

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY **The Goodness of God (Johnson)** **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 #826**

Lift High the Cross

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Draw the Circle Wide (Light)

You may be seated after the light passes you in the aisle.



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Church**

Henderson, Texas

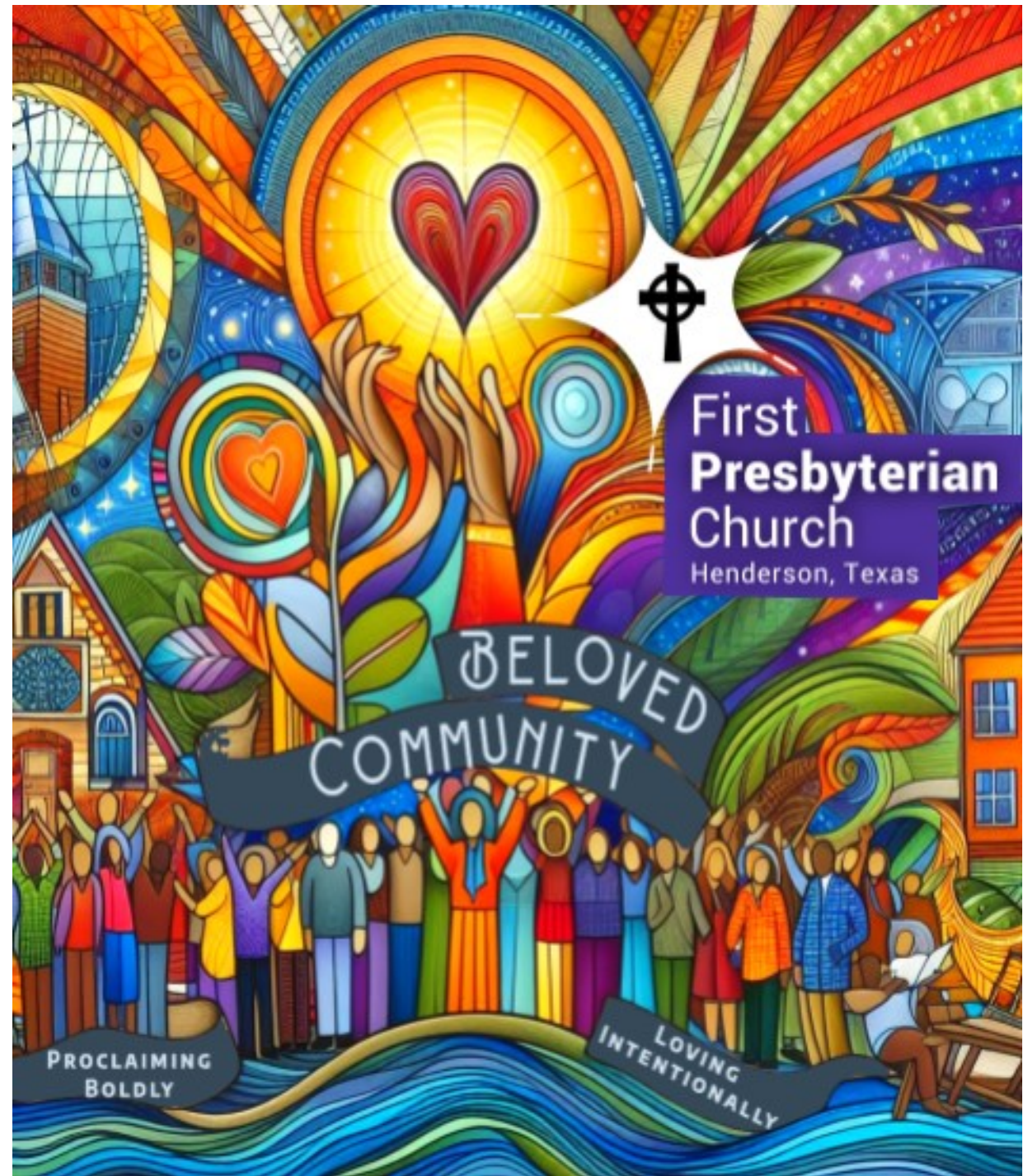


*Serving God,
Honoring Creation,
Embracing Differences*



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July 28, 2024

10th Sunday after Pentecost

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

— Gathering —

PRELUDE "Praise God in the Sanctuary" Joshua Allen

WELCOME Liturgist: Suzanne Cross

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Micah 6:6-8)

With what shall I come before the Lord and bow down before the exalted God?

Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old?

Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousand rivers of olive oil?

Shall I offer my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?

God has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you?

To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.

*HYMN #1 Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

CONFESSION

Holy God, we are Yours, but we miss Your comfort when we forget this.

We act on our own, ignoring Your word and resisting Your will.

We speak on our own, even knowing Your wisdom is ours for the asking.

We love on our own—weakly and grudgingly—

when the Spirit would supply the power and grace we need to love like Jesus.

Help us to live like "little Christs" who belong to You, body and soul.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*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.

—Word—

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

Psalm 14

Bible p. 468-469, LG p. 609

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Ephesians 3:14-21

Bible p. 182, LG p. 236

The word of God for the people of God

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

The Jar, Alphie, The Wizard of Oz, and the Bible

Jan Spann

—Response—

*Hymn #157

I Danced in the Morning

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Apostles' Creed)

I believe in God, the Creator Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of God, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

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.