

TODAY'S MESSAGE:

**"STAY OR GO, WHICH WILL YOU CHOOSE"**

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.

\* *O Jesus, I Have Promised*

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

Gracious God, we give you joyful thanks and praise.

You faithfully provide for our needs, always remembering your covenant.

Let our gratitude overflow in gifts and offerings that uplift the ministries of this your church  
so that people will be blessed indeed. Through Christ, we pray. Amen.

DISCIPLESHIP CHALLENGE ...

A choice / decision for Jesus as Savior is only the first part of the journey.

It is not and should not be a "once and done" choice.

Choosing to follow Jesus is the biggest decision we must make every single day.

Will that be your choice / decision today? Tomorrow? Each day after that?

\* BENEDICTION

\* *How Great Thou Art*

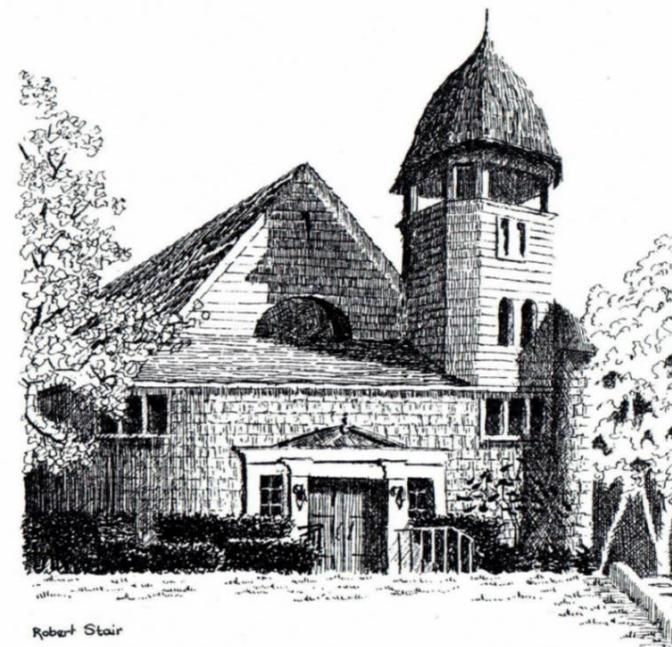
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# WELCOME TO WORSHIP

August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021

"12<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST"

Liturgical Color – Green



**DALLAS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

TODAY'S CENTERING MEDITATION

Then Jesus turned to the Twelve and asked,

"Are you also going to leave?"

Simon Peter replied,

"Lord, to whom would we go?

You have the words that give eternal life.

(John 6:67-68)

\* 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:

Come, be nourished by the words and witness of Jesus Christ.  
**He came that we might know of God's absolute, steadfast love for us.**  
Receive the gift of the Bread of Life and hunger no more.  
**We are grateful for Jesus Christ, who has given to us this magnificent gift.**  
Come, let us worship and rejoice!  
**Let us sing our praises to God. AMEN.**

\* *The Lily of the Valley*

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CALL TO CONFESSION

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

**Gracious and Merciful Lord, you have offered to us food for the journey.**  
**You remind us that your very life will sustain us as we witness to your love.**  
**But sometimes we let those reminders slip from our consciousness.**  
**We wallow in our difficulty;**  
**make excuses for not living the kind of life that you would have us live;**  
**and treat others in ways which are not healthy or loving.**  
**Please forgive us, Lord.**  
**Stop us in our tracks and help us to examine the many ways**  
**in which we have not served you well and the callous things we have done to others.**  
**Cleanse our spirits and our souls from these unrighteous acts,**  
**and cause us to follow you more closely.**  
**Remind us again that you are the Bread of Life, having given yourself for us.**  
**Sustain us and encourage us in our service.**  
**These things we ask in Jesus' Name. AMEN.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE & PARDON

MOMENTS WITH ALL GOD'S CHILDREN

\* *O How I Love Jesus*

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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:

John 6:51-69

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