

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

With open hands and thankful hearts,
we offer to you all that is already yours, O Lord.
Everything we possess is a gift from you.
You so freely give us what we need,
and you promise even greater treasures that await us in heaven.
Take what we offer and use it for the goodness of your kingdom.
Help us share generously with others
all that you so graciously give to us.
Amen.

DISCIPLESHIP CHALLENGE

What security blankets are you hanging on to?
What's keeping you from accepting God's best for you?

* BENEDICTION

* *Freely, Freely*

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*Do all the good you can,
by all the means you can,
in all the ways you can,
in all the places you can,
at all the times you can,
to all the people you can,
as long as ever you can.*

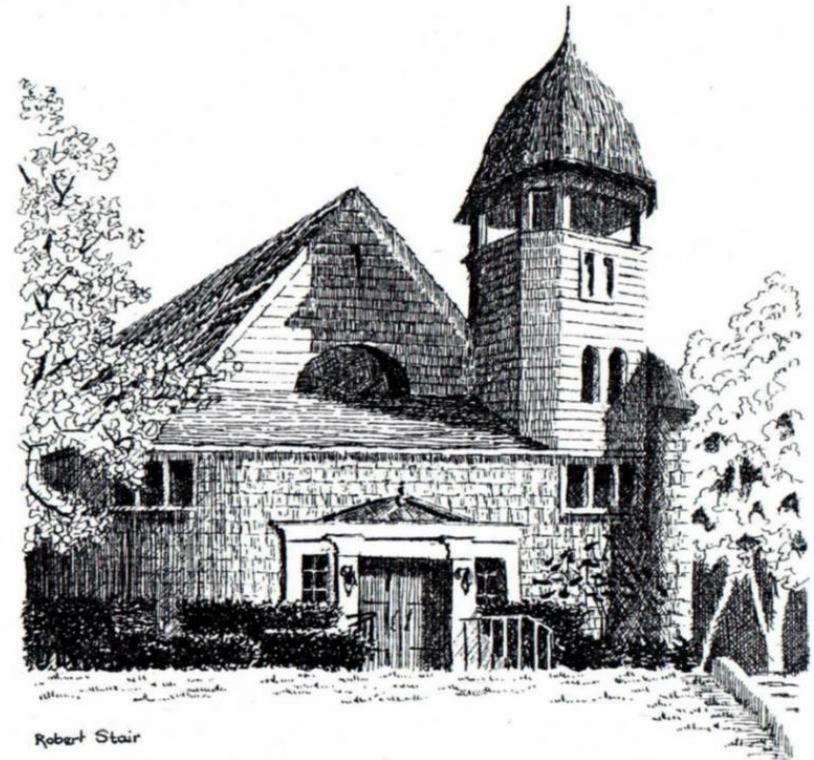
~ John Wesley ~

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

October 10th, 2021

"20th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST"

Liturgical Color – Green



DALLAS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

TODAY'S CENTERING MEDITATION

***"My thoughts are nothing like your thoughts," says the LORD.
"And my ways are far beyond anything you could imagine."***

Isaiah 55:8 (NLT)

* 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:

Get ready. God is waiting for you.

Open our hearts and our spirits, Lord, to receive your word for us.

God calls us to lives of hope and service.

We want to serve God, but sometimes life gets to be too difficult for us.

Place your trust in God's power and love.

God understands our needs, our sorrows, and our joys.

Come, let us worship God who is with us always.

Praise God for God's eternal presence.

AMEN.

* *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

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CALL TO CONFESSION

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

Lord, we look for you in the wrong places.

We put our trust in material things.

We worry about things we cannot change.

We wonder if you are even there at all.

For all the times we have doubted you, Lord, forgive us.

For all the ways we have neglected your word and ignored your people, forgive us.

Do not be far from us, Lord.

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:

Job 23:1-9, 16-17 ... Mark 10:17-31

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

TODAY'S MESSAGE:

"LETTING GO"

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.

* *Take My Life, and Let it Be Consecrated. Lord, to Thee*

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**There is no one else we can turn to for help.
Renew our fickle hearts and help us put our trust in you.
Open our hearts to know that the riches of the kingdom are in service to you.
Help us to understand the call you have given is to service,
and having heard and understood that call,
may we be about the work of the kingdom.
For we offer this prayer in Jesus' Name.
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.
Jesus loves the children of the world.

CHILDREN'S CHAT

Where Children Belong

This, this is where children belong,
Welcomed as part of the worshiping throng.
Water, God's Word,
bread and cup, prayer and song:
This is where children belong.

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* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:

**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,**

The Nicene Creed

**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
is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in the one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism
for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.
Amen.**

* *When We Are Called to Sing Your Praise*

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