

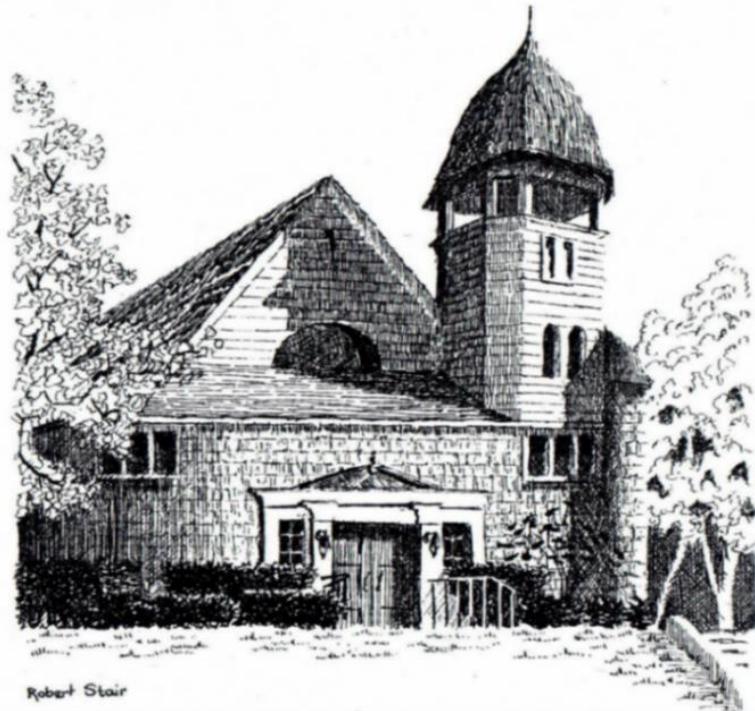
# WELCOME TO WORSHIP

February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

**"DISABILITY AWARENESS SUNDAY"**

Liturgical Color – Green



**DALLAS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

## TODAY'S CENTERING MEDITATION

***"Do not be interested only in your own life,  
but be interested in the lives of others.  
In your lives you must think and act like Christ Jesus."***

- Philippians 2:4-5

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

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS:

PRELUDE ... *'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus*

Louisa M. R. Stead / William J. Kirkpatrick

OPENING PRAYER

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

*Virginia Annual Conference 2017*

Let us lift up our many voices and praise the Lord with all our heart.

**Though we come together with differing gifts, talents, and abilities, we all sing of God's glory.**

The Psalms tell us of God's compassion to those who believe.

**Likewise, we seek to be as compassionate and gracious in our community as our Lord is to us.**

Show compassion and love to your neighbors and enemies.

**With the Lord's guidance, there will be distinction in our love and kindness towards others.**

As a community, we can rejoice in the works of the Lord.

**For the works of the Lord are many,**

**and we recognize that we are part of God's wonderful Creation. AMEN.**

\* *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Southeastern United Methodist Agency for Rehabilitation 2004

**Almighty and creating God;**

**we come before you today as people who are separated from one another**

**by fear, prejudice, and ignorance.**

**By our language, actions and facilities in our lives and in our church**

**we too often see others as insiders and outsiders.**

**Forgive us and create in us the vision of opening our hearts, minds, and doors**

**as wide as the love of God, so that no one is left outside.**

**Help us to reach beyond ourselves to discover the joy of your beloved community.**

**Give us the patience to discover that all people**

**have gifts and abilities to share with our community of faith.**

**We pray 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 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

*(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 2:1-12

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

\* *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

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\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:

*The Apostles' Creed, Ecumenical Version*

**We believe in a God who created everyone and called them very good.  
No one is created broken, defective, or unnecessary.  
Every life is created with sacred worth, and everyone is a wondrous gift from God to the world.  
We believe in Jesus Christ who is found most clearly  
in the lives of those who seem to be the least important to society.  
Jesus invites all to live their lives fully, teaching that it is our faith that makes us whole.  
We believe in the Holy Spirit who calls us all to serve and not to be served**

**and who gives to all, holy gifts for the edification of the body.**

**The Holy Spirit cultivates the fruits of a productive life in every believer,  
enabling them to share with others:**

**love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faith, gentleness, and self-control.**

**We believe that the Church is the Body of Christ  
and every one of us has an essential part to play  
in the salvation of the world through its ministries of grace.**

**Every life radiates the glory of God,  
and every life is a blessed gift to the world. AMEN.**

\* *Glory Be to the Father*

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TODAY'S MESSAGE:

**"THROUGH THE ROOF FAITH"**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

(on insert)

THE SHARING OF THE LOAF AND CUP

A PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND FOR OFFERING OUR TREASURES TO THE LORD

\* *To God Be the Glory*

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DISCIPLES' CHALLENGE:

**In your lives, you must think and act like Christ Jesus who said to us,**

**"Love others as I have loved you."**

**Look for, be mindful of, help those the Lord puts in your path,  
Including those who are overlooked, broken, cast aside,  
or simply considered not good enough by society.**

\* BENEDICTION

\* *I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me*

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