

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

April 3rd, 2022

“FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT”

Liturgical Color – Purple



DALLAS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

TODAY'S CENTERING MEDITATION

The LORD says,

Forget what happened before, and do not think about the past.

Look at the new thing I am going to do.

It is already happening. Don't you see it?

Isaiah 43:18-19 (NCV)

I know that I have not yet reached that goal, but there is one thing I always do.

Forgetting the past and straining toward what is ahead ...

Philippians 3:13 (NCV)

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

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE ...

Near the Cross

William H. Doane arr. by Joel Raney

OPENING PRAYER

* CALL TO WORSHIP

When all we have hoped for and trusted in has let us down;

There is Christ who reaches out to us.

When the world seems dark and despair threatens to close in upon us;

There is Christ, reaching out for us.

Come and let us worship the Lord who is always ready to reach out to us.

We humbly come before the Lord in hope and faith. Amen.

* *When Our Confidence is Shaken*

505 (tune # 220 – Angels from the Realms of Glory)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION FOLLOWED BY MOMENTS OF SILENT PRAYER

Patient Lord,

we find it easy to blame others and other circumstances for the things which happen in our lives.

We hear the words “if only” and wonder why things didn't happen differently for us.

Too often we want you to be a “magic” presence which will, with the wave of a wand,

cure our ills, give us success and happiness;

but we don't necessarily want to take responsibility for our attitudes and actions.

Life is.

Things happen which we didn't plan for

and events swirl around us over which we have no control.

But to place blame and not to find ways in which we can work through the situations

is detrimental to everyone, especially ourselves.

Forgive us when we are so busy placing blame

that we don't recognize your presence and love for us.

Free us from placing our own desires first and foremost.

**Help us to look at the many ways
in which you are working in the world for peace and justice,
and enable us to be part of that ministry.
In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.**

**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.**

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

A PRAYER FOR OFFERING OUR TREASURES TO THE LORD

* *I Want a Principle Within* # 410 (tune # 218 – It Came upon the Midnight Clear)

* 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.**

* *Glory Be to the Father* # 70

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.**

* *Come, Let Us Join Our Friends Above* # 709

GOD'S WORD: Isaiah 43:16-21 ... Philippians 3:4b-14
(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 TO LOOK TO AND WHERE TO LOOK TO"**

GREAT THANKSGIVING # 15

GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

* *When We All Get to Heaven* # 701

* BENEDICTION

* *He Lives* # 310 (verse 3)