

# WELCOME TO WORSHIP

January 22<sup>nd</sup> , 2023

3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

Liturgical Color – Green



**DALLAS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

## TODAY'S CENTERING MEDITATION

*The Message that points to Christ on the Cross  
seems like sheer silliness to those hellbent on destruction,  
but for those on the way of salvation it makes perfect sense.  
This is the way God works, and most powerfully as it turns out.*

~ Psalm 40:8b-10a ~

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

## WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Sweet Hour of Prayer*

music by William Bradbury; arr. by Joel Raney

## OPENING PRAYER

## CALL TO WORSHIP

The God of all creation makes us one in the flesh.

**Let us join hearts and voices in praise.**

In Jesus Christ, we are made one in the Spirit.

**Let us be united in truth through the same one Spirit.**

We practice our faith in many different ways.

**Yet we confess one Lord Jesus Christ.**

We render different forms of ministry.

**Yet our calling is one because Christ is undivided.**

Rejoice, people of God: The Risen Christ is among us, calling us together at his one Table.

**Praise the Lord!**

\* *The Church's One Foundation*

# 545

\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*The Nicene Creed*

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,**

of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory  
to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son  
is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in the one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism  
for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. AMEN.

#### CHILDREN'S CHAT

TIME OF PRAYER / THE LORD'S PRAYER/THREE-FOLD AMEN:

*(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.

SPECIAL SELECTION

Choir

GOD'S WORD:

1 Corinthians 1:10-18

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

TODAY'S MESSAGE:

**"US OR JESUS"**

PRAYER FOR UNITY IN CHRIST

God of unity, we come before you dismayed at our own divisions.

We have struggled as your church to live in unity;  
but we are divided – along the fault lines of our societies.

The ruptures in our families, among friends,  
among denominations, among nations are wide and deep.

When we attempt to get on the same page, we build taller walls and dig deeper trenches.

God, help us! We know that Christ is not divided.

We know that it is your baptism to which we have been called.

It is your service to which we are compelled.

You have called us to proclaim the gospel, but we even fight about what that is.

Help us, God! Help us give up our power and our privileges.

Help us to yield for the sake and cause of the cross of Jesus.

Help us to want the unity you share, for you are one; in you, there is no division.

Help us to embrace and to live the foolishness of a life emptied of power and given to service,  
in the likeness of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Help us to walk in salvation – in the name of the servant Christ, AMEN.

\* *Blest Be the Dear Uniting Love*

# 566 (tune # 378 – Amazing Grace)

\* BENEDICTION

\* *Lord, Be Glorified*

# 2150

## **INFORMATION FOR YOU**

**TIME OF FELLOWSHIP AND REFRESHMENTS** ... Please join us following Worship this morning for a time of fellowship and refreshments.

**CHURCH MEMBERSHIP** ... if you are considering becoming a “professing member” of Dallas United Methodist Church and have questions, please contact the church office or Pastor Dave.

**WORSHIP GREETERS NEEDED** ... We have a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in our entrance hallway for volunteers willing to serve as WORSHIP GREETERS.

**WORSHIP BULLETIN SPONSORS NEEDED** ... We have a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in our entrance hallway for anyone wishing to sponsor the WORSHIP BULLETIN in honor of someone or in memory of someone. The cost is \$10 per Sunday.

**ALTAR FLOWER SPONSORS NEEDED** ... We have a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in our entrance hallway for anyone wishing to sponsor the ALTAR FLOWERS for Worship in honor of someone or in memory of someone. The cost is \$50 per Sunday.

**BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY CALENDAR** ... We have a calendar on the bulletin board in our entrance hallway for you to mark down your BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY.

**QUILTING GROUP # 1** ... Tuesday ... 1:00 PM - ? PM ... This group meets in the Wesley Room making “ugly sleeping bags” for MY BROTHERS KEEPER MINISTRIES. For more information please contact Judy Donlin (570-675-2693).

**DEVOTION AND PRAYER TIME WITH DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT** ... Join our District Superintendent, Rev Judy Walker, via ZOOM for a brief devotion and time of prayer Wednesday from 8:00 AM until 8:20 AM. The link to join her and other laity and clergy is ... <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89722373231?pwd=YUIBRm1ya1U0OWZ2dlIiVNFJsdXM4UT09>

**CHURCH LEADERSHIP COUNCIL** ... meeting Thursday at 7:00 PM in the Memorial Lounge.

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

**BLOOD DRIVE** ... We’re hosting a RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE ... Friday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>, from 1:00 PM until 6:00 PM. If you are able, please donate here. You can schedule your appointment online at [www.redcross.org/give-blood](http://www.redcross.org/give-blood) . [If you can volunteer to help welcome donors or help with the canteen, please contact our church office.](#)

**BELL CHOIR REHEARSALS** ... will resume on Sunday, February 12<sup>th</sup> at 8:45 AM.

**GRIEF SHARE** ... Information is available on our bulletin board in our entrance hallway

## **MINISTRY & MISSION OPPORTUNITIES**

**BACK MOUNTAIN FOOD PANTRY ... COMMUNITY CARE CABINET ...**

**RUTH’S PLACE ... SHOEMAKER HUB** ... We have containers on a table in the Prayer Room for your contributions to these ministries. **PLEASE CONTINUE YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT OF THESE IMPORTANT “AREA” MINISTRIES!!!!**