

# WELCOME TO WORSHIP

October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2022  
"20<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST"  
Liturgical Color – Green



**DALLAS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

TODAY'S CENTERING MEDITATION

*All who lift themselves up will be brought low,  
and those who make themselves low will be lifted up*

(Luke 18:14b)

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

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

OPENING PRAYER

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

God is revealed not to the person who is self-sufficient or self-righteous,  
**But to the one whose mind is open, whose will is receptive, and whose soul is humble.**

In that spirit, let us come in worship before the Lord.

\* *Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior*

# 351

PRAYER OF CONFESSION FOLLOWED BY MOMENTS OF SILENT PRAYER

**God of great love, grant us the courage to honestly open our hearts as we come to you in prayer.**

**As we admit our weaknesses, we know we will receive your loving understanding  
and come away strengthened because of our conversation with you.**

**Forgive us for the times when we have been less than patient with others.**

**We regret the instances when we have not given others the mercy that has been extended to us.**

**We are sorry when we trivialize the important issues and exaggerate the small stuff.**

**Forgive us for all the occasions when we fly off the handle ...  
and thank you for the people in our lives who love us anyway.**

**And we ask you, loving God, to grant us the grace to forgive ourselves.**

**Help us to let go of the times when we have been less than our best.**

**When others have forgiven us and when you have long forgotten,  
we still harbor feelings of shame and remorse.**

**Help us to let go ... and love ourselves anyway, just as you love us.**

**We pray the lessons of the past in our world,  
where hatred and fighting have been redeemed by love and forgiveness,**

might give us hope for the future.

**We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, who came that we might follow in love. 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 Modern Affirmation*

Where the Spirit of the Lord is,  
there is the one true church, apostolic and universal,  
whose holy faith let us now declare:

**We believe in God the Father,  
infinite in wisdom, power, and love,  
whose mercy is over all his works,  
and whose will is ever directed to his children's good.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ, Son of God and Son of man,  
the gift of the Father's unfailing grace, the ground of our hope,  
and the promise of our deliverance from sin and death.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit as the divine presence in our lives,  
whereby we are kept in perpetual remembrance of the truth of Christ,  
and find strength and help in time of need.**

**We believe that this faith should manifest itself  
in the service of love as set forth in the example of our blessed Lord,  
to the end that the kingdom of God may come upon the earth. AMEN.**

\* *Glory Be to the Father*

# 70

SPECIAL MUSIC

Choir

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:

Luke 18:9-14

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

TODAY'S MESSAGE:

**"GOD, SHOW MERCY TO ME, A SINNER"**

AN INVITATION TO CHRIST

Dimitri of Rostov Russia, 17<sup>th</sup> century

**Come, my Light, and illumine my darkness.**

**Come, my Life, and revive me from death.**

**Come, my Physician, and heal my wounds.**

**Come, Flame of divine love, and burn up the thorns of my sins,  
kindling my heart with the flame of thy love.**

**Come, my King, sit upon the throne of my heart and reign there.**

**For thou alone art my King and my Lord. AMEN.**

\* *The Old Rugged Cross*

# 504

\* BENEDICTION

\* *Standing on the Promises*

# 374 (verse 1)

## INFORMATION FOR YOU

**THANK YOU** ... to those who helped with the Red Cross Blood Drive and to those who donated blood this past Thursday!

**FRUIT & NUT ROLL SALE** ... The BELL CHOIR is having its annual Fruit & Nut Roll sale. Flavors include NUT, POPPYSEED, CHEESE, APRICOT, PRUNE, and RASPBERRY. The cost for these is \$11.50 each. Also available are PUMPKIN CREAM CHEESE rolls for \$17.25 each. Orders will be taken in the Prayer Room before and after Worship TODAY and next Sunday, as well as November 6<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>. Orders can also be placed by calling Dawn Blom (570-675-2347) weekdays between 9:00 AM and 5:00 PM.

**SMALL GROUP STUDY – DISCIPLE FAST TRACK** ... Monday ... 1:00 PM – 2:30 PM

**WEDNESDAY MORNING PRAYER** ... You are invited to join our District Superintendent, Rev. Judy Walker, by ZOOM every Wednesday morning at 8:00 AM for 20 minutes. The link to join this time of prayer is ...

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89722373231?pwd=YUIBRm1ya1U0OWZ2dIlVNFJsdXM4UT09>

**WEDNESDAY EVENING PRAYER AND DEVOTION** ... You are invited to join Pastor Dave by ZOOM every Wednesday evening at 7:00 PM for 15 to 20 minutes of prayer and devotion. A link to join Pastor Dave will be emailed out on Tuesday.

**BELL CHOIR PRACTICE** ... next Sunday at 8:45 AM. ALL are welcome to join the BELL CHOIR

**CHOIR PRACTICE** ... next Sunday at 9:30 AM. ALL are welcome to join the CHOIR

**FELLOWSHIP & REFRESHMENTS** ... next Sunday following Worship ... Please join us!

## MINISTRY & MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

**SHOE COLLECTION** ... THIS IS THE LAST WEEK FOR YOU TO DONATE. We have a container next to the MISSION TABLE in the Prayer Room for new and gently used shoes. Please be sure to put each pair of shoes in a bag or box, or at the very least a sturdy rubber band, so they don't get separated from their mate.

**BACK-MOUNTAIN FOOD BANK** ... We have a shopping cart in the Mission Area of the Prayer Room to place your non-perishable food item contributions. This ministry is hosted / located at Trucksville UMC.

**COMMUNITY CARE CABINET** ... Works in cooperation with the BACK-MOUNTAIN FOOD PANTRY. Personal Care items are needed for this ministry. This ministry is hosted / located at Shavertown UMC. We have a container on the table in the Mission Area of the Prayer Room to place your contributions for this ministry.

**SHOEMAKER HUB** ... Mission Central's Shoemaker HUB needs good condition pots, pans, eating utensils, and bath towels. We have a container for your donations on our Mission Table in the Prayer Room.

**RUTH'S PLACE** ... Ruth's Place needs the following items (all sizes) for women ... pajamas ... sweatpants ... T-shirts ... flip flops ... feminine hygiene products. We have a container for your donations on our Mission Table in the Prayer Room.

**QUILTERS GROUP 1** ... this Tuesday at 1:00 PM in the Wesley Room. This group works on "ugly sleeping bags" for MY BROTHERS KEEPER MINISTRIES

**STATIONARY CARDS WITH CHURCH PICTURE** ... are available for a donation for missions on the Information Table in the Prayer Room. Monies received will go our Sister Circle for mission projects.