

TODAY'S MESSAGE:

"LOVE MAKES ALL THE DIFFERENCE"

DISCIPLESHIP CHALLENGE ...

How will you show others the difference the ONE who is LOVE makes in your life?

Who will you help see themselves as Jesus does?

* *Help Us Accept Each Other*

(on insert - # 569 – tune # 303)

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

**Gracious and generous God,
you call us to love one another as you love us.**

May our gifts reveal our love for you.

May our lives be reflections of your love, as we share with a world in need.

We ask for your blessing on these gifts and on our lives.

We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

* BENEDICTION

* *He Lives*

(on insert - # 310 - verse 3)



**"Thank you, Mothers. We hope your day ...
is *Mom-entous!*"**

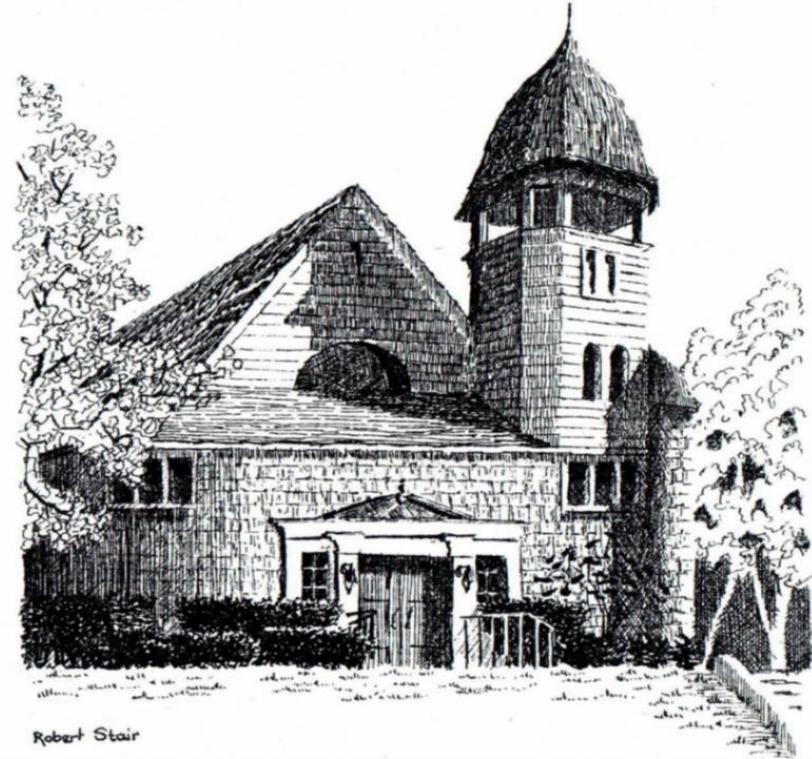
WELCOME TO WORSHIP

May 9th, 2021

"6th SUNDAY OF EASTER"

"FESTIVAL OF THE CHRISTIAN HOME"

Liturgical Color – White



DALLAS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

TODAY'S CENTERING VERSE

"This is my commandment:

Love each other in the same way I have loved you."

- John 15:12

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

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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

OPENING PAYER:

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Beloved, we are called to love one another, because love is from God.

God's love is poured in us from our birth.

We are called to extend the love of God to ALL people.

God's loved is taught to us through the witness of God's faithful people.

We are called to proclaim God's love in all that we say and do.

In all creation, in all our relationships, may God's love be made known. AMEN.

** Worship Christ, the Risen King*

(on insert)

CALL TO CONFESSION

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

Easter is such a wonderful season, Lord. Hope springs anew in our hearts.

As the earth is being refreshed by the warmth of spring,

so we have been refreshed and made new by the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

And we want to stay in this euphoria forever.

But you have called us to go into the valley,

to those who need to hear of your love and to feel your caring presence.

In his words of hope, Jesus prepared his disciples to be witnesses.

We have heard these words before, but far too often, we have turned our backs to this message.

We don't quite believe that we are capable of actually living our whole lives in your love.

So we act in ways that are often neglectful and hurtful of others.

We take more time pampering ourselves than we do helping other people.

It is easier to justify our selfish desires than it is to witness to your transforming love.

Stop us in our tracks, O Lord. Turn us around.

Help us to face our weakness and your forgiving grace.

Heal us of our sins, and place us again on the paths of peace.

We ask this in Jesus' Name. AMEN.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE & PARDON

** Happy the Home When God Is There*

(on insert - # 445)

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:

The Apostles' Creed, Ecumenical Version

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. AMEN.**

TIME OF PRAYER / THE LORD'S PRAYER

(from the ritual of the former Evangelic United Brethren 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 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.

MOMENTS WITH ALL GOD'S CHILDREN

GOD'S WORD:

John 15:9-17 and 1 John 5:1-6

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