

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

March 12th, 2023

“3rd SUNDAY IN LENT”

Liturgical Color – Purple



DALLAS

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

TODAY'S CENTERING MEDITATION

*But God proves his love for us
in that while we still were sinners*

Christ died for us.

- Romans 5:8 (NRSV)

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

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Old Rugged Cross

by George Bennard; arr. by Joel Raney

OPENING PRAYER

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, let us sing to the Lord!

Let us make a joyful noise to the Rock of our salvation!

Let us come into God's presence with Thanksgiving!

Let us a joyful noise to God with songs of praise!

Come, let us worship and celebrate God's loving presence with us.

We sing to God with our hearts and spirits. Amen.

* *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

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* 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.

* BENEDICTION

* *Freely, Freely*

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* *Glory Be to the Father*

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REMEMBER TO THANK GOD FOR AT LEAST 3 THINGS EVERY DAY

CHILDREN'S CHAT

REMEMBER TO PRAY THE PRAYER JESUS TAUGHT AT LEAST 3 TIMES EVERY DAY

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

(from the ritual of the former Methodist 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

WHAT KIND OF CHURCH ARE WE INVITING PEOPLE TO?

- A church they need ... OR ... a church we need?
- Is our goal "greater numbers of people in church" ... OR ...

is our goal "that more people come to a to a better and deeper understanding of Christ's love and desire for a personal relationship with Him"?

SPECIAL SELECTION

Choir

WHAT KIND OF CHURCH ARE WE?

- Are we a congregation that "hungers and thirsts for Jesus"?
- Are we a congregation striving "to please Jesus" or "to please ourselves"?

MISSION MOMENTS

BACK MOUNTAIN FOOD PANTRY

Ned Podehl

GOD'S WORD FOR US:

John 4:5-42

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

TODAY'S MESSAGE:

"NOT FORGOTTEN, NOT OVERLOOKED"

***You can clutch the past so tightly to your chest
that it leaves your arms too full to embrace the present.***

- Jan Glidewell

* *Jesus, Lover of My Soul*

479 (tune # 399 – Take My Life and Let It Be)

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 ... 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 LEADERSHIP COUNCIL ... will meet Thursday, March 23rd, at 7:00 PM in the Memorial Lounge. **Reports are due to the church office by THIS Thursday, January 16th**, in order to be printed and ready for distribution next Sunday, March 19th.

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

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

NEEDED ... WORSHIP GREETERS / WORSHIP BULLETIN SPONSORS / ALTAR

FLOWER SPONSORS ... We have sign-up sheets on the bulletin board in our entrance hallway for these needs. Please consider helping with any or all of these.

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.

“CROSS” HYMN SING ... NEXT Sunday it’s your opportunity to choose some of the songs we will be singing. The only requirement is the songs you choose should include references to the Cross of Christ.

UMCOR SUNDAY ... NEXT Sunday is UMCOR Sunday. UMCOR is the United Methodist Committee on Relief. The UMCOR Sunday offering underwrites UMCOR’s administrative costs. This offering allows UMCOR to use 100% of all funds given to humanitarian response and recovery efforts directly to communities in need. These gifts ensure UMCOR can respond swiftly to disasters around the world and as a source of hope and healing for those left most vulnerable.

SPRING 2023 SWB DISTRICT LAY ACADEMY CLASSES ... All four classes offered will be by ZOOM this Spring. Information is available on the bulletin board in our entrance hallway. Registration link for classes ... <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/layacademy>

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.

GRIEF SHARE ... Information for this important program being hosted at Shavertown UMC is available on our bulletin board in our entrance hallway

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

EASTER EGGS ... TODAY is the last day to order home-made Easter Eggs from Alderson UMC. Information [is on](#) bulletin board in our entrance hallway.

MINISTRY & MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

BLOOD DRIVE ... Our next RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE will be **Thursday, April 27th, from 1:00 PM until 5:30 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.](#)

***“Do all the good you can,
by all the means you can,
in all the ways you can,
in all the places you can,
at all the times you can,
to all the people you can,
as long as ever you can.”***

- John Wesley

BACK-MOUNTAIN FOOD BANK ... We have a shopping cart in the Mission Area of the Prayer Room to place your non-perishable food item contributions. This ministry is hosted / located at Trucksville UMC.

COMMUNITY CARE CABINET ... Works in cooperation with the BACK-MOUNTAIN FOOD PANTRY. Personal Care items are needed for this ministry. This ministry is hosted / located at Shavertown UMC. We have a container on the table in the Mission Area of the Prayer Room to place your contributions for this ministry.

SLEEP IN HEAVENLY PEACE ... Builds and provides beds and bedding for younger children and teenagers throughout Luzerne County. Gallons of white vinegar and “real” steel wool are needed to stain the beds. We have a container on the table in the Mission Area of the Prayer Room to place your contributions for this ministry.

RUTH’S PLACE ... Ruth’s Place needs the following items (all sizes) for women ... pajamas ... sweatpants ... T-shirts ... flip flops ... feminine hygiene products. We have a container for your donations on our Mission Table in the Prayer Room.

SHOEMAKER HUB ... is collecting household items (dishes, glasses, small appliances, etc.). We have a container for your donations on our Mission Table in the Prayer Room.

***“A pessimist, they say, sees a glass of water as being half-empty;
an optimist sees the same glass as half-full.
But a giving person sees a glass of water
and starts looking for someone who might be thirsty.”***

- G. Donald Gale