

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:

Acts 3:1-19

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

TODAY'S MESSAGE:

"USING WHAT GOD HAS GIVEN US"

DISCIPLESHIP CHALLENGE ...

The main thing God is looking for is "availability" NOT "ability".

Will you use what God has given you for His glory and His Church?

Will we use what God has given Dallas UMC for His glory and His Kingdom?

* *And Can It Be that I Should Gain*

(on insert - # 363)

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

We give these gifts to the work of your church, O God,

with eyes straining to see your vision of mercy

and hearts yearning to do your will.

Use us and these offerings

to make a difference in our suffering and troubled world.

In Christ's name we pray.

Amen.

* BENEDICTION

* *He Lives*

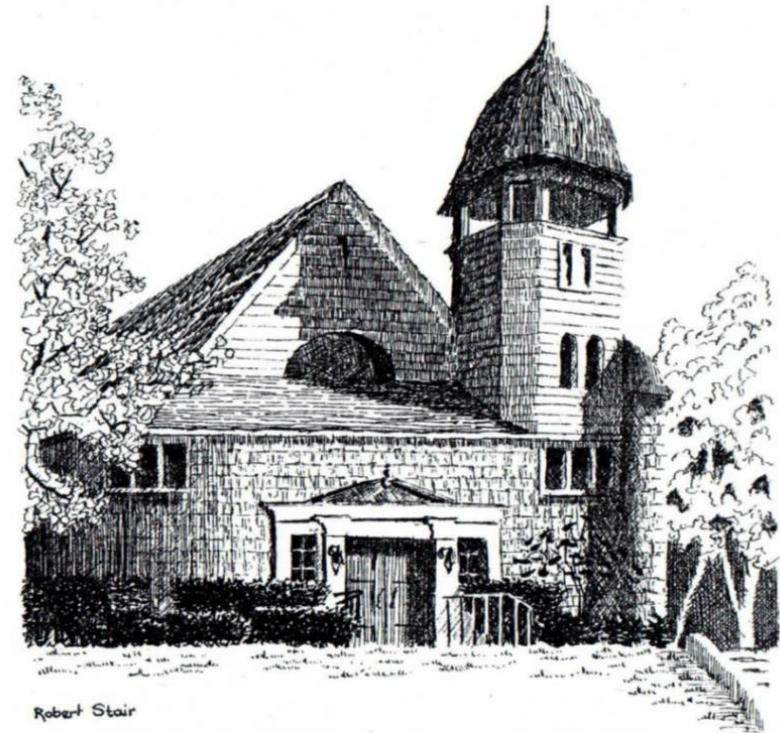
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WELCOME TO WORSHIP

April 18, 2021

"3rd SUNDAY OF EASTER"

Liturgical Color – White



DALLAS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

TODAY'S CENTERING VERSE

Peter said, "I don't have any money,

but I will give you what I do have.

In the name of Jesus Christ, the Nazarene,

rise up and walk!"

- Acts 3:6

* 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:

The risen Christ lives among us, calling us to be a blessing,

Calling us to heal and transform the brokenness and the violence of our world.

The risen Christ lives among us, calling us to be a blessing,

Calling us to seek out the lonely and the lost and those who need to experience God's love.

The risen Christ lives among us, calling us to be a blessing,

Calling us to be disciples to the world, blessed, healed, and filled with joyous good news!

* *Christ Is Alive*

(on insert - # 318)

PRAYER OF CORPORATE CONFESSION & MOMENTS OF SILENCE FOR PERSONAL CONFESSION:

**Merciful and risen Savior, we claim to be people of the resurrection,
yet we confess that far too often we do not experience resurrection power.**

Our prayers are anemic and our faith is shallow.

We compartmentalize our lives, placing you on the sidelines of our work, family life and play.

We take too much for granted and fail to thank you for the blessings of health, relationships and freedoms.

**We fail to be good stewards of your creation,
and we become discouraged by problems, limitations and failures.**

Gracious God, forgive our shortsightedness and our lack of trust.

Help us to see that you are at work in our lives and in the world.

**Inspire us to hold fast to you in faith, knowing that you are working all things for good
and that because of the empty tomb, we have nothing to fear. Amen.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE & PARDON

* *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

(on insert - # 140)

**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.

RECOGNITION OF THE LEADERSHIP COUNCIL & NOMINATIONS TEAM OF DALLAS UMC

(on insert)