

PRAYER FOR OFFERING OUR LIVES, OUR TITHES, AND OUR GIFTS TO THE LORD:

**God, your heart is wide open to us.**

**You have given to us freely and taught us to return to you a portion of what we have.**

**Grant us glad and generous hearts, and help us be as open to you as you are to us.**

**Help us use your gifts wisely and for the benefit of all your people.**

**Amen.**

GOD'S WORD:

1 Samuel 17:1a, 4-11, 19-23, 32-51

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

TODAY'S MESSAGE:

**"GET IN THE GAME"**

\* *Leave It There*

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DISCIPLESHIP CHALLENGE ...

What "giants" in your life keep you from trusting God?

Is there any "giant" bigger or stronger than God?

Do you see yourself as God's partner?

Take a spiritual gifts survey to find out what your spiritual gifts are.

<https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/spiritual-gifts-inventory/en>

How would Christ's church and kingdom benefit / be blessed if you used your gifts?

How would this church benefit / be blessed if you shared your gifts?

How would our community benefit / be blessed if we tried something different or new to share God's love?

\* BENEDICTION

\* *Into My Heart*

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***"He is no fool  
who gives what he cannot keep  
to gain what he cannot lose"***

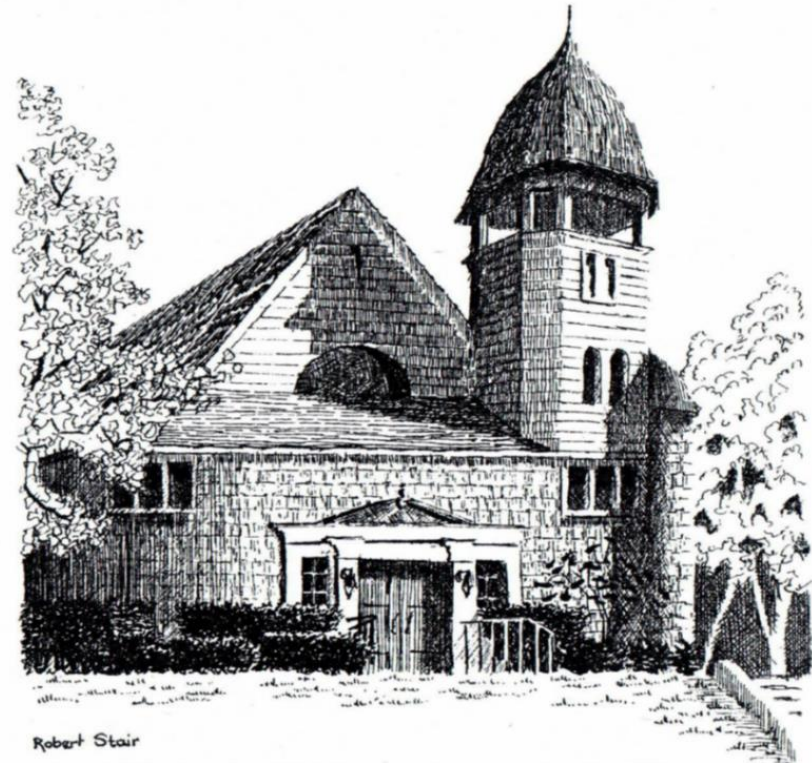
- Jim Elliot

# WELCOME TO WORSHIP

June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021

**"4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST"**

Liturgical Color – Green



## DALLAS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

TODAY'S CENTERING VERSE

**As God's partners,  
we beg you not to accept this marvelous gift of God's kindness  
and then ignore it.**

(2 Corinthians 6:1 ... NLT)

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

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS:

PRELUDE ...

*A TIME TO FOCUS OUR THOUGHTS AND OUR HEARTS ON THE RISEN LIVING LORD JESUS CHRIST*

OPENING PAYER:

\* CALL TO WORSHIP:

O God, how precious it is for us and how pleasing it must be to You,  
when Your sons and daughters learn how to live and work together in unity!

**It is to the measure that we do this that we begin to resemble You  
and to carry out most effectively your purposes in our disjointed and discordant world.**

May we come today to begin this process.

**Let us worship the God of unity.**

\* *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

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CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CORPORATE CONFESSION & MOMENTS OF SILENCE FOR PERSONAL CONFESSION:

**God, we confess that we have not made use of the opportunities you have given us in our lives.**

**We are like Goliath, misusing the gifts you have given us, sometimes even bullying others.**

**We are also like King Saul, wrapped up in our own egos,  
becoming jealous of the gifts and attentions of others.**

**We are like David - even when we try to do your will, we are sinful creatures,  
wanting people and things that are not good for us.**

**Yes, God, we are just ordinary people struggling in this world.**

**Forgive us for our ingratitude, our pettiness, our desires.**

**Help us to rise above our faults, and help to bring about your kingdom on this earth.**

**Go with us each day as we struggle to fight the giants of hatred, injustice and bigotry.**

**Hear us when we call to you.**

**Amen.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE & PARDON

\* *Soldiers of Christ, Arise*

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\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:

*Affirmation from Romans 8:35, 37-39*

*Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?*

*Shall tribulation or distress, or persecution or famine, or nakedness or peril or sword?*

**No! In all things we are more than conquerors through the One who loved us.**

**We are sure that neither death nor life, nor angels, nor principalities,**

**nor things present, nor things to come,**

**nor powers, nor height, nor depth,**

**nor anything else in all creation,**

**will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

**Thanks be to God!**

**AMEN.**

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.**

MOMENTS WITH ALL GOD'S CHILDREN

MISSION MOMENTS ... *Back-Mountain Food Bank*

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