

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

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—

\*HYMN # 834

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Every Time I Feel the Spirit

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



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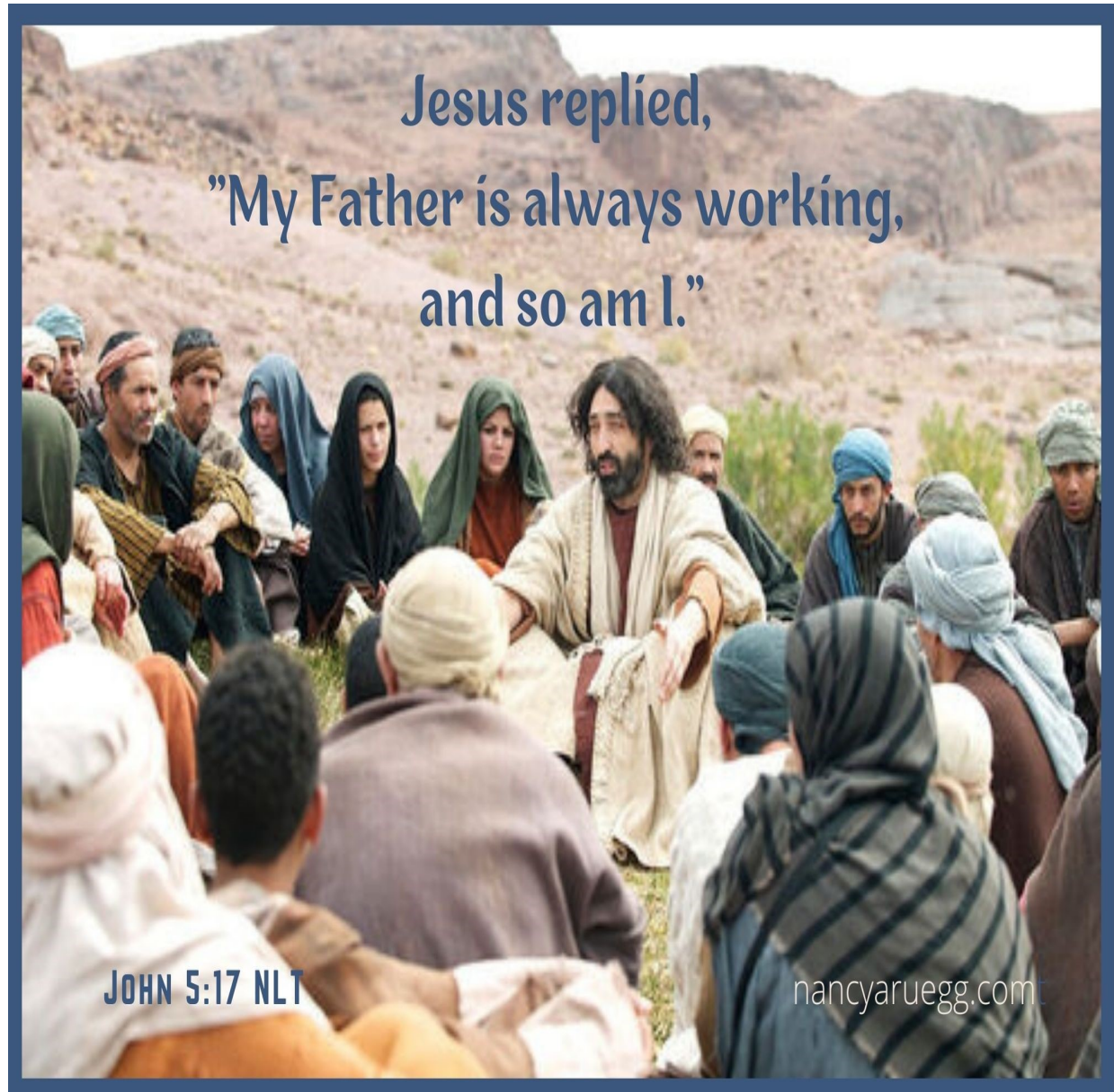
*Serving God,  
Honoring Creation,  
Embracing Differences*



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JOHN 5:17 NLT

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**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, HENDERSON, TX**

**3rd Sunday of Epiphany**

**January 26, 2025**

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

— Gathering —

PRELUDE Spirit of the Living God Jack Brooks  
WELCOME Liturgist: Lynn Tieken

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Jesus comes to proclaim good news to us all!  
*Jesus releases those who are captive, gives sight to the blind, helps the oppressed, and declares the year of the Lord's favor!*  
May we go and do likewise, offering hope to a hurting world.  
*And may it all begin with our worship of God.*

**\*HYMN #688** Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

*Gracious God, we are far from the people you have called us to be. We are mired in self-centeredness, seeing things only in terms of how they relate to us and our happiness. Turn our hearts, bent as they are towards ourselves, out to the world around us. Make us more concerned with others, with their welfare and happiness, leaving our own concerns to you, O God. Forgive us for our many mistakes and make us anew we pray. Amen.*

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Hear the good news! God's promise to forgive is sure and everlasting. Know you are forgiven and be at peace. Amen.

**\*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**  
The word of the Lord.  
*Thanks be to God.*

**Psalm 16**

Bible p. 469, LG p. 610

**GOSPEL** John 5:16-30  
The word of God for the people of God.  
*Thanks be to God.*

Bible p. 90-91, LG p. 117-118

**SERMON** The Life-Giving Work of Jesus

Rev. David Reeder

—Response—

**\*HYMN #630** Fairest Lord Jesus

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (1 Timothy 3:16)

*Without any doubt, the mystery of our religion is great: Jesus was revealed in flesh, vindicated in spirit, seen by angels, proclaimed among Gentiles, believed in throughout the world, taken up in glory. This is the story of our faith, and it fills us with hope. Thanks be to God! Amen.*

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

*Our Father which 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.*