

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

January 29th, 2023

4th SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

Liturgical Color – Green



DALLAS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

TODAY'S CENTERING MEDITATION

*"God chose things the world considers foolish
in order to shame those who think they are wise.*

And he chose things that are powerless to shame those who are powerful.

*God chose things despised by the world, things counted as nothing at all,
and used them to bring to nothing what the world considers important."*

- 1 Corinthians 1:27-28

"What does the Lord require of you?

To do justice, love mercy and walk humbly with your god."

- Micah 6:8

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

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus

music by William J. Kirkpatrick; arr. by Joel Raney

OPENING PRAYER

CALL TO WORSHIP

People of God, who do you come to worship?

We come to worship the one true God.

How will you worship?

Not with words alone,

but by living lives of justice and love.

Come, you who belong to God.

Come, you who are foolish in the eyes of the world.

**Come and abide in God's tent and in God's heart,
now and forever.**

* *Fairest Lord Jesus*

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* 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:

Micah 6:1-8, 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

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

TODAY'S MESSAGE:

"THE GREAT REQUIREMENT"

UNISON PRAYER

**Far too often, O God,
we desire to look wise in the eyes of the world.
We have not spoken truth with our hearts.
We have said and done hurtful things to our friends.
We have forgotten our true identity, wandering into ways that are not yours.
We have lost the path of true worship, focusing on form and words rather than deeds.
We have forgotten what true discipleship is.
And because of this, you have a quarrel with us.
Forgive us and help us live into becoming the people you have created and called us to be:
people of justice and love and truth and humility, and yes, even foolishness.
May we be fools for Christ,
embracing our true identity, even in the face of the world's scorn and derision,
as we, with your Spirit's help, strive to live out your great requirement. AMEN.**

* *The Old Rugged Cross*

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* BENEDICTION

* *Lord, Be Glorified*

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INFORMATION FOR YOU

BLOOD DRIVE ... We're hosting a RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE ... THIS FRIDAY, February 3rd, 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 . [If you can volunteer to help welcome donors or help with the canteen, please contact our church office.](#)

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 – 4:00 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=YUIBRm1ya1U0OWZ2dlVNFJsX4UT09>

QUILTING GROUP # 2 ... Wednesday ... 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM ... This group meets in the Wesley Room making PROJECT DJ QUILTS (for ill children) and QUILTS OF VALOR (for veterans). For more information please contact Judy Donlin (570-675-2693).

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

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

BELL CHOIR REHEARSALS ... will resume on Sunday, February 12th at 8:45 AM.

“SOUPER” BOWL SUNDAY ... February 12th ... Please bring cans / containers of soup and other non-perishable food items to support your team and the Back Mountain Food Pantry on SUPER BOWL SUNDAY.

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!!!**