

OFFERTORY JOHN B. DYKES, ARR JAY ROUSE  
*The King of Love, My Shepherd Is*

\* DOXOLOGY (*unison*)

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,  
Praise God all creatures here below,  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise God, the source of all our gifts.  
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts.  
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

\* PRAYER OF DEDICATION (*unison*)

**Gracious God, yours is the greatness, the power  
and the glory, the victory and the majesty. All  
that is in the heavens and in the earth are yours,  
and you rule over all. Therefore, Lord, receive  
these offerings, our tangible expression of love and  
gratitude. Transform them into a source of life  
for many, so that our kingdom may grow in the  
hearts of all. In the name of Jesus. Amen.**

**SENDING FORTH TO BE GOD'S PEOPLE**

\* HYMN OF COMMITMENT 687 *All Things Are Yours!*

\* CHARGE & BENEDICTION

\* CHORAL BENEDICTION (*all sing*)

**May you run and not be weary.  
May your heart be filled with song.  
And may the love of God continue to give you hope  
and keep you strong.  
And may you run and not be weary.  
May your life be filled with joy!  
And may the road you travel always lead you  
home.**

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN PRAYS FOR:**

**PRAYERS FOR OUR MEMBERS:** Tom Copple Family, Garry & Roberta Grau, Peggy Burger, Brenda & Robert Long.

**PRAYERS FOR FAMILY & FRIENDS :** FPC friend, John Marks, Mavis Whitten's friend, Judy Brunner. Tina Zarate friend of Pam Davidson. Friends of Vicki Ball, Tom & Jenny Hines. FPC Nursery teacher, Lupe Yanez. Friends of Aislinn King, Carol. FPC Scholar Singer Gaby Jaime's grandparent, Joe Garcia. Paul Vega, a friend of Yolanda Garcia's son. Laura Nurse, daughter of Mary Massingill. Stephanie, a friend of Karen Copple.

**THOSE GRIEVING:** Alexa Brown on the death of her mother, Joan Helgeland.

Prayers for this church in transition.

*Many thanks to the congregational care team for their ministries of care, including updating prayer concerns.*

**Calendar of Events**

**Monday, 10/28**

1:00 pm Canasta Group—DH

**Wednesday, 10/30**

7:00 pm Choir—CR  
8:15 pm Handbell Practice— S

**Thursday, 10/17**

6:30 pm Bible Study—DH

**Communion Sunday, 11/3**

8:30 am United Methodist Worship Service —S  
9:50 am Choir Rehearsal—S  
9:30 am Morning Bible Study  
10:30 am Worship—S

**WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY:**

*Minister of Word and Sacrament:* **The Rev. Dr. Robert Reno**  
*Liturgist:* **Anna Daniel** *Director of Music:* **Alexa Brown**  
*Pianist:* **Dr. Spencer Hartman** *Violist & Violin:* **Marian Herrero**



**FIRST  
PRESBYTERIAN  
LUBBOCK**

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
OCTOBER 27, 2024 10:30 AM**

*As a church family, we strive to connect people to God  
and to one another as we follow Christ.*



The Destruction of Jerusalem by Nebuchadnezzar in 587 BC  
by William Brassey Hole (1846-1917), English, private collection

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## GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS JULIE BESSEMER

PRELUDE *Romance from Op.22* CLARA SCHUMANN

\* CALL TO WORSHIP (*responsively*) ANNA DANIEL

O come, let us sing to the Lord and shout with joy to the rock of our salvation!

**Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving, singing joyful songs of praise.**

O sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth.

**Sing, and give praise to God's name; tell the glad news of salvation from day to day.**

Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.

Worship the Lord with gladness.

**For the Lord is a gracious God, whose faithfulness endures to all generations.**

Let us offer our praise the Lord.

**The Lord's name be praised!**

\* HYMN OF PRAISE 71 *Praise to the Lord, The Almighty*

CALL TO CONFESSION

My friends, hear the good news! The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, that we might be dead to sin, and alive to all that is good. In Jesus' name, we are forgiven. Hear this good news and give thanks!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

**Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Hear the words of our prayer, O God, both those that we pray out loud, and those that we speak in the silence of our hearts.** (*Please continue in silent prayer.*)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON THE REV. DR. ROBERT RENO

Brothers and sisters, hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us. Christ prays for us. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life is gone; a new life is begun. Because we are forgiven, we may live in peace with God and with each other.

**Thanks be to God!**

The peace of God be with you all.

**And also with you!**

Let us offer signs of peace and reconciliation.

\* PASS THE PEACE

\* GLORIA 145 *Glory Be to God, Creator*

## PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (*unison*)

**O Lord our God, your word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path. Give us grace to receive your truth in faith and love, that we may be obedient to your will and live always for your glory; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

FIRST LESSON HEBREWS 7: 23 –28

SECOND LESSON HAGGAI 2: 1-9

SERMON “*Buildings & Grounds*” REV. ROBERT RENO

CHORAL MEDITATION DAVE & JEAN PERRY  
*When the Lord Restored Zion*

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*unison*)

**In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. 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. With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

*from A BRIEF STATEMENT OF FAITH*

\* CALL TO PRAYER *You Are Mine (insert)*

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE 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.**

CHORAL RESPONSE *Locus Iste* ROGER EMERSON  
*Translation : This place was made By God.*

## GIVING THANKS TO GOD

*In grateful response to all that God has done for us in Jesus Christ, we continue our worship as we present our tithes and offerings.*

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

Let us be faithful stewards of our time, our talents, and our money, so that our treasure is in heaven and our giving pleases God. With gladness, let us present the fruits of our life and labor to the Lord.