

# WELCOME TO WORSHIP

September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022

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

Liturgical Color – Green



**DALLAS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

TODAY'S CENTERING MEDITATION

*This is a trustworthy saying,  
and everyone should accept it:  
“Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners”  
— and I am the worst of them all.*

(1 Timothy 1:15 ... NLT)

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

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

*There Is a Fountain*

American Melody arranged by Joel Raney

OPENING PRAYER

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

Fools say in their hearts, “There is no God.”

**We proclaim that God’s presence is real and alive and thriving!**

Evildoers declare through their actions, “We go through life alone.”

**But we see God’s grace, faithfulness, and steadfast love**

**in our lives and in the world around us.**

Praise be to God!

\* *Grace Greater than Our Sin*

# 365 (verses 1, 3, 4)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION FOLLOWED BY MOMENTS OF SILENT PRAYER

**Gracious and loving God,**

**we find it difficult at times to place our trust in you.**

**Too often we look at the world,  
and see only violence, pain, destruction,  
and signs of hopelessness and despair.**

**Too often we rely on our own strength,  
our own plans, our own devices,  
rather than trusting in your hand to hold us,  
your love to sustain us,**

**and your wisdom to see us through.**

**Forgive us, Holy One.**

**Help us turn to you when we are lost,  
that we might find our way home.**

**Help us navigate the treacherous waters of this world,  
that we might experience your abundant grace, mercy, and love.**

**Help us put our trust in you,  
that the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus  
may shine in our lives for all to see. 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

\* *Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed*

# 359 (verses 1, 2, 3, 5)

\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:

*The Apostles' Creed, Ecumenical Version*

**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*

# 70

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:

1 Timothy 1:12-17

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

TODAY'S MESSAGE:

**"GOD'S GRACE IS FOR EVERYONE – NO EXCEPTIONS"**

THREE THINGS WE PRAY

Richard of Chichester, England, 13<sup>th</sup> century

**Thanks be to thee, O Lord Jesus Christ,  
for all the benefits which thou hast given us;  
for all the pains and insults which thou hast borne for us.  
O most merciful Redeemer, friend, and brother,  
may we know thee more clearly,  
love thee more dearly,  
and follow thee more nearly,  
for thine own sake. Amen.**

\* *To God Be the Glory*

# 98

\* BENEDICTION

\* *I Am Thine, O Lord*

# 419 (verses 1, 2)