

and shared their needs, temptations,

joys, and sorrows.

He expressed the love of God

in word and deed

and became a brother

to all kinds of sinful people.

But his complete obedience

led him into conflict with his people.

His life and teaching judged their goodness,

religious aspirations, and national hopes.

Many rejected him and demanded his death.

In giving himself freely for them,

he took upon himself the judgment

under which everyone stands convicted.

God raised him from the dead,

vindicating him as Messiah and Lord.

The victim of sin became victor,

and won the victory

over sin and death for all.