

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

February 12th, 2023

6th SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

Liturgical Color – Green



DALLAS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

TODAY'S CENTERING MEDITATION

"I call heaven and earth as my witnesses against you right now:

I have set life and death, blessing and curse before you.

*Now choose life—so that you and your descendants will live—
by loving the LORD your God, by obeying his voice, and by clinging to him."*

~ Deuteronomy 30:19-20a

Brothers and sisters,

I couldn't talk to you like spiritual people but like unspiritual people, like babies in Christ.

I gave you milk to drink instead of solid food, because you weren't up to it yet.

Now you are still not up to it because you are still unspiritual.

*When jealousy and fighting exist between you,
aren't you unspiritual and living by human standards?*

~ 1 Corinthians 3:1-3

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

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

I Surrender All

Winfield S. Weeden; arr. by Joel Raney

OPENING PRAYER

CALL TO WORSHIP

Happy are those who walk in God's ways.

Blessed are those who observe God's commandments.
Faithful are those whose eyes are fixed on righteousness.

Joyful are those whose hearts are filled with praise.

Come, let us love the Lord our God.

We come to worship the One who leads us in the ways of life.

* *Christ for the World We Sing*

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* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The World Methodist Social Affirmation

We believe in God, creator of the world and of all people;
And in Jesus Christ, incarnate among us, who died and rose again;
And in the Holy Spirit, present with us to guide, strengthen, and comfort.

We believe; God, help our unbelief.

We rejoice in every sign of God's kingdom:
In the upholding of human dignity and community;
In every expression of love, justice, and reconciliation;
In each act of self-giving on behalf of others;
In the abundance of God's gifts entrusted to us that all may have enough;
In all responsible use of the earth's resources.

Glory be to God on high; and on earth, peace.

We confess our sin, individual and collective, by silence or action:
Through the violation of human dignity based on race, class, age, sex, nation, or faith;
Through the exploitation of people because of greed and indifference;
Through the misuse of power in personal, communal, national, and international life;
Through the search for security by those military and economic forces
that threaten human existence;
Through the abuse of technology which endangers the earth and all life upon it.
Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

We commit ourselves individually and as a community to the way of Christ:
To take up the cross;
To seek abundant life for all humanity;
To struggle for peace with justice and freedom;
To risk ourselves in faith, hope, and love, praying that God's kingdom may come.
Thy kingdom come on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.

CHILDREN'S CHAT

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

(from the ritual of the former Evangelic United Brethren 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors;
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

SPECIAL SELECTION

Choir

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MISSION MOMENTS

COMMUNITY CARE CABINET

BEV BUNNEY

"The 'good' is always the enemy of the 'best'."

~ Oswald Chambers ~

GOD'S WORD FOR US TODAY: Deuteronomy 30:15-20 ... 1 Corinthians 3:1-9
(The Liturgist says: "This is the Word of God for ALL people" ... AND ... the People respond: "Thanks BE to God")

TODAY'S MESSAGE: **"STANDARDS THAT MATTER MOST"**

THE PRAYER OF SAINT FRANCIS

**Lord, make me an instrument of your peace;
where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light; and where there is sadness, joy.
O, Divine Master,
grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;
to be understood, as to understand;
to be loved, as to love;
for it is in giving that we receive,
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.**

* *Jesus Calls Us*

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* BENEDICTION

* *My Tribute*

99 (twice)

INFORMATION FOR YOU

WORSHIP GREETERS ARE 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 ARE 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 ARE 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.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY ... Lois Gdovin (Tuesday, February 14th)

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=YUIBRm1ya1U0OWZ2dIlVNFJsdXM4UT09>

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).

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

CHOIR PRACTICE ... Sundays at 9:30 AM. New members welcome!

HANDBELL CHOIR REHEARSALS ... Sundays at 8:45 AM. New members welcome!

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE ... Once again, we will be hosting the Back Mountain Cluster of United Methodist Churches’ ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE on February 22nd, at 7:00 PM.

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

PASTIE SALE ... Information for Lehman-Idetown UMC’s February PASTIE SALE is on bulletin board in our entrance hallway.

CANDY EASTER EGGS ... Alderson United Methodist Church is making and selling homemade EASTER EGGS. Flavors are cream, peanut butter, and coconut. The cost is \$1.00 each. They are taking pre-orders from February 19th until March 12th. You can order by calling (570) 639-5401. Please leave a message with your name, your phone number, and the number of eggs (by flavor) you want.

Eggs can be picked up at the church on these dates ... Saturday, April 1st from 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM ... Monday, April 3rd from 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM ... Wednesday, April 5th from 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM.