

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 4:5-12

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

TODAY'S MESSAGE:

**"RELATIONSHIP – NOT RELIGION"**

DISCIPLESHIP CHALLENGE ...

What or Who are you building your life upon?

Are you spending quality time with Jesus?

Who will you share Jesus with this week through your words AND your actions?

\* *There's Within My Heart a Melody*

(on insert - # 380)

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

**Glorious God, we know that your capacity to love is infinitely greater than our own ability.**

**Indeed, you call us to love one another in truth and in action.**

**We yearn to be active disciples, so that our hearts truly abide with you.**

**Use us and these gifts to increase our ability to be your followers.**

**In the name of the One who laid down his life for us,  
and took it back up again for us, Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.**

\* BENEDICTION

\* *He Lives*

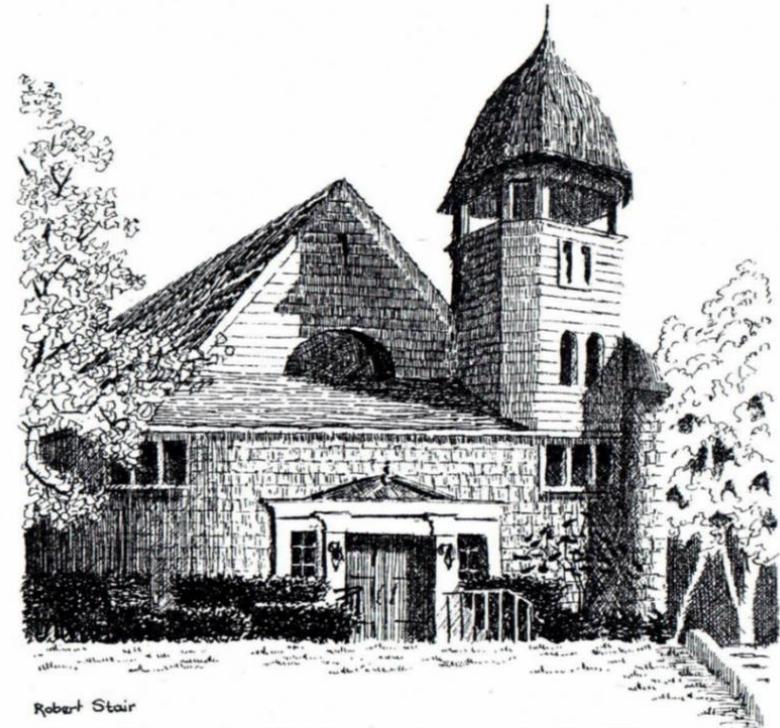
(on insert – verse 3)

# WELCOME TO WORSHIP

April 25, 2021

**"4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER"**

Liturgical Color – White



**DALLAS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

TODAY'S CENTERING VERSE

**Salvation can be found in no one else.**

**Throughout the whole world, no other name has been given among humans,  
through which we must be saved."**

- Acts 4:12

\* 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 Suffering Servant  
**becomes the healing source.**

The stone rejected  
**becomes hope's cornerstone.**

The Crucified One  
**is raised to new life.**

The God of healing, hope and life is in our midst:

**Let us celebrate and worship our good God!**

\* *Easter People, Raise Your Voices*

(on insert - # 304)

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

**Merciful God,**

**we go about our days failing to proclaim your saving power with our voices or with our actions.**

**We do not live as ones saved, but rather as people filled with fear and doubt.**

**We often choose what is expedient, not what is right.**

**We close our eyes and ears to those who are in need, and close our hearts to those we claim to love.**

**We are quick to hurt others, and slow to right our wrongs.**

**Forgive us, O God, for all the ways we have not lived into our relationship with you.**

**This we ask in the powerful name of the risen living Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE & PARDON

\* *He Is Lord*

(on insert – twice - # 177)

\* *Alleluia*

(on insert - # 186)

**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.**