

TODAY'S MESSAGE:

"REMEMBER WHY WE ARE TO BE DOERS"

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.

* *Lord, Be Glorified*

2150 (verses 1, 2, 3, 4, 1)

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

Christ our Lord, Head of the church,
receive what we offer as members of your body.

As we serve you, coordinate our efforts so that nothing that should be done is left undone
and all your purposes accomplished to the glory of your name. Amen

DISCIPLESHIP CHALLENGE ...

Does your life "glorify" the Lord Jesus?
This week, ask 3 people, what 3 words (and 3 words only) best describe
how they see your life "glorifying" Jesus?
Look for specific opportunities this week for your life to "glorify" Him.

* BENEDICTION

* *How Great Thou Art*

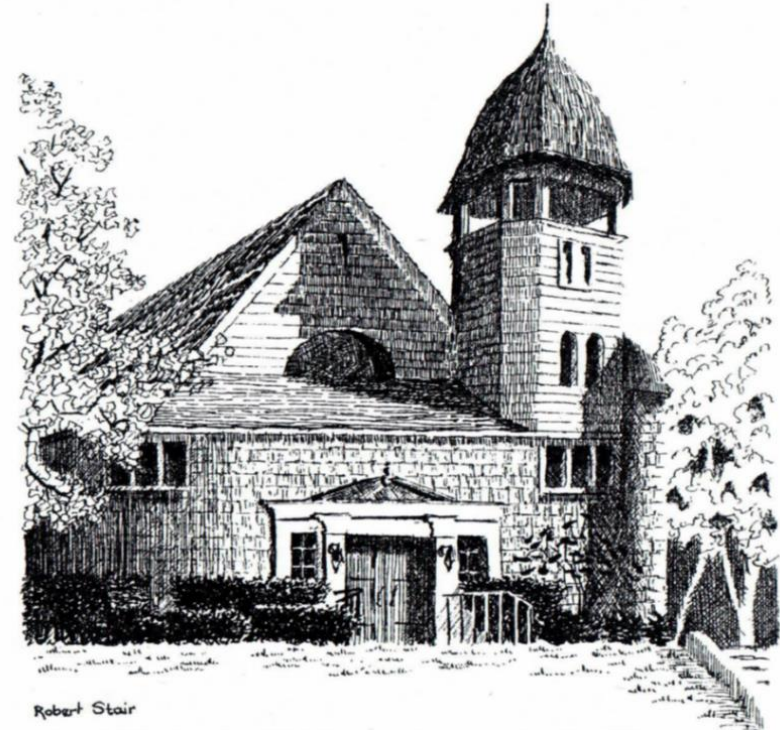
77 (verse 3)

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

August 22nd, 2021

"13th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST"

Liturgical Color – Green



DALLAS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

TODAY'S CENTERING MEDITATION

**Real religion, the kind that passes muster before God the Father, is this:
Reach out to the homeless and loveless in their plight,
and guard against corruption from the godless world.**

(James 1:27 ... The Message)

* 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 PRAYER:

* CALL TO WORSHIP:

How wonderful it is to be in a dwelling place for God!

The refreshing springs of God's love cleans and restore us.

There is a place here for everyone. No one is turned away.

The least and the lost; the homeless and hopeless are always welcome in God's house.

Praise to God who invites and shelters us all.

Praise to God who heals and sends us forth to serve. AMEN.

* *Standing on the Promises*

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CALL TO CONFESSION

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

Patient Lord, we are a culture that wants the quick and easy answers to all of life's problems.

**We want to be able to open the Bible and place our fingers on the passage
that will answer all our questions and heal all our hurts.**

It is difficult for us to deal with the knowledge that discipleship requires patience and perseverance.

Jesus' own disciples struggled with his teachings.

It took a long time for them to understand fully what Jesus was saying and how they were to respond.

We are no different. The words of Jesus take time for us to comprehend.

Forgive us, Lord, when we are so impatient; when we just want to "get on with it".

**Help us to understand the commitment we make in discipleship,
through the rocky times and the smooth seas alike.**

Push us in our ministry of help and compassion

to do more than we ever thought we could do in helping others.

Give to us that extra measure of faith and commitment that we may truly serve you by serving others.

In Jesus' Name, we pray. AMEN.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE & PARDON

MOMENTS WITH ALL GOD'S CHILDREN

* *Wounded World that Cries for Healing*

2177 (tune – # 526 – What a Friend We Have in Jesus)

* 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:

James 1:19-27

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