#### INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

Jack Brooks

#### \*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—

\*Нүмп #321

The Church's One Foundation

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Postlude

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

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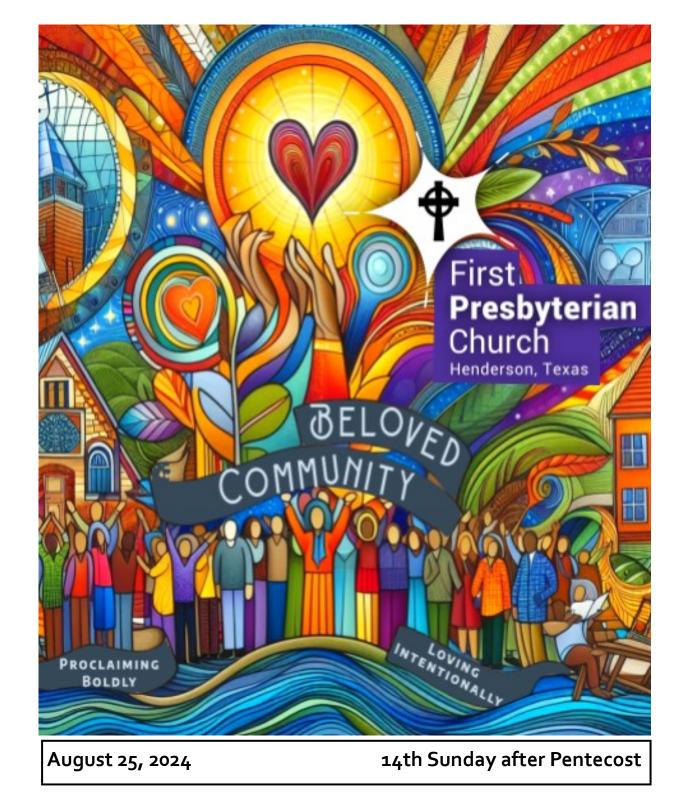


Debbi Ricci.....Admin. Assist. Guest Organist ......Jack Brooks

> Serving God, Honoring Creation, Embracing Differences



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

— Gatherina —

		as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.		
Prelude	Jack Brooks			
Welcome	Liturgist: Jimmy Chapman	Prayer for Illumination	—Word—	
*Call to Worship		<b>FIRST READING</b> The word of the Lord	Ephesians 5:15-20	Bible p. 183, LG p. 237
Christ abides in us.		Thanks be to God.		
And we abide in him.		Second Reading	Deuteronomy 18:15-22	Bible p. 168, LG p. 218
Christ has the words of eternal life:		The word of God for the people of God		
We believe and trust that he is the Holy One of God.		Thanks be to God.		
As we hear the gospel of peace today,		Sermon	Election Morning 2024	Rev. Christopher Lee
Let us choose again whom we will serve.				
We will serve the God of liberation and new life,			—Response—	
The God who hears and answers when we call.				
We bring our praises and our prayers to God,		*Нүмп #720	Jesus Calls Us	
Trusting God to meet us as we gather.		*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Book of Common Worship)		
Let us worship our God together!		Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but empties himself, taking the form of a slave, being born		
*Нүмм #37 Let All Things Now Living		in human likeness. And being found in human form he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross.		

Therefore, God also highly exalted him and game him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess to the glory of God: Jesus Christ is Lord! Amen.

## **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.

# CONFESSION

Our psalm for today reminds us: "The Lord redeems the life of his servants; none of those who take refuge in God will be condemned" (Psalm 34:22).

Loving God, through Christ you abide in us, and you invite us to abide in you. But so often we are restless and unsatisfied. Instead of resting in the fullness of life Christ offers to us, we chase after money and fame, recognition and power, status and control. Instead of honoring the image of God in all our neighbors, we push others down in the pursuit of our own desires. Forgive us for forgetting that you call us to a different way of being in the world, to lives grounded in the self-giving love of Christ. Lead us out of self-interest and into communal care for one another and the world you have made. In Christ's name we pray; Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

\*GLORIA PATRI #581

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost. en.

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