

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

March 26th, 2023

“5th SUNDAY IN LENT”

Liturgical Color – Purple



DALLAS

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

TODAY'S CENTERING MEDITATION

“I am the resurrection and the life.

Whoever believes in me will live, even though they die.

Everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.

Do you believe this?”

- John 11:25-26

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

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

I Am Thine, O Lord

by William H. Doane; arr. by Joel Raney

OPENING PRAYER

CALL TO WORSHIP

Our lives feel all disjointed as though they were a valley of dry bones.
But the Spirit of God will bring connection and continuity to our lives.

The Spirit of God breathes hope into each one of us.

The Spirit of God challenges us to be people of faith.

Open our hearts, Lord, and bring us to your light.

Open our lives, Lord, and break us free from doubt and fear. Amen.

* *Spirit of Faith, Come Down* # 332 (verses 1, 2, 3) (tune # 327 – Crown Him with Many Crowns)

* *Hope of the World* # 178 (spoken not sung)

* *Holy Spirit, Come, Confirm Us* # 331 (tune # 398 – Jesus Calls Us)

* 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

MISSION MOMENTS

QUILTERS

Judy Donlin

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:

Ezekiel 37:1-14

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

TODAY'S MESSAGE:

"JESUS BRINGS NEW LIFE"

* *Breathe on Me, Breath of God*

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* BENEDICTION

* *Freely, Freely*

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***"To play a wrong note is insignificant ...
To play without passion is inexcusable."***

- Ludwig van Beethoven

"Yesterday's home runs don't win today's games."

- Babe Ruth

We shrink or expand to the size of our vision.

- unknown

"If you change nothing ... nothing changes"

- unknown

INFORMATION FOR YOU

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

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).

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

HANDBELL CHOIR REHEARSALS ... Sundays at 8:45 AM.

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. **This Friday is the deadline to register for classes at** ... <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/layacademy#/>

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 April 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). Please invite others to do so as well.

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.

EXTEND AN INVITATION ... Invite and bring someone to Worship with you next Sunday!

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.

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.

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 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!!!**