

TODAY'S MESSAGE:

**"WELL ... WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR?"**

DISCIPLESHIP CHALLENGE ...

What have you to declare about Jesus?

Are you willing to share with someone / with anyone ... what Jesus means to you?

\* *He Lives*

(on insert - # 310 – verses 1, 2)

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

**With joy and confidence in your abiding love and presence with us,  
we present these gifts, tokens of our lives,  
as an offering for service in and to this world which you have entrusted to us.  
Bless these gifts and bless all those who place their trust in you.**

**AMEN.**

\* BENEDICTION

\* *He Lives*

(on insert - # 310 - verse 3)

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***"There is no improving the future,  
without disturbing the present"***

- Catherine Booth, co-founder of the Salvation Army

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***"Not all change is good,  
but every improvement has come through change."***

- Unknown

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***"He who rejects change,  
is the architect of decay."***

- Harold Wilson

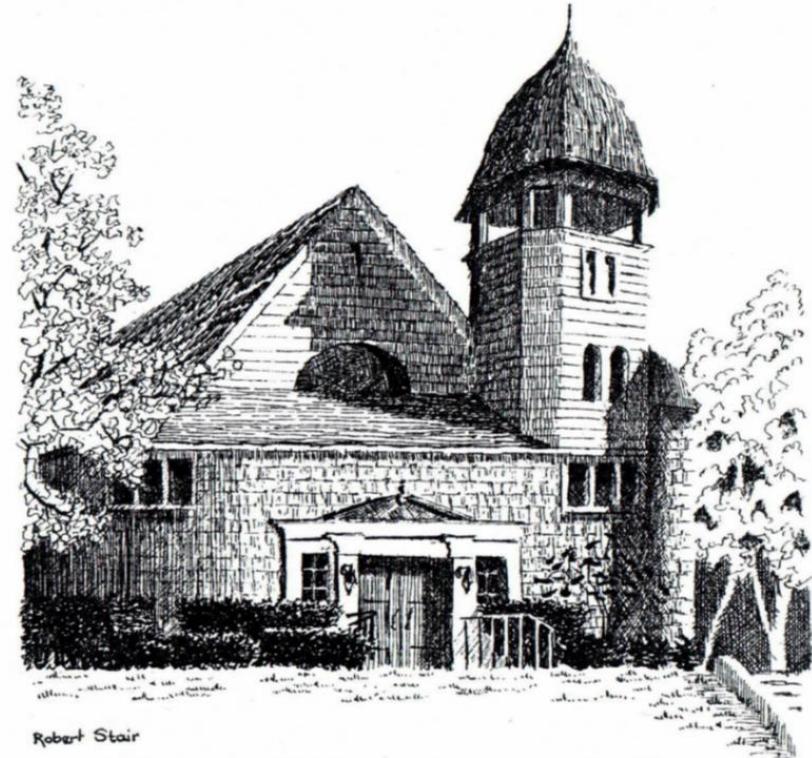
# WELCOME TO WORSHIP

May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021

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

**"ASCENSION SUNDAY"**

**Liturgical Color – White**



## DALLAS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

TODAY'S CENTERING VERSE

***"But when the Holy Spirit comes to you, you will receive power.  
You will be my witnesses—  
in Jerusalem, in all of Judea, in Samaria, and in every part of the world."***

- Acts 1:8

\* 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:

We are gathered here to celebrate the great promise!

**Our hearts are ready to receive this good news.**

Jesus asked all of his friends to live lives reflecting the love of God.

**We are numbered among these friends!**

Open your hearts today. Hear God's special word just for you!

**Lord, help us to be ready to receive your word and to live in your love.**

**AMEN.**

\* *Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise*

(on insert - # 312)

CALL TO CONFESSION

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

**We have to confess, O Lord,**

**we have not lived our lives as kingdom people.**

**We are people who want to have everything proven for us.**

**We hear the message in the scriptures of Jesus' ascension,  
and we smile smugly, not truly believing the vision.**

**Forgive us for our arrogant doubts and attitudes of smugness.**

**Help us remember that everything Jesus taught us  
was to prepare us to help build your Kingdom here on earth.**

**We are called to be**

**those who live the faith of hope and reconciliation, of courage and understanding.**

**Lift us up when we have fallen, and guide our hearts when we speak,  
for it is in the name of our risen Savior Jesus that we ask these things.**

**AMEN.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE & PARDON

\* *I Will Sing of My Redeemer*

(on insert)

\* 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:

Acts 1:1-11

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