

***Affirmation of Faith** **“The Nicene Creed”** (See Back of Hymnal)

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION (See Insert)

WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD

Offertory **“Jesu, Joy of Man’s Desiring”** Bach
Eloise Stowe, Piano; Lyle Rupert, Organ

***Doxology** Hymn #706
***Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye Heavenly Host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

***Hymn** **“I Come with Joy”** Hymn #456

SENDING

***Benediction**

***Congregational Response** Hymn #518
***May the grace of our Lord Jesus, and the blessed love of God.
The communion of the Spirit, richly bless and keep you all.***

Postlude **“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”** arr. Smith

Prayer Concerns: Judy Bright, friend of Henry and Jane Hawk; Bill Conner; Pam Dalke, sister of Debbie McConkie; Caroline Dodge, mother of Randy Dodge; Betty Ellis; Jeannene Ellis, sister-in-law of Herman and Betty Ellis; Darrell Glover, uncle of Joe Pruetz; Willene Hudman, sister of Bernice Chapin; Jeff Jensen, brother-in-law of Allyson Jensen; Charles Jordan; Martha Lierley; Anita March, niece of Dub Holt; Ann Moss, mother of Debbie McConkie; and Jeff Pearce, son of Jean Brown.

Wednesday Night Bible Study will begin September 6 at 6:30 p.m.; sandwich meal will be available at 6:00 p.m.

There will be a potluck lunch following worship next Sunday, September 10, to welcome Rusty Mosley and his family. The Congregational Care Committee will provide the desserts for the potluck, so please bring an entrée or side dish.

If you’d like to donation to the relief efforts of Hurricane Harvey through ECO, you can send your check to: ECO: Presbytery of Texas; c/o Highland Park Presbyterian Church; Attn: Mark Story, Moderator; 3821 University Blvd.; Dallas, TX 75205.

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GATHERING

Gathering Hymn

Hymn #477

*We are called to be God's people, showing by our lives His grace,
one in heart and one in spirit, sign of hope for all the race.
Let us show how He has changed us and remade us as His own;
let us share our life together as we shall around His throne.*

One: The Grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

All: And also with you.

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

“Come, Let Us Sing”

Paxton

***Hymn**

“Come Away from Rush and Hurry”

Hymn #302

***Call to Worship**

—based on Exodus 20: 1-2

When Moses gathered the people of Israel, God said,

“I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.”

As we gather here today, let us worship the Lord,

who continues to be our God and who still brings us out of the places of our bondage.

Psalm Reading

Psalm 105: 1-11

Prayer of Adoration

(Unison)

Triune God, we pray for the church you love. We pray for its unity: Make us one as you are one. We pray for its holiness: Make us holy as you are holy. We pray for the church in all its universal breadth: Strengthen your church in all places, nearby and very far away. We pray for its mission: Make us joyful and effective ambassadors for our Lord Jesus Christ. In the name of Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Spirit, one God, now and forever, Amen.

***Hymn**

“Praise Him! Praise Him!”

Hymn #354

**please stand, if able*

Prayer of Confession and Affirmation of God's Holiness

One: We confess and acknowledge one God; holy and just, infinite in being and perfection, a pure spirit, most wise and absolute. Worthy is God, the creator and sustainer of all life. God is gracious and merciful, forgiving transgressions and sins for those who seek His grace and His forgiveness. Let us confess our sin before God and each other. Lord, have mercy upon us.

All: Christ, have mercy upon us.

Unison: God, have mercy upon us. O God, your will is that all your children should be one in Christ. We pray for the unity of your church. Pardon all our pride and our lack of faith, of understanding and of charity, which are the causes of our divisions. Deliver us from our narrow-mindedness, from our bitterness, from our prejudices. Save us from considering as normal that which is a scandal to the world and an offense to your love. Teach us to recognize the gifts of grace among all who call upon you and confess faith in Jesus Christ, our Lord. Hear us now as we confess to you our personal confessions... (Silent Confession)

Assurance of Pardon

***Gloria Patri**

Hymn # 705

*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.*

THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Guide us, O God, by your Word and Spirit, that in your light we may see light, in your truth find freedom, and in your will discover your peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

First Reading

Exodus 3: 1-15

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Children's Moment

Gospel Reading

Matthew 16: 21-28

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“The Everlasting Flame of the Burning Bush”

Jim Hays