

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY Put a Little Love in Your Heart (DeShannon) 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

This Little Light of Mine
*This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine! (x3)
Let it shine, Let it shine, Let it shine!*

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE What the World Needs Now (DeShannon)

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



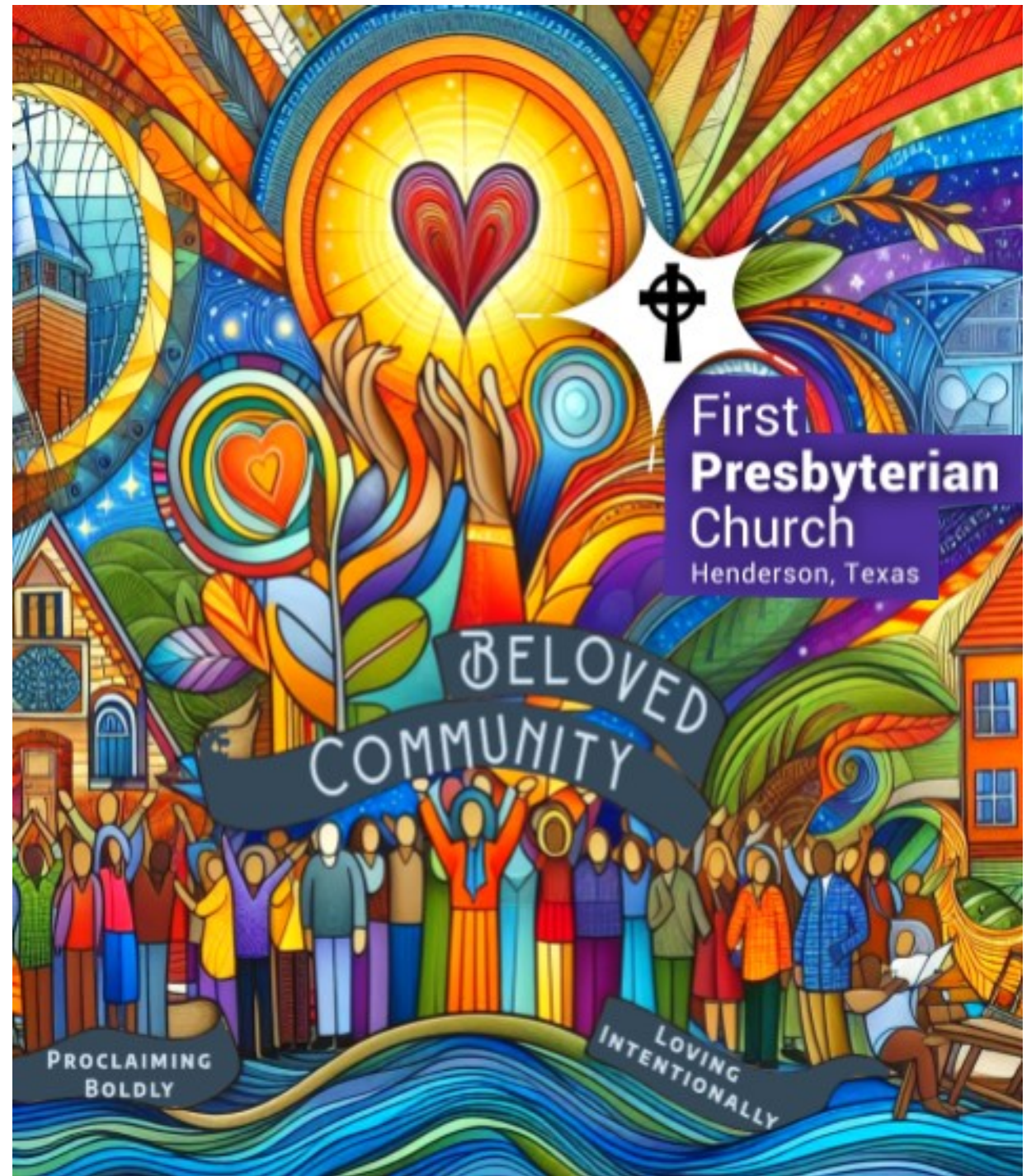
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*Serving God,
Honoring Creation,
Embracing Differences*



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June 2, 2024

2nd Sunday after Pentecost

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

— Gathering —

PRELUDE

There Is a Savior

Joshua Allen

WELCOME

Liturgist: Lynn Tieken

*CALL TO WORSHIP

We come together to observe the Sabbath day and keep it holy.

Renew us by your Spirit, Lord.

We come together to praise God with festive songs and shouts of joy!

Renew us by your Spirit, Lord.

We come together to hear the voice of our Savior calling us to compassion.

Renew us by your Spirit, Lord.

We come together to experience the abundance of God's grace.

Let us worship God.

*HYMN #641

When in Our Music God Is Glorified

CONFESSION

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo.

Forgive us and set us free from a past that we cannot change. Open to us a future in

which we can be changed. Grant us grace to grow more and more into Your likeness.

Through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary and carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." Christ lifts the heavy burdens of sin and frees us for new life in his name. Trust that you are forgiven, and be at peace.

*GLORIA PATRI #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.***

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

You are beloved.

And you belong!

—Word—

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Speak, O Lord

Ensemble

FIRST READING

2 Corinthians 4:5-12

Bible p. 157, LG p. 220

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Acts 9:1-6

Bible p. 119, LG p. 154-155

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

The Apostle Paul's Question

Don R. Richards

—Response—

*HYMN #442

Just as I Am, without One Plea

*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. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care.

We deserve God's condemnation. Yet 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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (based on "You Break In" by Roddy Hamilton)

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.