

TODAY'S MESSAGE:

"MAKE THE MOST OF YOUR TIME"

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.

* *Abide with Me*

700 (verses 1, 2, 5)

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

Great and generous God,
we make melody in our hearts to say thank you for all your wonderful gifts to us.
Please accept our lives, our tithes and gifts, and help us to use these and the gift of time you have given us
so that others might know you and find your peace. Amen.

DISCIPLESHIP CHALLENGE ...

"IF ONLY" ... two of the saddest words ever spoken.
Choose this day to commit yourself
to live every moment of your life for Jesus, His Church and His Kingdom.

* BENEDICTION

* *How Great Thou Art*

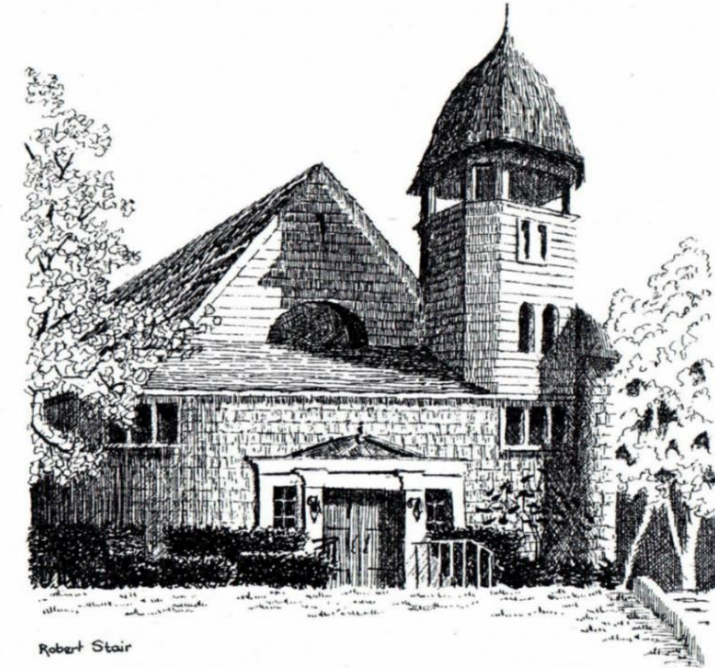
77 (verse 3)

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

August 8th, 2021

"11th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST"

Liturgical Color – Green



DALLAS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

TODAY'S CENTERING MEDITATION

**"Be careful then how you live,
not as unwise people but as wise,
making the most of the time,
because the days are evil."**

(Ephesians 5:15-16)

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

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS:

PRELUDE ... **A TIME TO FOCUS OUR THOUGHTS AND HEARTS ON KING JESUS**

OPENING PAYER:

* CALL TO WORSHIP:

Scripture tells us to be very careful how we live, not as unwise, but as wise.

Therefore let us make the best use of every opportunity to know and understand God's will.

Let us be filled with the Spirit and encourage one another.

Let us sing songs, hymns and spiritual songs, making music in our hearts to the Lord.

With thankful hearts let us come before the Lord our God and worship.

* *Soon and Very Soon*

706 (verses 1, 2, 3, 1)

CALL TO CONFESSION

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

Gracious God,

we confess that we are not careful of how we live.

We are foolish people.

We waste our time doing things that are of no consequence, that do not show our love for you.

We want most what we cannot have;

we seek pleasure in things that are vanity and corrupt our bodies, minds and souls.

We squander one of the most precious gifts you have given us, our time.

God of forever before and God of forever after,

we passionately seek your forgiveness here and now, at this moment.

In the timeless name of Jesus, we pray.

Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE & PARDON

MOMENTS WITH ALL GOD'S CHILDREN

* *Take Time to Be Holy*

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* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:

A Statement of Faith of the United Church of Canada

We are not alone,

we live in God's world.

We believe in God:

who has created and is creating,

who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,

to reconcile and make new,

who works in us and others by the Spirit.

We trust in God.

We are called to be the church:

to celebrate God's presence,

to love and serve others,

to seek justice and resist evil,

to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,

our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death,

God is with us. We are not alone.

Thanks be to God.

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:

Ephesians 5:15-20

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