

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

February 26th, 2023
"1st SUNDAY IN LENT"
Liturgical Color – Purple



DALLAS
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

TODAY'S CENTERING MEDITATION

*"This is my Son, marked by my love, focus of my delight.
Listen to him!"*
~ Matthew 3:17

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

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Gospel Train African American Spiritual; arr. by Valerie W. Stephenson Handbell Choir

OPENING PRAYER

CALL TO WORSHIP

Lent is a coming home,
Home to what really matters,
Home to a place of acceptance and love,
Home to a table of plenty,
Home from many journeys,
Home from bitter defeats,
Home from tearing losses,
Home to find our center,
Lent is a coming home,
Home to remember our name,
Home to a warm embrace,
Home to a hopeful place,
Home to God's own heart,
Home to sing praise to the One who welcomes us home.

* *God of the Sparrow, God of the Whale* # 122

* *Precious Lord, Take My Hand* # 474

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: *The Apostles' Creed, Ecumenical Version*
**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

** Glory Be to the Father*

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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.**

MISSION MOMENT

Tunkhannock United Methodist Home

CHILDREN'S CHAT

SPECIAL SELECTION

Choir

GOD'S WORD FOR US: Deuteronomy 8:3, 6:16, 6:13 ... Matthew 4:1-11
(The Liturgist says: "This is the Word of God for ALL people" ... AND ... the People respond: "Thanks BE to God")

TODAY'S MESSAGE: **"POWER AND POSITIONS – DON'T BE FOOLED"**

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.**

** Leave It There*

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* BENEDICTION

** My Tribute*

99 (twice)

***Greatness lies not
in trying to be somebody,
but in trying to help somebody.***

- attributed to Suzanne Woods Fisher

INFORMATION FOR YOU

FREE UPPER ROOM DEVOTIONALS FOR MARCH /APRIL ... are available on the Information Table in the Prayer Room. Take one for yourself and one to give away to someone.

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).

QUILTING GROUP # 2 ... Wednesday, March 1st ... 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!

GRIEF SHARE ... Information for this important program being hosted at Shavertown UMC is available on our 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.

PASTIE SALE ... [Information for Lehman-Idetown UMC's March PASTIE SALE is on](#) bulletin board in our entrance hallway.

SPRING 2023 SWB DISTRICT LAY ACADEMY CLASSES

All four classes offered will be by ZOOM this Spring. Registration link for classes: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/layacademy>

GOD'S CALL EVENT ... You are invited to join us on ZOOM Saturday, March 19th, from 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM as we explore various pastoral ministry paths and seek the next steps in God's call for you. Feeling a nudge toward ministry? Sensing a call to lead? Spend the morning with us, in the comfort of your own home, as we learn more about ministry avenues in the UMC, hear stories from others, and gain insights through a special leadership training. Contact Pastor Dave by March 13th for a registration form.