

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

February 20th, 2022

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

"SCOUT SUNDAY"

Liturgical Color – Green



DALLAS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

TODAY'S CENTERING MEDITATION

"I tell you, love your enemies.

Help and give without expecting a return ...

***Live out this God-created identity the way our Father lives toward us,
generously and graciously, even when we're at our worst.***

Give away your life ...

Giving, not getting, is the way.

Generosity begets generosity."

- Luke 6:35, 38 (MSG)

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

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS:

PRELUDE ... *Jesus Loves Me*

William Bradbury / arr. By Joel Raney

OPENING PRAYER

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Logan Herman

As we come to worship, let us leave at the door our self-centered thoughts.

And open our eyes to see our neighbor in worship.

As we come to worship, let us leave at the door our feelings of exclusiveness.

And open our minds to the possibilities of inclusion.

As we come to worship, let us leave outside our notion of generosity.

And open our hearts to the possibility of giving beyond our typical gift.

As we come to worship,

let us open our eyes, our minds, and our hearts to what can be instead of what is.

For all of our gifts and for all possibilities, let us lift our voices in praise!

* *O God of Every Nation*

435 (tune # 203 – Hail to the Lord's Anointed)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Beth Merrill Neel on her blog "Hold Fast to What Is Good"

Gracious and loving God,

**open our hearts so that we are able to admit to you the fullness of our lives –
that which is beautiful and good, and that which is hurtful and hateful.**

We confess that we do not follow Jesus in all that we do.

We love with condition.

We judge and condemn.

We cast the first stone, and keep the logs in our own eyes.

We do not turn to You as the source of our healing.

Forgive us, we pray.

Forgive our sin, and empower us to be imitators of Christ in love and service.

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.**

*We are pleased to have
the Cub Scouts of Pack # 281 and the Boy Scouts of Troop #281,
along with their families and their Scout leaders with us in Worship this morning.*

CELEBRATION OF TROOP # 281 AND PACK # 281's COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Andy Herman

WHAT SCOUTING MEANS TO ME

Michael Williams

SCOUT LAW LITANY

(on insert)

Jake Nita

GOD'S WORD:

Luke 6:27-38

Jake Nita

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

* *This Is My Song*

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* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:

The Apostles' Creed, Ecumenical Version

Zachary Coy

**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.**

* *Glory Be to the Father*

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TODAY'S MESSAGE: **"LOVE THAT GOES AGAINST OUR WAY OF THINKING"**

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

* *Where Charity and Love Prevail*

549 (tune # 378 – Amazing Grace)

* BENEDICTION

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

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