

\* *His Name Is Wonderful*

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

**Holy Giver of all that we need,  
you have filled our hearts with joy  
and our hands with overflowing abundance.**

**With thanks and joy, we offer our gifts,  
offering ourselves in communion with you  
and with all your creation.**

**Amen.**

DISCIPLESHIP CHALLENGE

Remember ... the first part of the Good News is “believing / having faith in Jesus”  
... the second part is “becoming like Jesus”

Our mission is based on the Great Commission Jesus gave to his disciples and all of his followers.  
Our mission is to make and grow disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of this world.

How will you share with others this week  
who Jesus is and why you have chosen to follow him?

\* BENEDICTION

\* *Freely, Freely*

# 389

**JOHN WESLEY’S 3-SIMPLE RULES**

- 1) Do no harm
- 2) Do good
- 3) Stay in love with God

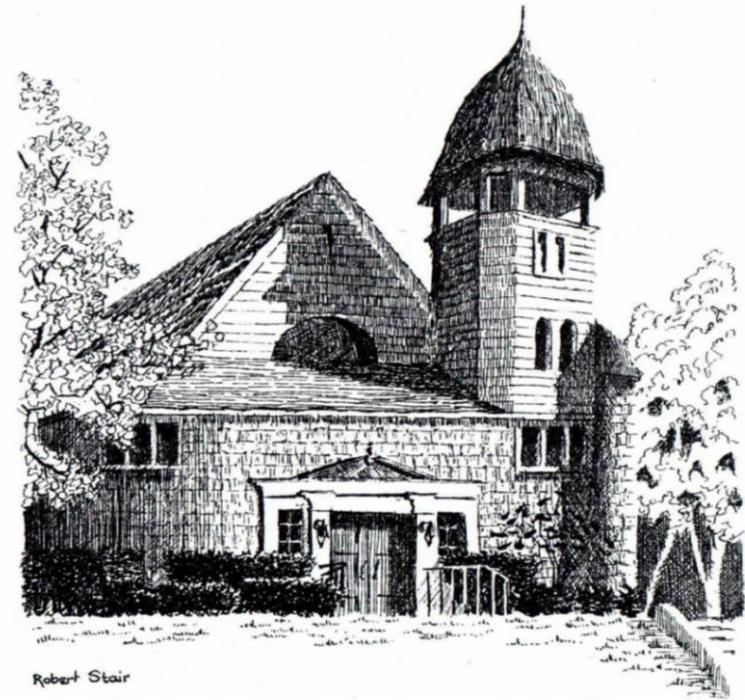
# WELCOME TO WORSHIP

October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021

“19<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST”

“WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY”

Liturgical Color – Green



## DALLAS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

TODAY’S CENTERING MEDITATION

***“He is the reflection of God’s glory  
and the exact imprint of God’s very being ...”***

(Hebrews 1:3a ... NRSV)

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

*O How I Love Jesus*

Rachel Bird

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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

OPENING PRAYER:

\* CALL TO WORSHIP:

Today, on World Communion Sunday,  
we remember that we are one.

Today, we celebrate the Spirit of God  
that moves throughout God's people across all of creation.

**We are one in Christ.**

Today we remember our responsibility to bear with one another in love,  
to maintain unity by the bond of peace  
and to be the body of Christ in the world.

**We are one body.**

Today we recall that, as members of one body,  
we can make a difference in a world of people  
in need of the hope of the love of Christ.

Today, we recognize this hope that unites us and sustains us.

**We are people of one hope.**

Today we celebrate our unity.

We set aside the small things that can divide us  
and remember that, with God, we can overcome all things.  
Today we are reminded that only with gentleness and humility  
can we clearly see God's plan for us.

**We are people of one Lord.**

Today, on World Communion Sunday, we acknowledge  
that we belong to God and to each other.

**We are people of one God who is above all and through all.**

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.**

GOD'S WORD:

Hebrews 1:1-4 ... 2:5-12

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

TODAY'S MESSAGE:

**"WHY CHOOSE JESUS?"**

PRAYER OF RICHARD OF CHICHESTER, ENGLAND

**Thanks be to thee, O Lord Jesus Christ,**

**for all the benefits which thou hast given us;**

**for all the pains and insults which thou hast born for us.**

**O most merciful Redeemer, friend, and brother,**

**may we know thee more clearly,**

**love thee more dearly,**

**and follow thee more nearly,**

**for thine own sake.**

**Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

(on insert)

SHARING THE LOAF AND CUP

\* *One Bread, One Body*

# 620

CALL TO CONFESSION

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

**Merciful Lord,  
you know that we are stubborn and willful.  
We believe that we know the right way to do everything  
and to heal all the troubles of the world.  
We resort to extraordinary means to provide healing only to find  
that we have not placed our trust in your redeeming love.  
Our efforts fall far short of the goal of reconciliation.  
Forgive us our stubbornness and arrogance.  
Heal our wounded souls and restore hope and compassion  
to our relationships with you and with each other.  
Lift us up and help us to serve you by serving others in this world.  
Amen.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE & PARDON

*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.  
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CHILDREN'S CHAT

*Where Children Belong*

# 2233 (sing twice)

\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:

*The Nicene Creed*

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
and became truly human.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory  
to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.  
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son  
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who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in the one holy catholic and apostolic church.  
We acknowledge one baptism  
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