

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

March 19th, 2023
“4th SUNDAY IN LENT”
“UMCOR SUNDAY”
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

Near the Cross

by William H. Doane; arr. by Joel Raney

OPENING PRAYER

CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalms 146 - 150

Praise the LORD.

Praise the LORD, O my soul.

I will praise the LORD all my life;

I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.

Praise the LORD.

How good it is to sing praises to our God, how pleasant and fitting to praise him!

Praise the LORD.

Sing to the LORD a new song, his praise in the assembly of the saints.

Praise the LORD.

Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty heavens.

Let everything that has breath praise the LORD. Praise the LORD.

* *O Love Divine, What Hast Thou Done* # 287 (verses 1,3) (tune # 710 – Faith of Our Fathers)

* *I Am Thine, O Lord* # 419 (verses 1,3)

* 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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CHILDREN'S CHAT

SONGS CHOSEN BY YOU

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.**

SPECIAL SELECTION

Choir

GOD'S WORD FOR US:

Psalm 145:1-13, 21

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

SONGS CHOSEN BY YOU

WESLEY'S COVENANT PRAYER

LORD,

I am no longer my own, but YOURS.

Put me to what YOU will, rank me with whom YOU will.

Put me to doing, put me to suffering.

Let me be employed for YOU or laid aside for YOU,

exalted for YOU, or brought low for YOU.

Let me be full, let me be empty.

Let me have all things, let me have nothing.

I freely and whole-heartily yield all things to YOUR pleasure and disposal.

And now, O glorious and blessed God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,

YOU are mine, and I am YOURS.

So be it.

And the covenant which I have made on earth,

let it be ratified in heaven.

Amen.

* BENEDICTION

* *Lift High the Cross*

159 (verses 1, 3, 4)

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

- Jan Glidewell

INFORMATION FOR YOU

JOHN WESLEY'S THREE SIMPLE RULES

- 1) DO NO HARM**
- 2) DO GOOD**
- 3) STAY IN LOVE WITH GOD**

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.

SISTER CIRCLE ... will mee this Tuesday at 12:00 PM in the Memorial Lounge.

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).

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED ... our Church Office will be closed this Wednesday, March 22nd.

CHURCH LEADERSHIP COUNCIL ... will meet this Thursday, March 23rd, at 7:00 PM in the Memorial Lounge.

FELLOWSHIP AND REFRESHMENTS ... Please plan to join us next Sunday following Worship for a time of fellowship and refreshments provided by our Sister Circle.

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

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

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](#) the bulletin board in our entrance hallway.

WEBSITE AND FACEBOOK ... [Please check out and “like” or “follow” our website \(dallasumc.com\) ... and our Facebook page \(www.facebook.com/DallasUMC\).](#) Pleas invite others to do so as well.

MINISTRY & MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

***“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

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.

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.

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

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.](#)

***Mother Teresa was once challenged by someone
who said it was impossible to meet the needs of all the poor of India.
She replied that God didn't call her to be successful;
God called her to be faithful.***