

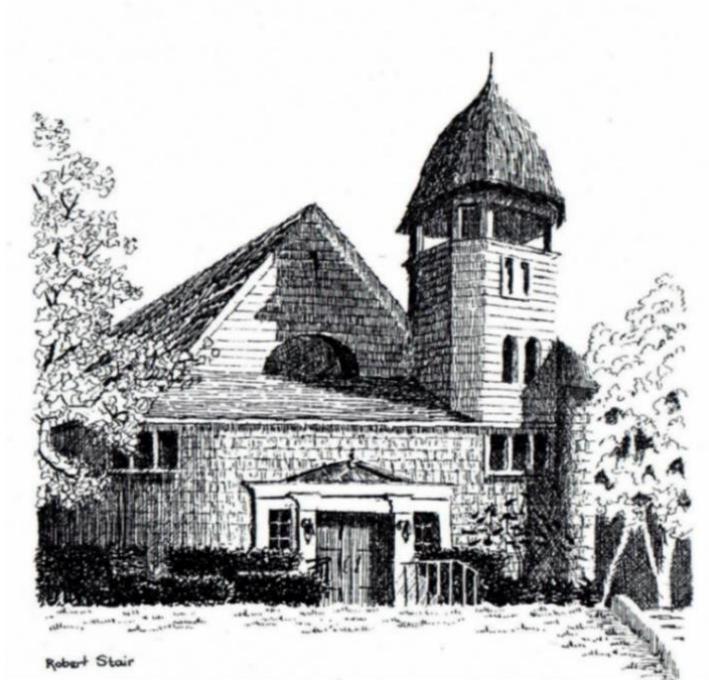
WELCOME TO WORSHIP

May 22nd, 2022

“6th SUNDAY OF EASTER”

“HERITAGE SUNDAY”

Liturgical Color – White



DALLAS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

TODAY'S CENTERING MEDITATION

That night Paul had a vision:

A man from Macedonia in northern Greece was standing there, pleading with him,

“Come over to Macedonia and help us!”

(Acts 16:9 ... NLT)

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

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

Music: William Bradbury, arr. by Joel Raney

OPENING PRAYER

* CALL TO WORSHIP

We come together this day, drawn by the light of God's love!
In God's eternal kingdom, darkness and despair are vanquished.

In God's eternal realm, peace and hope reign!

Let all the people praise God with their music and their voices!

Let all the people praise God with their deeds of loving-kindness!

Praise be to God. Amen!

* *God of Grace and God of Glory*

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION FOLLOWED BY MOMENTS OF SILENT PRAYER

**Lord, You know how easy it is for us to sit here,
tethered to our darkness and fear.**

We get bound up by chains of mistrust.

We dare not to hope, for so many times before we have been disappointed.

So we sit here and wonder where you are.

We are not unlike the disciples who wondered also, who feared.

Lord, come to us in our darkness.

Flood us with your powerful light of love and mercy.

Help open our eyes to the good news of your eternal glory.

Give to us visions of the place in which love and hope will reign.

Forgive our stubborn resistance to your mercy and your love.

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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*This, this is where children belong,
welcomed as part of the worshiping throng.
Water, God's Word, bread and cup, prayer and song:
This is where children belong.*

* 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.**

* *The Church of Christ, in Every Age*

589 (tune # 408 – *the Gift of Love*)

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 16:9-15

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

TODAY'S MESSAGE:

"GIVE THANKS FOR THOSE WHO CAME"

THE PRAYER OF SAINT FRANCIS

**Lord, make me an instrument of your peace;
where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light; and where there is sadness, joy.
O, Divine Master,
grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;
to be understood, as to understand; to be loved, as to love;
for it is giving that we receive,
it is pardoning that we are pardoned,
and it is dying that we are born to eternal life.**

* *Forward Through the Ages*

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* BENEDICTION

* *Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus*

325 (tune # 89 – *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*)