

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.**

TODAY'S MESSAGE:

**"CHILD-LIKE OR CHILDISH"**

\* *Jesus Loves Me*

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

**You are the generous one,  
full of mercy and goodness for your creation.  
Send your wisdom with these gifts,  
that they may reach those who need your love and welcome.  
Bring about a harvest of goodness through these gifts sown in peace. Amen.**

DISCIPLESHIP CHALLENGE

Do a self-examination this week.

How often is your faith self-centered like the disciples in today's lesson instead of the faith of a child?

How often do you criticize and tear others down rather than affirm and encourage others?

Remember ... the first part of the Good News is "believing / having faith in Jesus"

... the second part is "becoming like Jesus"

How will you measure up this week?

\* BENEDICTION

\* *Pass It On*

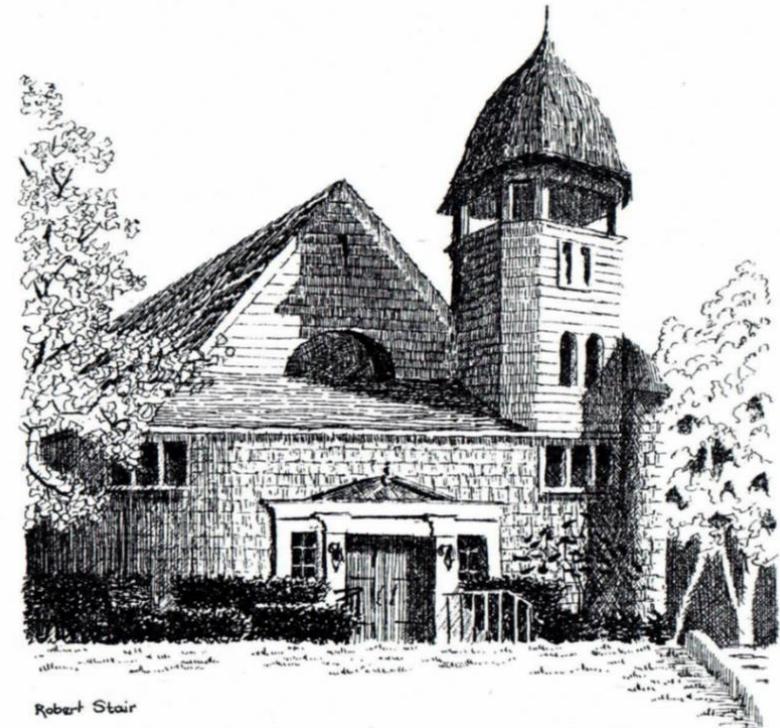
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# WELCOME TO WORSHIP

September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021

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

Liturgical Color – Green



## DALLAS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

TODAY'S CENTERING MEDITATION

**"You're spoiled children, each wanting your own way."  
"Whoever embraces one of these children as I do embraces me,  
and far more than me—God who sent me."**

(James 4:3b ... Mark 9:37)

\* 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:

Jesus calls us to servant ministry.

**We must be willing to help others, not counting the cost or rewards.**

Pretense, disharmony, greed have no place in discipleship.

**Serving God means receiving each person as though they were a beloved child.**

Lord, help us to truly become your disciples.

**Create in us hearts for ministries of compassion and kindness. AMEN.**

\* *Tell Me the Stories of Jesus*

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CALL TO CONFESSION

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

**God of patience and mercy,**

**we come to you, offering "lip service" to serving you, but when things get difficult;**

**when we are called to do something which is hard for us,**

**we shy away from the duty and the opportunity.**

**We turn our back on service out of fear of failure.**

**Forgive us, gracious Lord.**

**Heal our fears and our weaknesses.**

**Strengthen us and give us courage to truly be your disciples,**

**not counting the rewards, but rejoicing in the work.**

**In Jesus' Name, we pray. AMEN.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE & PARDON

*Morning Has Broken*

Priscilla Ruckno

\* 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.**

\* *Jesus Loves the Little Children*

Jesus loves the little children,  
ALL the children of the world.  
Red and yellow, black and white,  
They are precious in His sight.  
Jesus loves the children of the world.

MOMENTS WITH ALL GOD'S CHILDREN

*Where Children Belong*

# 2233 (sing twice)

MISSION MOMENTS ... *Sleep in Heavenly Peace*

Denise Ogurkis

GOD'S WORD:

Mark 9:30-37 ... James 3:13-18, 4:1-3, 7

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