

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

December 11th, 2022

“THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT”

“SONGS FOR A SAVIOR WORSHIP SERIES”

Liturgical Color – purple / blue



DALLAS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

TODAY'S CENTERING MEDITATION

*Then Mary said, "My soul praises the Lord;
my heart rejoices in God my Savior ...
God will show his mercy forever and ever
to those who worship and serve him."*

~ Luke 1:46-47, 50 ~

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

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Breath of Heaven

Amy Grant & Christ Eaton; arr. by Mark Hayes

OPENING PRAYER

LIGHTING OF THE 1st, 2nd & 3rd ADVENT CANDLES – “HOPE & PEACE& JOY”

Paul & Judy Donlin

* CALL TO WORSHIP

We hear the echo of a promise:

“I’m coming!”

Are you really the One?

“The blind receive their sight and the lame walk.”

Are you really the One?

“The lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear.”

Are you really the One?

“The dead are raised and the poor eat their fill.”

But are you really the One?

“I’m the One who changes the world.

Are you really ready for me?”

With God’s help, we’re ready to follow you.

We’re ready for you!

* *All Earth Is Waiting*

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* A CHRISTMAS AFFIRMATION OF FAITH ... *Adapted from the poem First Coming by Madeleine L’Engle*

Christians, what do you believe?

**God did not wait till the world was ready,
till nations were at peace.**

God came when the Heavens were unsteady
and prisoners cried out for release.

God did not wait for the perfect time.
God came when the need was deep and great.
God dined with sinners in all their grime,
turned water into wine.

God did not wait till hearts were pure.
In joy God came to a tarnished world of sin and doubt.
To a world like ours, of anguished shame,
God came, and God's Light would not go out.

God came to a world which did not mesh;
to heal its tangles, shield its scorn.
In the mystery of the Word made Flesh,
the Maker of the stars was born.

We cannot wait till the world is sane
to raise our songs with joyful voice,
For to share our grief, to touch our pain,
God came with Love: Rejoice! Rejoice!

* *Glory Be to the Father*

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CHILDREN'S CHAT

TIME OF PRAYER / THE LORD'S PRAYER:

(Ecumenical Text)

Our Father in Heaven ... hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come ... your will be done on Earth as it is in Heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins ... as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial ... and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom ... the power ... and the glory are yours ... now and forever. AMEN.

3-FOLD AMEN

SPECIAL SELECTION

Choir

GOD'S WORD:

Luke 1:46-55

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

TODAY'S MESSAGE:

"MARY'S SONG"

UNISON PRAYER

May this eternal truth be always on our hearts,
that the God who breathed this world into being
placed stars into the heavens and designed a butterfly's wing
is the God who entrusted his life to the care of ordinary people
became vulnerable that we might know how strong is the power of LOVE
A mystery so deep it is impossible to grasp
A mystery so beautiful it is impossible to ignore. AMEN.

* *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice*

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* BENEDICTION

* *There's a Song in the Air*

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INFORMATION FOR YOU

WORSHIP AT THE MEADOWS ... Pastor Dave will be leading Worship at The Meadows Nursing & Rehab Center this Tuesday, December 13th at 2:00 PM. All are welcome to join him. Come interact with the residents, make some new friends, as we offer them a time of Worship.

PASTOR ON VACATION ... Pastor Dave will be on vacation from this Friday, December 16th, through next Friday, December 23rd. If any pastoral emergencies arise during this time, please contact Dottie at our church office (570-675-0122) or Jack Martin (570-570-406-3786) and they will contact the pastor providing pastoral care.

* Our Lay Leader, Patti DelGaudio will lead Worship next Sunday. Rev. Dr. Bill Lewis will share the message.

HANDBELL CHOIR PRACTICE ... next Sunday at 8:45 AM.

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BLOOD DRIVE ... We're hosting a Red Cross BLOOD DRIVE ... NEXT Wednesday, December 21st, from 11:00 AM until 3:30 PM. If you are able, please donate here. You can schedule your appointment online at www.redcross.org/give-blood ... Volunteers are needed to welcome people, and "cover" the canteen. Please contact our church office if you can help.

BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE ... Thursday, December 22nd ... 7:00 PM ... Shavertown UMC ... This service is for all who have experienced a loss or who have a difficult time during this season.

DALLAS UMC CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT WORSHIP SERVICE ... Saturday, December 24th ... 6:30 PM ... this is the same time as Christmas Eve 2021.

CHRISTMAS EVE OFFERING ... Continuing the new tradition Dallas UMC started last Christmas Eve, we will give our Christmas offering away to local mission and ministries. This year, our Church Leadership Council has designated ***SLEEP IN HEAVENLY PEACE*** and ***THE RUTH MATTHEWS BOURGER WOMEN WITH CHILDREN PROGRAM*** as the recipients of this year's Christmas Eve offering ... with the offering being divided equally between these two very important ministries

CHRISTMAS DAY WORSHIP ... 10:00 AM ... Come in your Christmas best, your "ugly" sweater, or even your pajamas to celebrate Jesus's birthday!