

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

March 6th, 2022

“FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT”

Liturgical Color – Purple



DALLAS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

TODAY'S CENTERING MEDITATION

“My father was a starving Aramean.”

Deuteronomy 26:5b (CEB)

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

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE ...

Sweet By and By

Joseph P. Webster arr. by Joel Raney

OPENING PRAYER

* CALL TO WORSHIP

When Jesus was in the wilderness, he was tempted to save himself.

We often look for the good things for ourselves first, before the well-being of others.

Jesus was offered salvation if he turned stones to bread; if he accepted wealth and power;

if he tested God's commitment to him.

In all these things, Jesus remained strong in his commitment to God.

May our commitment be as strong.

May our lives be placed in God's caring hands throughout our journey. Amen.

* *Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven*

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION FOLLOWED BY MOMENTS OF SILENT PRAYER

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Gracious and loving God,

open our hearts so that we are able to admit to YOU the fullness of our lives –

that which is beautiful and good, and that which is hurtful and hateful.

We confess that we do not follow Jesus in all that we do.

We love with condition. We judge and condemn.

We cast the first stone, and keep the logs in our own eyes.

We do not turn to YOU as the source of our healing.

Forgive us, we pray.

Forgive our sin,

and empower us to be imitators of Christ

in love and service. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE & PARDON

JESUS LOVES THE LITTLE CHILDREN

*Jesus loves the little children, all the children of the world.
Red and yellow, black and white, they are precious in his sight.
Jesus loves the little children of the world.*

CHILDREN'S CHAT

WHERE CHILDREN BELONG

2233 (sing twice)

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:

A Statement of Faith of the United Church of Canada

**We are not alone,
we live in God's world.
We believe in God:
who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others by the Spirit.
We trust in God.

We are called to be the church:
to celebrate God's presence,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us. We are not alone.
Thanks be to God. Amen.**

* *Glory Be to the Father*

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TIME OF PRAYER / THE LORD'S PRAYER:

(Ecumenical Text)

**Our Father in Heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done on Earth, as it is in Heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

* *Lord. Who Throughout These Forty Days*

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A PRAYER FOR OFFERING OUR TREASURES TO THE LORD

Almighty God, who made us who we are, we offer all of ourselves to You.

Take our talents, our energy and our joy, and use us to share Your love.

Take our mistakes, our regrets and our pain, and use us to bring Your healing.

Magnify the gifts we offer before You today,

to spread Your peace in the world. Amen.

GOD'S WORD:

Luke 4:1-13

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

TODAY'S MESSAGE:

"KNOWING WHO WE ARE"

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

(on insert)

GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

* *I Know Whom I Have Believed*

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* BENEDICTION

* *The Old Rugged Cross*

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