

PRAISES – THANKSGIVINGS – CONCERNS TO LIFT IN PRAYER

Please post your PRAISES – THANKSGIVINGS – CONCERNS on the bulletin board next to the church office door ...

OR ... call, email the church office or drop it in the mailbox.

Please do NOT use last names unless you have permission to do so.

We will gladly list your request in the bulletin for four (4) weeks beginning the next Sunday.

If you wish for us to continue praying for your request, simply let us know after the four weeks are up.

DALLAS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

... Our Mission ... Our Community & World Outreach ... Our Leadership Council ... Our Congregation ...
... Our Sister UMC Churches of the Back Mountain ... Our Susquehanna UMC Conference ...

THESE WHO HAVE BEEN NAMED:

Gabe (safe travels); Pat; Duane; (1) ...

Mike; Susan; Larry, Carm, Dad; Shirley; Ned; Lynnette; (2) ...

Sharon; Triv; Mary Jane; Lloyd; George; Pastor Linda Eckersley; (3) ... Debbie; Matt; (4)

THOSE IN PERSONAL CARE / REHAB FACILITIES, OR SHUT-IN AT HOME ...

Sharon Miers; Elizabeth Covert; June Houser; Eleanor Fleming; Ruby Fulkersin; Hazel Garris;
Larna Hoyt; Tamara Hoyt; Jane Kaminski; Eula Lewis; Ann Lynch; Evelyn Weaver; Rev. Jim Wert;

THE FAMILIES & LOVED ONES OF THOSE WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY

Clara Slembarski; (3) ... Dylan Osticco; Gerard "Ardie" Exter; (4)

THOSE STRUGGLING / DEALING WITH

Physical & Mental Health Issues ... Addictions

THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN AFFECTED BY AND WHO HAVE DIED DUE TO ...

... Lack of Food and Clean Water ... Preventable Diseases ... Covid19 Pandemic ...

... Natural Disasters ... Wars, Terrorism, & Other Acts of Violence – specifically those being targeted
because of their ethnicity, or their gender, or their skin color, or their faith.

THOSE STRUGGLING / DEALING WITH THESE ISSUES & CHALLENGES...

Education ... Finances ... Employment ... Relationships ... Being in Prison ... Being Released from Prison

OUR NATION

Volunteers ... Health Care Workers ... First Responders ... Leaders at All Levels ... Armed Forces Personnel

OTHER NATIONS AND LEADERS OF THE WORLD

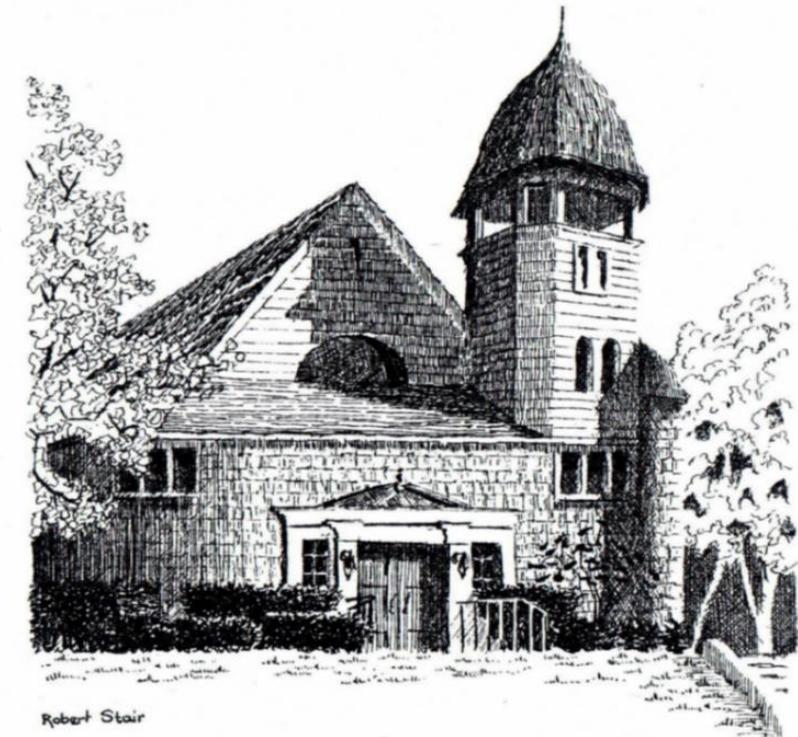
Including Our Enemies & Those We Simply Disagree With

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

November 21st, 2021

“CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY”

Liturgical Color – White



DALLAS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

TODAY'S CENTERING MEDITATION

“Because I am King,

I was born and entered the world so that I could witness to the truth.

Everyone who cares for truth, who has any feeling for the truth, recognizes my voice.”

- John 18:37b

* 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:

Majesty, Worship His Majesty (#176)

Come, let us bow down and worship the King of kings, the Lord of lords.

At this birth the angels proclaimed it.

He is the Wonderful Counselor, Lord of lords, King of kings, the Prince of Peace.

Through his teaching and his life we have learned how to live for God.

By his death and resurrection we have been saved and claimed by God as witnesses to God's eternal love.

Majesty, Worship His Majesty (#176)

* *Crown Him with Many Crowns*

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CALL TO CONFESSION

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

We have trouble believing in a King in our lives.

Early in our nation's history, we rejected monarchy as something undesirable.

Yet, this day we are called to recognize Jesus Christ as the King of our lives, our sovereign ruler.

His kingdom is based on the laws of love;

loving God as God has truly loved us

and loving our neighbor as we ourselves want to be loved.

That love extends beyond the borders of our lives,

into a world in which there is fear and alienation,

hunger and disease, hopelessness and darkness.

Jesus, our sovereign ruler, our friend, our Master and guide,

* *God of Grace and God of Glory*

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

**With gratitude for all the blessings you have poured into our lives, Lord Jesus,
we come bringing these our gifts that they may be used in service to those in need.**

**Bless these gifts and those who have given them,
that they may truly be a blessing in your holy name.**

Amen.

DISCIPLESHIP CHALLENGE

Expecting a philosophical answer, Pilate asked Jesus, "what is truth?"

That was and is the wrong question any of us should ask.

The real question is "Who is TRUTH?"

Jesus said, "I am the WAY, the TRUTH, and the LIFE."

Jesus IS TRUTH.

He embodies TRUTH.

Everything about Jesus reveals TRUTH.

Is Jesus the TRUTH around which you order your life?

* BENEDICTION

* *God Be with You till We Meet Again*

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**Please join us following Worship this morning
to decorate the church for the Advent and Christmas seasons**

... AND ...

for a time of fellowship and refreshments.

**Our theme for Advent this year is
"COME HOME FOR CHRISTMAS"**

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 little children of the world.*

CHILDREN'S CHAT

WHERE CHILDREN BELONG

2233 (sing twice)

*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.*

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.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

GOD'S WORD:

John 18:33-38

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

TODAY'S MESSAGE:

"RECOGNIZING THE VOICE WHICH WE SHOULD ORDER OUR LIVES AFTER?"

PRAYER FOR A NEW HEART

Dag Hammarskjöld

**Thou who art over us,
Thou who art one of us,
Thou who art:
Give me a pure heart, that I may see thee;
a humble heart, that I may hear thee;
a heart of love, that I may serve thee;
a heart of faith, that I may abide in thee.
Amen.**

**has asked us to reach out to feed the hungry; give drink to the thirsty;
clothe the naked, visit the sick and those imprisoned; welcome the stranger.**

**These words are not unfamiliar to us,
yet somehow, we have treated them as nice words
but not an active part of our life of faith.**

Forgive us, Lord, for the meagerness of our faith and the weakness of our witness.

**Rule our lives again with your powerful love,
that we might truly be worthy disciples of yours.**

Help us to find the forgiveness which you have given to us and to do your will.

Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE & PARDON

* *Ye Servants of God*

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* 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.**