

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Let us have the same mind that was in Christ Jesus as we pray for the world he came to save, saying: By your grace, O God, *raise us from death to life.*

... As we pour out our hearts in prayer, O God, lead us to pour out our lives in service to you— ever seeking your will, ever following your way; all in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**LORD’S PRAYER**

*Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as 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** This is God’s Wondrous World (arr. Christiansen) Instrumental

**\*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**

*God, we bring together our offerings and gifts because we believe and trust you are faithful to care for all our needs.*

*We give because our needs are met so abundantly we cannot help but respond with generosity and gratitude. So, take these gifts, bless them to your service, and help us be wise stewards of the resources we bring together. Amen.*

— Sending —

**\*HYMN #465** What a Friend We Have in Jesus

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE** Shout to the North Joshua Allen

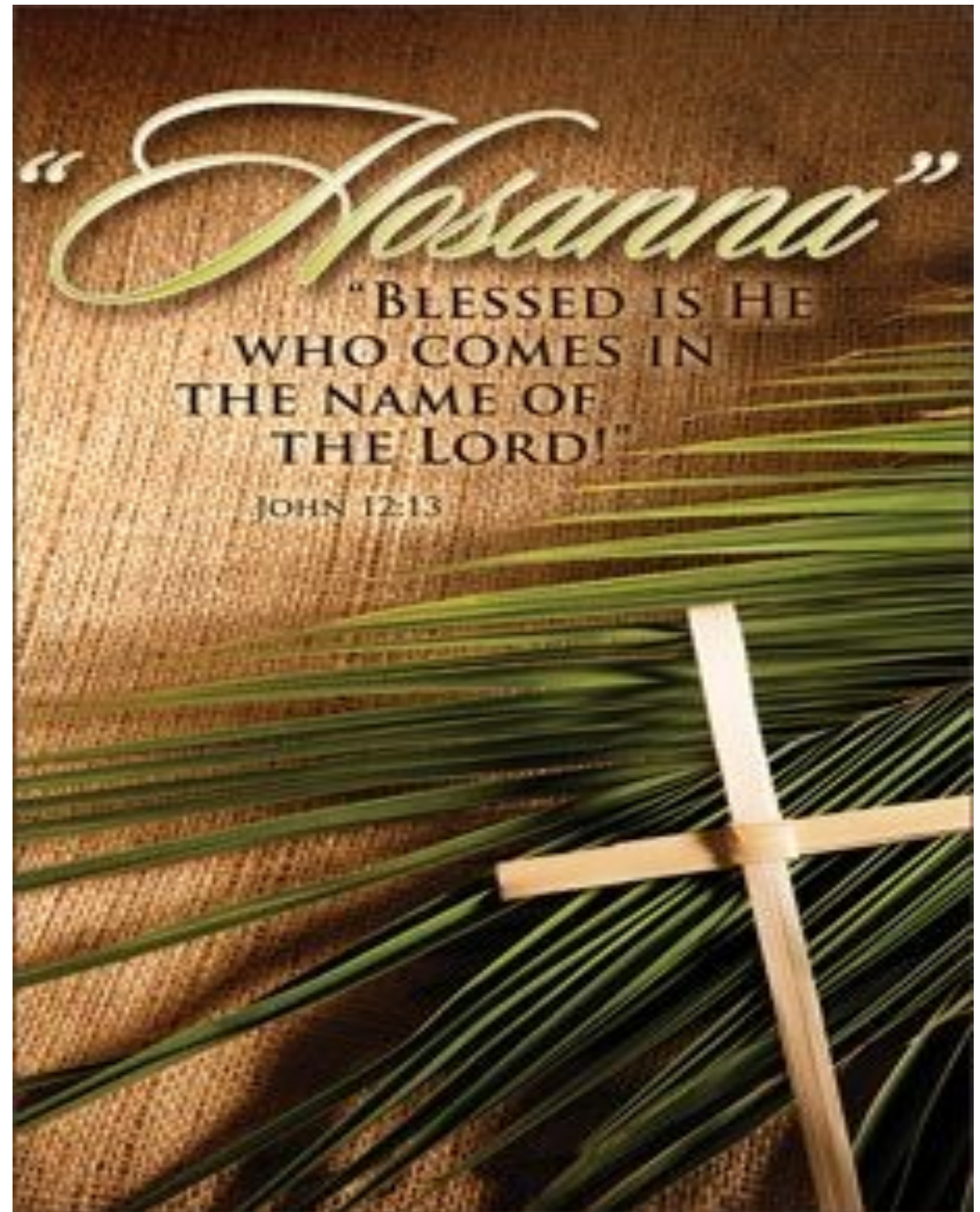
*You may sit after the light passes you in the aisle.*



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



*Serving God,  
Honoring Creation,  
Embracing Differences*



**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**HENDERSON, TX**

**Palm/Passion Sunday**

**April 2, 2023**

(\* Please rise in body or in spirit

*Bold Italic Letters* indicate congregational response

**— Gathering —**

**PRELUDE** Hosanna in the Highest (D.W. Music) Joshua Allen  
**WELCOME** Rev. Michele Goff

**\*PROCLAMATION OF THE ENTRANCE INTO JERUSALEM**

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. *Hosanna in the highest!*  
A reading from the gospel according to Matthew 21:1-11 Bible p. 21-22, LG p. 27-28  
Hear the word of the Lord.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. *Hosanna in the highest!*

**\*HYMN #196** All Glory, Laud, and Honor

**\*Call to Worship** Liturgist: Jimmy Chapman

Greetings to the joyful, the content, the hopeful, and the cheerful.

*Bring your laughter, your celebrations, and your delight to worship.*

Welcome to the mournful, the anxious, the overwhelmed, and the afraid.

*Bring your thoughts, your worries, your concerns, and your fears to worship.*

We all come from different places, with different experiences, and with different expectations. *God alone knows our inner thoughts and looks upon us with compassion.*  
Come as you are. Come with all your feelings.

*God will help us process and transform our feelings into faithful action.*

Come as you are. Come with all your feelings. *Come, let us worship together in unity.*

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**\*HYMN #469** Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

**CONFESSION**

Let us confess the ways in which we have treated ourselves with judgment and cruelty.  
Compassionate God, you love us and treat us tenderly, even when we are struggling to do what is right. In spite of your patience with us, we condemn ourselves, judge ourselves, and tell ourselves lies.

*We confess we treat ourselves harshly, condemn our own mistakes, and punish ourselves when we fail.*

*We confess we call ourselves names, can be our own worst bullies,*

*and look in the mirror without love for our faces.*

*We confess we give up on ourselves, treat ourselves with unkindness, and withhold good things from our lives.*

*We confess we choose the well-being of others over ourselves when we really need to rest and recover.*

*We confess we believe negative things others say about us and deny words spoken which bless us.*

*We confess we confuse confidence for arrogance and self-love for indulgence.*

For you, God, adore us. You are kind to us, forgiving us when we fail. Show each of us how we might love ourselves, not from a place of self-absorption or narcissism, but in the knowledge that you made us, and we belong to you. Amen.

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Let love and forgiveness banish all shame, for we are made whole in Christ when we confess our shortcomings. Be free to love yourself and all the traits God gave you.

*Thanks be to God.*

**\*GLORIA# 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 SCRIPTURE READING** Philippians 2:5-11 Bible p. 186, LG p. 240-241

O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise.

All of this is from God, who entrusts us with the message of reconciliation.

*Thanks be to God.*

**YOUNG CHRISTIANS' MOMENT**

**GOSPEL** John 18:1-19:42 Bible p. 105-107, LG p. 137-138

**Hear the passion of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

*John, the Narrator – Rev Michele Goff; Jesus – Stefen Kane; Peter – Louise; Pontius Pilate – Jimmy; a Woman – Kathy; a Soldier – Chris; a Slave – Suzanne*

We proclaim Christ crucified—the wisdom and power of God.

*Thanks be to God.*

**Silence is observed**

**ASCRPTION OF PRAISE**

**— Response —**

**SOLO** Were You There Stefen Kane

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

*The Apostles' Creed (see insert)*