

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LORD'S PRAYER

*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 THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY Rise (Abela) Ensemble

***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 #462**

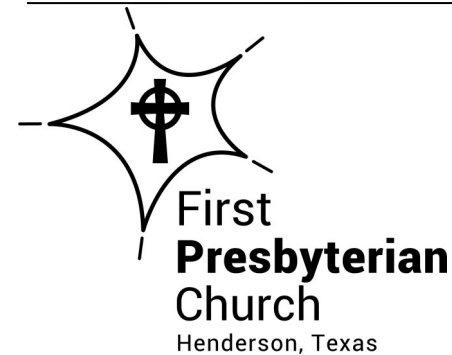
I Love to Tell the Story

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

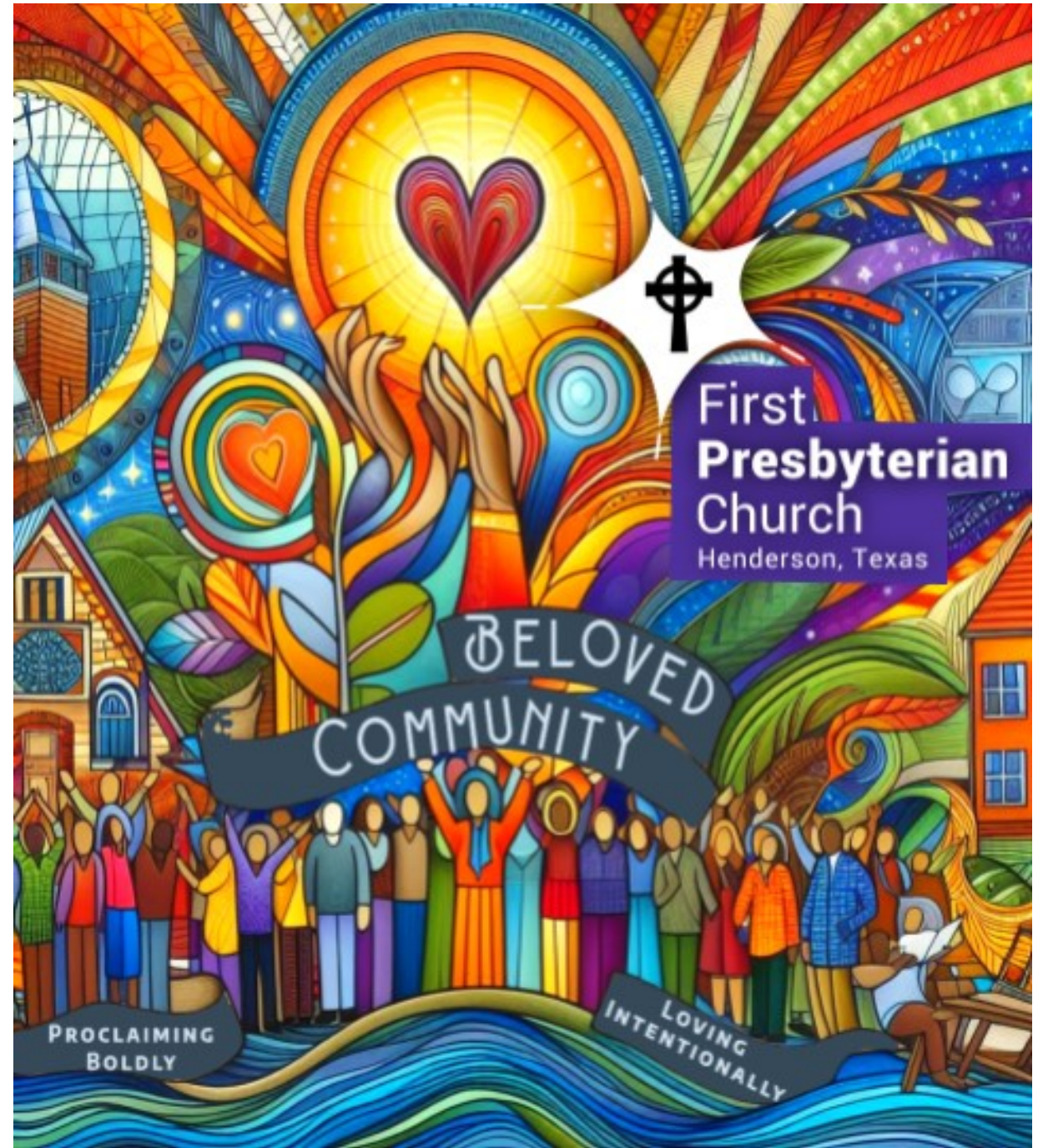
POSTLUDE How Excellent is Thy Name Joshua Allen

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

Joshua Allen.....Music & Worship Arts Facilitator
Debbi Ricci.....Admin. Assist.



*Serving God,
Honoring Creation,
Embracing Differences*



May 12, 2024 **The 7th Sunday of Easter, Mothers' Day**

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

— Gathering —

PRELUDE As the Deer Joshua Allen
WELCOME Liturgist: Jimmy Chapman

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked
We delight in God's Word, we meditate on God day and night.
Our worship grounds us in God, like trees planted by streams of water
God helps us yield good fruit.
We do not wither when we spend time in God's presence.

*Hymn #324 For All the Faithful Women

CONFESSION

*Savior God, we invite you into our lives for a season,
only to forget and neglect you once again.
You beckon us, calling for our attention,
but we are distracted and busy taking care of other priorities.
Remind us, Holy God, that you are the source of our flourishing.
You are the living water by which we have been planted.
Forgive our neglect. Forgive our unfaithfulness.
Focus us on you, your Word, and all that your Spirit provides. Amen.*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*ALLELUIA #586 *Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

You are beloved.
And you belong!

SUNG BLESSING What the World Needs Now (David) Ensemble

—Word—

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING John 17:6-19 Bible p. 105, LG p. 136
The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING Galatians 5:22-25 Bible p. 179, LG p. 233
The word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON In Celebration of Spirit, Rev. David Reeder
In Celebration of Mothers

— Response —

*Hymn #188 Jesus Loves Me!

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

*We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father.
In sovereign love God created the world good
and makes everyone equally in God's image,
male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community.
God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation.
In everlasting love,
the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people
to bless all families of the earth.
Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel
from the house of bondage.
Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.
Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child,
like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home,
God is faithful still.*