

**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.*

**COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE**

*All are welcome at Christ's table. The cup is offered as red wine, and white grape juice.  
You may place your empty cup in the baskets on the first pews.*

**COMMUNION MUSIC**

**Now the Silence**

**Jack Brooks**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

*Majestic and eternal God, you have fed us with the bread of life and satisfied us with the cup of salvation. As we rise from this table, may we remember its expanse, and our connection to our siblings in Christ around the globe. Make us instruments of your peace and messengers of your love in thought, word, and deed. Make us one with you and all of creation through the power of the Holy Spirit. We pray in Jesus' name, amen.*

**—Sending—**

**\*HYMN #366**

**Love Divine, All Loves Excelling**

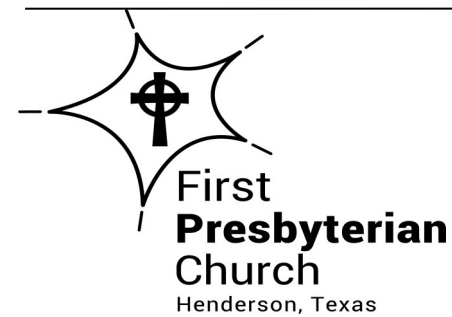
**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

**The Gift of Love**

**Jack Brooks**

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



*Serving God,  
Honoring Creation,  
Embracing Differences*



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**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, HENDERSON, TX**  
**5th Sunday in Lent**  
**Communion Sunday**  
**April 6, 2025**

**— Gathering —**

**PRELUDE**

**Rest in the Lord**

**Jack Brooks**

**WELCOME**

**Liturgist: Carol Scoggins**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** Psalm 145:10-13

All your works praise you, Lord; your faithful people extol you.

**They tell of the glory of your kingdom and speak of your might,**

So that all people may know of your mighty acts and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

**Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures through all generations. Let us worship God!**

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

\*HYMN #630

Fairest Lord Jesus

CONFESSION

*Eternal God, our judge and redeemer, we confess that we have tried to hide from you, for we have done wrong.*

*We have lived for ourselves and turned from our neighbors. We have refused to bear the troubles of others.*

*We have ignored the pain of the world, and passed by the hungry, the poor, and the oppressed.*

*O God in your great mercy forgive our sin and free us from selfishness, that we may obey your commandments, through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON ROMANS 8:1,3

Our assurance is this: "There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

*For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh could not do.*

*God sent a Savior, who redeems us of all unworthiness.*

Friends this is the good news!

*In Jesus Christ we are forgiven, thanks be to God. 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

PSALTER READING

Psalm 131

<sup>1</sup>O Lord, my heart is not lifted up; my eyes are not raised too high;

I do not occupy myself with things too great and too marvelous for me.

<sup>2</sup> But I have calmed and quieted my soul, like a weaned child with its mother;

my soul is like the weaned child that is within me.

<sup>3</sup> O Israel, hope in the Lord from this time on and forevermore.

FIRST READING

Isaiah 43:16-21

Bible p. 632, LG p. 823

The word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

GOSPEL

John 12:1-8

Bible p. 100, LG .p. 129

The word of God for the people of God.

*Thanks be to God.*

SERMON

An Extravagant Gift

Rev. Steve Newton

—Response—

\*HYMN #286

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from A Brief Statement of Faith)

*We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care.*

*We deserve God's condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth.*

*Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage.*

*Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.*

*Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Adagio

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

—THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER—

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. *And also with you.*

Lift up your hearts. *We lift them to the Lord,*

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *It is right to give our thanks and praise.*