

# WELCOME TO WORSHIP

August 28<sup>th</sup>, 2022

**“12<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST”**

Liturgical Color – Green



**DALLAS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

TODAY'S CENTERING MEDITATION

***Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever!***

(Hebrews 13:8 ... CEB)

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

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*

Music: William Bradbury, arr. by Joel Raney

OPENING PRAYER

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

With all your strength, sing aloud to the Lord,  
who has brought you here and blessed you.

**Our voices shall shout forth praise and thanksgiving to God.**

With all your heart, reach out in service to those in need,  
remembering God's mercy in your own life.

**Our lives shall be witnesses to the love of God which has been lavished upon us.**

Come, let us worship the Lord with great joy!

**Let us bring all that we have and all that we are to God in gratitude. Amen.**

\* *O How I Love Jesus*

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION FOLLOWED BY MOMENTS OF SILENT PRAYER

**We confess, Merciful God,**

**that we find it hard to see in ourselves**

**the trappings our society so admires and serves —  
power, wealth, and access that forget mutual love.**

**We fail to see our allegiance to these dangerous gods —  
rushing for places of honor, scorning the humble and lowly,  
supporting systems that survive on greed and abuse.**

**Forgive us our vanity and greed.**

**Forgive us when we are fearful that there is not enough.**

**Remind us that you are enough.**

**Teach us your generosity.**

**Teach us your world-changing humility.**

**Teach us your expansive love.  
Transform us and heal our lives. 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

\* 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.**

\* *Glory Be to the Father*

# 70

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.**

*When I Lift up My Head*

Sounds Abound

*Swing Low, Sweet Chariot*

Sounds Abound

GOD'S WORD:

Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

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

TODAY'S MESSAGE:

**"JESUS, THE ONE WHO IS LOVE, NEVER CHANGES"**

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.**

\* *Blest Be the Tie That Binds*

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\* BENEDICTION

\* *Lord, Be Glorified*

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