

TIME OF PRAYER / THE LORD'S PRAYER

*(from the ritual of the former Methodist Church)*

**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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

GOD'S WORD:

John 20:24-31 ... Acts 4:32-35

*(The Liturgist says: "This is the Word of God for ALL people" ... AND ... The People respond: "Thanks BE to God")*

TODAY'S MESSAGE:

**"UNLESS OR UNTIL"**

DISCIPLESHIP CHALLENGE ...

What are you waiting for before you attempt what God is asking you to do?

How will step out in faith this week?

GREAT THANKSGIVING

(on insert)

SHARING THE LOAF AND CUP

*(Ours is an "open" table ... meaning that ALL are welcome to receive the holy elements.)*

\* *We Walk by Faith*

(on insert - # 2196)

\* PRAYER FOR OFFERING OUR LIVES, OUR TITHES, AND OUR GIFTS TO THE LORD:

**Generous God, YOU have given so generously of YOURSELF to us.**

**Everything we have is a gift from YOU.**

**YOU did not wait until we came to YOU.**

**Instead YOU came to us, showing us what love is.**

**Even today, YOU continue to shower us with YOUR love in so many ways.**

**Help us to be more faithful, more trusting, and more generous.**

**Use us and these gifts to show others YOUR love.**

**In Christ's name we pray. Amen.**

\* BENEDICTION

\* *He Lives*

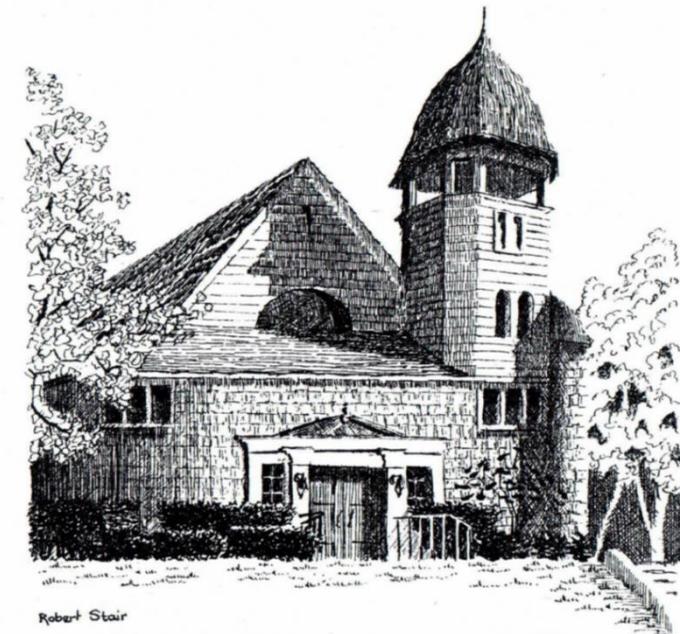
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# WELCOME TO WORSHIP

April 11, 2021

"2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER"

Liturgical Color – White



**DALLAS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

TODAY'S CENTERING VERSES

**"Put your finger here, and look at my hands.**

**Put your hand into the wound in my side.**

**Don't be faithless any longer. Believe!"**

**Then Jesus told him,**

**"You believe because you have seen me.**

**Blessed are those who believe without seeing me."**

- John 20:27, 29

\* Please stand in stature or in heart as you are able.

\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:

*The Nicene Creed*

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS:

PRELUDE ... *LET US FOCUS OUR THOUGHTS AND OUR HEARTS ON THE RISEN LIVING LORD JESUS CHRIST*

OPENING PAYER:

\* CALL TO WORSHIP:

Sing out a song of joy;  
**Let the melody ring through the trees and bounce on the waves.**  
Sing for joy,  
**For Christ is risen,**  
Love is persistent,  
**Joy is contagious.**  
Sing your praise,  
**For the water that brings refreshment,**  
For the bread of new life,  
**For the cup of blessing.**  
Sing, all you family of God,  
**Sing with joy.**

\* *The Day of Resurrection*

(on insert - # 303)

PRAYER OF CORPORATE CONFESSION & MOMENTS OF SILENCE FOR PERSONAL CONFESSION

**Most 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;**  
**we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**  
**We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.**  
**For the sake of YOUR SON JESUS CHRIST,**  
**have mercy on us and forgive us;**  
**that we may delight in YOUR will,**  
**and walk in YOUR ways,**  
**to the glory of YOUR name. Amen.**

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
and became truly human.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory  
to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son  
is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in the one holy catholic and apostolic church.  
We acknowledge one baptism  
for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

\* *Christ Has Risen*

(on insert - # 2115)