

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.*

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY **My Shepherd Will Supply My Needs** **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 #65** **Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah**

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE **The King of Love My Shepherd Is** **Jack Brooks**

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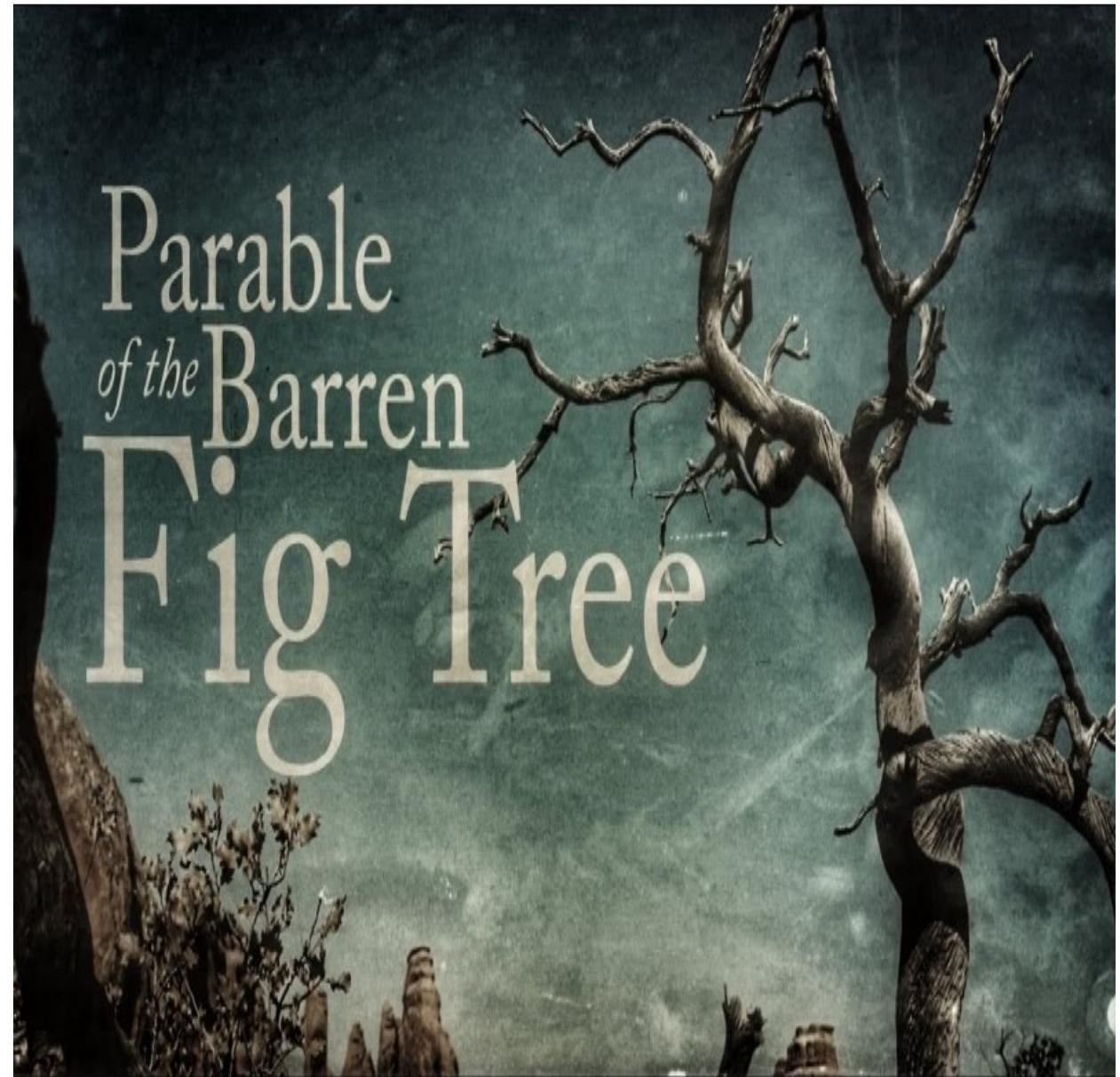


*Serving God,
Honoring Creation,
Embracing Differences*



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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, HENDERSON, TX
3rd Sunday in Lent
March 23, 2025

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

— Gathering —

PRELUDE Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days Jack Brooks
WELCOME Liturgist: John Tieken

*CALL TO WORSHIP

O God, you are my God, I seek you, my soul thirsts for you;
My flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.
So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory.
Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you.
So I will bless you as long as I live;
I will lift up my hands and call on your name.

*HYMN #435 There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess that we have been quick to judge others and slow to make changes in our own lives. We confess that we have focused on others' shortcomings instead reforming our own.
Turn us, O Lord, from these ways that lead to perishing. Lead us, O Lord, in your ways that lead to abundant life. (Time for Silent Confession.) In Jesus' name, Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God speaks through the prophet Isaiah: my thoughts are not your thoughts nor are your ways my ways. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways. Let us find peace in God's ways of mercy and grace knowing that we are forgiven. 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

Isaiah 55:1-9

Bible p. 644-645, LG p. 838-839

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 10:1-13

Bible p. 161, LG p. 209

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL

Luke 13:1-9

Bible p. 71, LG p. 92

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

The Way Out

Jim Dees

—Response—

*HYMN #792

There is a Balm in Gilead

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from the Confession of 1967 Inclusive Language Text)

God's sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of the human mind. Human thought ascribes to God superlatives of power, wisdom, and goodness.

But God reveals divine love in Jesus Christ by showing power in the form of a servant, wisdom in the folly of the cross, and goodness in receiving sinful men and women.

The power of God's love in Christ to transform the world discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator who made all things to serve the purpose of God's love.

God has created the world of space and time to be the sphere of God's dealings with humankind. In its beauty and vastness, sublimity and awfulness, order and disorder, the world reflects to the eye of faith the majesty and mystery of its Creator.