

Ideas and Resources for Sunday, April 22, 2018

Suggestions for Worship and Christian Education for the Sunday Closest to the 50th Anniversary of The United Methodist Church.

For Worship

Prepare for Sunday Worship by reading Albert Outler's sermon: *Dreams and Visions* delivered at the Service of Union, April 23, 1968 (scroll to pg. 36, Perkins Journal below).

<http://digitalcollections.smu.edu/cdm/compoundobject/collection/outler/id/298/rec/13>

Plan Sunday, April 22 services using parts of the liturgy from the Service of Union, April 23, 1968

(e.g. Invocation, hymns, and readings). <http://s3.amazonaws.com/gcah.org/1968-Order-Worship.pdf>

Hymns from the April 23, 1968 Service of Union

For All the Saints	United Methodist Hymnal #711
Spirit of Faith Come Down	United Methodist Hymnal #332
Jesus We Look to Thee	United Methodist Hymnal #562
Come Let Us Use the Grace Divine	United Methodist Hymnal #606

A Litany for April 22, 1968 worship

http://s3.amazonaws.com/gcah.org/Litany_for_an_Unfinished_Church- Heritage_Sunday_2018.pdf

Pray for The United Methodist Church and its mission today and its future tomorrow “to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world,” giving thanks for the strains of faithfulness that come together—The Evangelical Association /Church, The Church of the United Brethren, The Methodist Church and African American Methodists who until this time were segregated by The Central Jurisdiction. http://s3.amazonaws.com/gcah.org/The_UMC_at_50- A_Quick_Refresher2.pdf

In those prayers, use the Words of Union from the April 23, 1968 Service of Union as a response in the Pastoral Prayers or Prayers and Intercessions for the Day: **Lord of the Church, We are united in Thee, in Thy Church, and now in The United Methodist Church.**

Make some reference in Sunday church bulletins, announcements PowerPoints, etc., to the fact that 50 years ago, almost to the day, The United Methodist Church was born on April 23, 1968, in Dallas, Texas. For additional resources see:

<http://gcah.org/resources/heritage-sunday-2018> (click on April 22 Resources).

For Education

Watch a 10 video retrospective on the Uniting Conference, April 23, 1968

<https://vimeo.com/250196677>

Watch an EUB History Timeline

http://s3.amazonaws.com/gcah.org/EUB_Timeline.pdf

Watch an EUB History PowerPoint

http://s3.amazonaws.com/gcah.org/50th_Anniversary_PPT-FINAL.pptx

Watch a Classic, Basic UMC History Video

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3-98SNafMMQ>