

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

An Easter Affirmation

As Easter people, we believe God is Lord of both life and death.

We believe that in an astounding act of grace,
Jesus suffered and died on the cross to save us from our sins.

We believe, three days later, Jesus was raised from the dead, promising us salvation,
not because we deserve it, but out of love, through grace.

We believe we are called to respond to that gift of grace, not out of duty, but in gratitude,
to seek peace, care for the ill, clothe the naked, feed the hungry,
empower the oppressed and welcome the outcast;
to carry on Christ's work until he comes again.

Because, as Easter people,
we are confident Christ will come again.

Alleluia! 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.

GOD'S WORD:

Acts 9:32-43

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

TODAY'S MESSAGE:

"ABILITY VERSES AVAILABILITY"

* *Here I Am, Lord*

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* BENECTION

* *Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus* # 325 (verses 1, 2, 3) (tune # 89 – *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*)

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

May 8th, 2022

"4th SUNDAY OF EASTER"

Liturgical Color – White



DALLAS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

TODAY'S CENTERING MEDITATION

"In a word, what I'm saying is, GROW UP.

You're kingdom subjects.

Now live like it.

Live out your God-created identity.

Live generously and graciously toward others,

the way God lives toward you.

Matthew 5:48 (MSG)

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

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

To God Be the Glory

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OPENING PRAYER

* CALL TO WORSHIP

From every nation, in every language, we cry out:

**“Salvation belongs to our God,
and to the Lamb who is seated on the Throne of Heaven!”**

Praise be to God who offers God’s love to us!

Let us sing continually of God’s wisdom, and power, and might.

Let our voices be raised in joyful celebration!

Worthy is the Lamb to receive honor, and glory, and majesty.

Let our hearts rejoice at God’s redeeming love for us.

Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving!

Honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever!

* *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION FOLLOWED BY MOMENTS OF SILENT PRAYER

Anger, hatred, anguish blare at us from all types of media.

The shouts of hurt and pain harden our hearts, merciful God.

We cannot bear the hurts, so we turn away.

We hide and want the hurt to disappear.

When we hear the words of the Psalmist singing about the green pastures, still waters,

our souls long for this place of peace.

We think that it can be found outside ourselves,

yet this is a reminder of the peace and hope that your love offers us from within.

We know that we will have struggles and hard times,

but help us, Lord, to place our lives in your care,

to trust in your comfort and guidance.

Forgive our stubborn resistance to your compassionate love.

Heal us again and place us on the right path.

For we ask this in Jesus’ Name. 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

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A PRAYER FOR GIVING OUR TREASURES TO THE LORD

Holy God, you work wonders beyond our imagination.

Thank you for all the faithful people you have inspired in the history of the church.

You have sent into our lives kind Christians

who have encouraged us in beautiful ways.

Help us to keep growing as disciples led by your Spirit.

May we become more devoted to good works and acts of charity,

so that others will be blessed in turn.

We pray in Jesus’ name. Amen.

* *Precious Lord, Take My Hand*

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