

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

August 14th, 2022

“10th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST”

Liturgical Color – Green



DALLAS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

TODAY'S CENTERING MEDITATION

***"What more was there to do for My vineyard
that I have not done in it?"***

***Why, when I expected it to produce good grapes
did it produce worthless ones?***

(Isaiah 5:4 ... NASB)

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

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

In the Garden

C. Austin Miles; arr. by Joel Raney

OPENING PRAYER

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Ruth Duck

Out of the depths, O God, we call to you.
Wounds of the past remain, affecting all we do.

Facing our lives, we need your love so much.
Here in this community, heal us by your touch.

Out of the depths of fear, O God, we speak.
Breaking the silences, the searing truth we seek.

Safe among friends, our grief and rage we share.
Here in this community, hold us in your care.

God of the loving heart, we praise your name.
Dance through our lives; anoint with Spirit flame.

Your light illumines each familiar face.
Here in this community, meet us with your grace.

* *For the Beauty of the Earth*

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION FOLLOWED BY MOMENTS OF SILENT PRAYER

God of healing mercies,

we come to you this day as imperfect people.

**We know that you desire for us hope, happiness, and love,
yet we have found so many ways in which to block your gifts,
or to grab hold of them as if we were entitled to them.**

**We have been given the pathway to peace in the witness of Jesus Christ.
He taught us to live as people of compassion and service.**

**But our service has been mostly for ourselves, for our own gratification.
We have failed to be your church, your witnesses on earth.
We have neglected the needs of others in our rush for our own comfort.
Forgive us, O merciful God.
Heal our wounded spirits.
Turn us again to you, that we may again learn of your love and mercy.
Help us to become partners in peace and hope for others.
For we ask this 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

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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.**

Morning Has Broken

Shared by Priscilla Ruckno

TIME OF PRAYER / THE LORD'S PRAYER *(from the ritual of the former Evangelic United Brethren 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors;
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:

Isaiah 5:1-7

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

TODAY'S MESSAGE:

"CHARACTERISTICS / QUALITIES OF GOD'S VINEYARD"

* *O God of Every Nation*

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* BENEDICTION

* *Lord, Be Glorified*

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