

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

March 20th, 2022

“THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT”

Liturgical Color – Purple



DALLAS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

TODAY'S CENTERING MEDITATION

*Seek the LORD while he may be found, call upon him while he is near;
let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts;
let them return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on them,
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.*

Isaiah 55:6-7 (NRSV)

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

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE ... *O, How I Love Jesus* American Melody arr. by Joel Raney

OPENING PRAYER

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Wrap yourselves in the healing love of God!

We seek God's presence in our lives.

Know that God continually surrounds us with patience and persistence.
**Even though we have not produced the “fruits” of hope that God seeks,
yet God forgives and heals our weakness.**

Rejoice! Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised!

We will turn our lives again to the Lord, to serve and seek God's presence. Amen.

* *God of Grace and God of Glory*

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION FOLLOWED BY MOMENTS OF SILENT PRAYER

This is the season of turning.

**We are called on this journey to turn our lives to the Lord,
to turn away from all those things which have harmed us and others;
to separate ourselves from actions and attitudes that demean and destroy.
It is far too easy for us to sink into the mire of self-pity and self-serving attitudes,
wondering why everything isn't coming our way.**

We want comfort, contentment, no stress, no struggle.

Yet our lives are filled with stress and discontent.

We hurt, Lord. We hurt in our bodies and our souls. We hurt in our relationships with others.

How we must try your patience!

We don't want to be like this –

**we want to feel the warmth of your love, the freedom of your spirit, the joy of serving you.
Forgive us for our selfishness and stupidity. Heal us.
For we ask these things in Jesus' Name. Amen.**

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

WORDS OF ASSURANCE & PARDON

* *Glory Be to the Father*

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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.***

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.**

CHILDREN'S CHAT

WHERE CHILDREN BELONG

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* *Just As I Am, Without One Plea*

357 (verses 1, 2, 3, 4)

A PRAYER FOR OFFERING OUR TREASURES TO THE LORD

GOD'S WORD:

Luke 13:1-9

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:

A Statement of Faith of the United Church of Canada

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

**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.**

TODAY'S MESSAGE:

"KNOWING WHO WE ARE – PART 3"

* *Forth in Thy Name, O Lord*

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* BENEDICTION

Turn to the Lord, for God is good.
We have found new life in Christ!
Repent of your sins and find God's forgiveness.
We have found new life in Christ!
Go forth as new creatures,
able to serve and quick to love.
We have found new life in Christ!

* *The Old Rugged Cross*

504 (verse 3)