

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

God of giving, Lord of generosity,
accept our gifts:
gifts of our lives, our souls, and our treasure.
Multiply and bless these gifts
and consecrate them to the praise
of your glory.
Amen.

GOD'S WORD:

Ephesians 1:3-14

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

TODAY'S MESSAGE:

"DESTINED FOR ADOPTION"

GREAT THANKSGIVING

(on insert)

SHARING THE LOAF AND CUP

(Ours is an "open" table ... meaning that ALL are welcome to receive the holy elements.)

* *There Is Power in the Blood*

(on insert)

DISCIPLESHIP CHALLENGE ...

if you have accepted God's payment that paid for you adoption ...
does your life show others what it means to be a child of the One
who gave his ONLY SON to make you his OWN?

In other words ... does your life say to others ...
"once I was a nobody ... BUT NOW ... I am a Christian ... I belong to Him"

* BENEDICTION

* *Into My Heart*

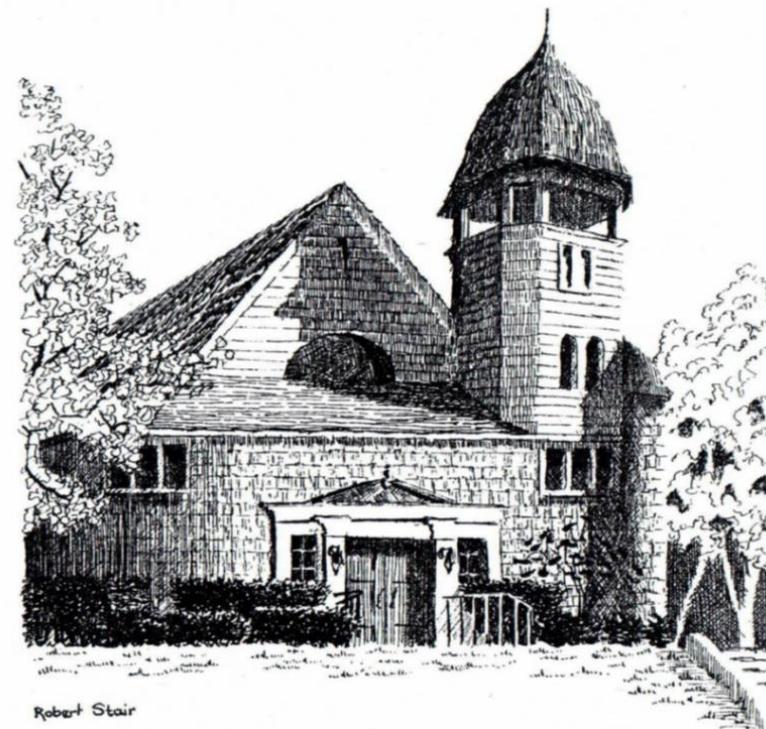
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WELCOME TO WORSHIP

July 11th, 2021

"7th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST"

Liturgical Color – Green



DALLAS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

TODAY'S CENTERING VERSE

Long before he laid down earth's foundations, he had us in mind,
had settled on us as the focus of his love, to be made whole and holy by his love.
Long, long ago he decided to adopt us into his family through Jesus Christ.

(Ephesians 1:3-4a)

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

* *Nothing but the Blood*

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WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS:

PRELUDE ...

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

OPENING PAYER:

* CALL TO WORSHIP:

We are heirs with Christ in the Kingdom of Almighty God!

We were bought by the blood of Christ according to God's own plan.

It is beyond all we could imagine to be loved so by God.

Our hearts are filled with wonder that we are indeed among the chosen.

Let us lift our voices in song and praise for God's gracious love.

Blessed be the name of the Lord!

* *Are You Washed in the Blood*

(on insert)

CALL TO CONFESSION

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

**O God, so often we take for granted and never really comprehend
the magnitude of the gift we received as we became Christians.**

**Too often, Lord, we have acted as if it were nothing special
to be adopted into Your Kingdom.**

**Forgive us, Lord, and help us to regain the wonder and awe
of being beloved members in the family of the Creator God of the Universe.**

In Christ we pray.

Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE & PARDON

* 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.**

**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.

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.

MOMENTS WITH ALL GOD'S CHILDREN