

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

August 7th, 2022

“9th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST”

Liturgical Color – Green



DALLAS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

TODAY'S CENTERING MEDITATION

***Wherever your treasure is,
there the desires of your heart will also be.***

(Luke 12:34)

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

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sweet Hour of Prayer

William Bradbury; arr. by Joel Raney

OPENING PRAYER

* CALL TO WORSHIP

The Lord calls us today to be people of justice and mercy.

Our worship is hollow if it focuses only on our own gratification.

The Lord asks that our words of hope become actions of peace.

Thanks be to God who challenges and calls us.

Let our ministry together bring peace and justice.

Let our lives reflect God's love and mercy. Amen.

* *Great Is Thy faithfulness*

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION FOLLOWED BY MOMENTS OF SILENT PRAYER

O God,

**your call for justice is so clear that we are amazed at how easily
we fail to hear you over the din of daily life.**

We want to cease to do evil.

We want to learn to do good.

Yet, we rarely do all we can

to rescue, defend, and plead for those in need.

Forgive our hesitancy and our self-serving ways, O Lord.

**Heal us of the disease of seeking first our own comfort
before we engage in acts of justice and mercy.**

Open our eyes and ears to the cries of those in need.

Grant us courage, we pray,

as followers of Jesus and as YOUR church

to bring about the justice, love, and reconciliation you desire. 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

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***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.***

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:

A Statement of Faith of the United Church of Canada

**We are not alone,
we live in God's world.
We believe in God:
who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others by the Spirit.
We trust in God.**

**We are called to be the church:
to celebrate God's presence,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.**

**In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us. We are not alone.**

**Thanks be to God.
Amen.**

* *A Charge to Keep I Have*

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TIME OF PRAYER

GOD'S WORD:

Isaiah 1:10-20

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

TODAY'S MESSAGE:

"WHAT CONCERNS US MOST – PLEASING THE LORD OR PLEASING OURSELVES"

GREAT THANKSGIVING

(on screen)

BREAKING THE BREAD

GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

THE LORD'S PRAYER

* BENEDICTION

* *Lord, Be Glorified*

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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 ~