

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

O Lord of hosts, we marvel at your faithfulness.

You keep your promise to remain with us by your Holy Spirit.

Help us to trust you in every difficulty.

Empower us to share the good news of your abiding presence with our neighbors and friends.

Accept our offerings, building up this community of faith so that we may serve others with the love of Jesus.

We pray in his name.

Amen.

DISCIPLESHIP CHALLENGE

“You cannot comprehend the deepest love God has for you  
until you realize that God has the same love  
for the person or persons you most despise.”

~ unknown ~

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*... AND ... ‘LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF.’*

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**What are you doing to live into the greatest commandment?**

\* BENEDICTION

\* *Freely, Freely*

# 389

# WELCOME TO WORSHIP

October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021

“23<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST”

“REFORMATION SUNDAY”

“ALL SAINTS EVE SUNDAY”

Liturgical Color – Green



## DALLAS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

TODAY’S CENTERING MEDITATION

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\* 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:

God is calling you today.  
**Help us to hear God's call in our lives.**  
God needs your gifts and graces to help others.  
**May we use the blessings which God has given us to benefit others.**  
Come, let us worship and celebrate God's love for us.  
**Let us show our faithfulness in our words and actions.**  
**Amen.**

\* *The Gift of Love*

# 408

CALL TO CONFESSION

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

**How often, O Lord, have we believed that the greatest commandment is our love for ourselves solely.**  
**We have not heard the cries of those in need;**  
**we have turned our backs on opportunities to serve you by serving others.**  
**Many times we have thought only of our own wants and desires and ignored the needs of others.**  
**Help us to truly understand the commandments to love you with all our heart, soul, strength, and mind.**  
**Let us care for our neighbors both far and near.**  
**Bring us back to your loving light.**  
**For we ask these things in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ.**  
**Amen.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE & PARDON

*For All the Saints*

# 2283

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:

Mark 12:28-34

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

TODAY'S MESSAGE:

**"LIVING INTO THE GREATEST COMMANDMENT"**

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.**

\* *They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love*

# 2223

*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 worshipping throng.  
Water, God's Word,  
bread and cup, prayer and song:  
This is where children belong.

# 2233 (sing twice)

\* 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,  
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.**

*The Nicene Creed*

LITURGY FOR ALL SAINTS DAY

**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.**

For all the saints who have gone before us,  
**God, we give thanks for our ancestors in the faith.**

For all the saints who have been beloved to us,  
**God, we give thanks for our loved ones who have passed on.**

For all the saints who have left us too soon,  
**God, we mourn their passing, and they remain in our hearts.**

For all the saints who have exemplified the faithful life,  
**God, may we learn from their ways and follow you.**

On this day, we name all those who are in our hearts:

~ NAMING OF THOSE WHO LEFT US SINCE LAST ALL SAINTS DAY ~

For all the saints, God, we give thanks to you;

**On earth, in heaven, we are one, we are your children.**

**We thank you for those who have gone before us.**

**May we forgive those whom we did not have an opportunity to forgive.**

**May we know that we are forgiven for our own sins.**

**May we know that we are loved by the you, O God, from this life into eternity.**

**In the name of Jesus the Christ, who lived, who died and who lives eternally.**

**Amen and Amen.**