PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Steve Lowe and Stefen Kane

(inspired by the poetry of Mary Oliver)

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 Grace Alone (Brown)

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 #501 Feed Us, Lord

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Organ Voluntary on Bach's Invention No. 13 Joshua Allen

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



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

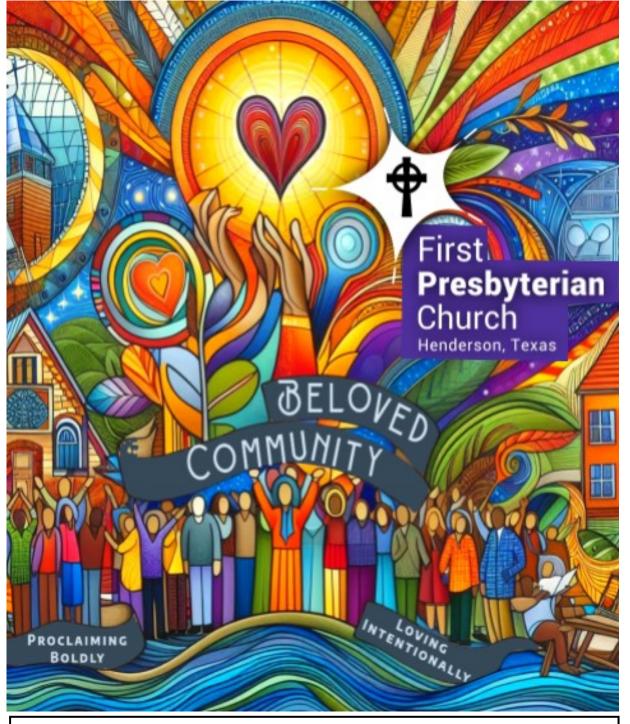


Serving God,
Honoring Creation,
Embracing Differences



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12th Sunday after Pentecost

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

— Gathering —

PRELUDE Wonderful Grace of Jesus (Lillenas)

Joshua Allen

WELCOME Liturgist: Steve Lowe

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Jesus says, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

Savior God, we come to you hungry and thirsty, grateful for the sustenance you provide.

*HYMN #401

Gather Us In (Here in This Place)

CONFESSION

Our sins and shortcomings are not permanent obstacles to God.

Grace and forgiveness are freely given.

Let us take this opportunity to humbly approach our God and confess our sins.

Let us pray.

Christ calls us to stand with the least and the last, but we cling to power and privilege. We fear worldly consequences for faithful action.

We fail to follow where Christ leads, making excuses for ourselves, for our silence in the face of oppression, for our lack of action.

Forgive us, God, and help us risk following where Christ calls. 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
PSALM

Psalm 34:1-8

I will bless the Lord at all times; praise shall continually be in my mouth. My soul makes its boast in the Lord; let the humble hear and be glad.

O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt God's name together.

I sought the Lord, and the Lord answered me, and delivered me from all my fears.

Look to God, and be radiant; so your faces shall never be ashamed.

This poor soul cried, and was heard by the Lord, and was saved from every trouble.

The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear God, and delivers them.

O taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are those who take refuge in God.

FIRST READING 1Kings 19:4-8Bible p. 311, LG p. 404

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING John 6:35, 42-51Bible p. 92-93, LG p. 119-120

The word of God for the people of God

Thanks be to God.

SERMON By Grace Alone Jimmy Chapman

—Response—

*Hymn #520 Taste and See (congregation, refrain only)

*Affirmation of Faith (Confession of 1967, 9.34-35)

The institutions of the people of God change and vary as their mission requires in different times and places. The unity of the church is compatible with a wide variety of forms, but it is hidden and distorted when variant forms are allowed to harden into sectarian divisions, exclusive denominations, and rival factions. Wherever the church exists, its members are both gathered in corporate life and dispersed in society for the sake of mission in the world.