

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

“2nd SUNDAY OF EASTER”

“HOLY HUMOR SUNDAY”

April 16th, 2023

Dallas United Methodist Church

Liturgical Color – White



TODAY'S CENTERING MEDITATION

***Shout to the LORD, all the earth;
break out in praise and sing for joy!
Make a joyful symphony before the LORD, the King!***

- Psalm 98:4, 6b (NLT)

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

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

He Leadeth Me

by William B. Bradbury; arr. by Joel Raney

OPENING PRAYER

CALL TO WORSHIP

Sing a new song!

A joyful melody of springtime glory and rebirth

Sing praise to our Still-Laughing Easter God

Who has rolled away the bindings of yesterday

Immerse your anxiety and despair in the fountain of new birth.

We place our visions and hopes on the table of wine and wheat.

For God has taken ordinary things.

And made them extraordinary.

Sing a new song!

* *This Is the Day*

657

* *He Has Made Me Glad*

2270 (twice)

* *Give Me Oil in My Lamp*

(insert)

* Benediction

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH AND CONFESSION

We believe in God, who made us in His image.

We live, we love, we laugh because we are like Him.

We believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God, our Lord and Savior.

He had the last laugh on the devil when He rose from the dead.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,

coequal and coeternal with the Father and the Son.

Our counselor, our guide, our motivator – He is our joy!

Forgive us, Lord, when we take ourselves too seriously,

when we don't claim the happiness that is rightfully ours as your children,

when we forget that you will have the last laugh in this world.

Restore to us the joy of our salvation, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sunshine in My Soul

(insert)

CHILDREN'S CHAT

There's Within My Heart a Melody

380 (verses 1, 4, 5)

GOD'S WORD FOR US:

Psalm 98:1-9

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

SPECIAL SELECTION

Choir

TODAY'S MESSAGE:

"GOD HAS THE LAST LAUGH"

PRAYER

* *I Will Sing of My Redeemer*

(insert)

* *He Lives*

310 (verses 1, 3)

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THIS WEEK'S DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Monday ... Acts 13:44-52

Tuesday ... Acts 18:5-11

Wednesday ... Romans 8:1-11

Thursday ... Galatians 2:11-20

Friday ... Leviticus 26:1-13

Saturday ... Acts 4:23-37

Sunday ... Acts 2:14a, 36-41 ... Psalm 116:12-19 ... 1 Peter 1:17-23 ... Luke 24:13-35

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INFORMATION FOR YOU

BULLETIN BOARDS ... PLEASE BE SURE TO CHECK OUT OUR BULLETIN BOARDS IN THE CHURCH ENTRANCEWAY. THERE YOU WILL FIND EVENTS, ACTIVITIES, AND NEEDS FROM OUR CHURCH, OUR SCRANTON WILKES-BARRE DISTRICT, OUR SUSQUEHANNA CONFERENCE, AND OUR COMMUNITY.

SISTER CIRCLE ... will meet this Tuesday, April 18th, at 12:00 PM in the Memorial Lounge.

QUILTING GROUP # 1 ... will meet this Tuesday from 1:00 PM until 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 ... will meet this Wednesday from 10:00 AM until 2:00 PM. Please bring your own lunch. 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).

CHOIR PRACTICE ... is on Sunday mornings at 9:30 AM. New members are always welcome.

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.

PULPIT EXCHANGE ... PLEASE BE SURE TO JOIN US FOR WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY, APRIL 23rd. PASTOR LUCY OBRZUT FROM LUZERNE UMC WILL BE SHARING THE MESSAGE AND PATTI DELGAUDIO, OUR LAY LEADER, WILL LEAD WORSHIP HERE AT DALLAS UMC, WHILE PASTOR DAVE WILL BE SHARING THE MESSAGE AT MAPLE GROVE UMC.

MINISTRY & MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

***PLEASE CONTINUE YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT
OF THESE IMPORTANT “AREA” MINISTRIES!!!***

BLOOD DRIVE ... Our next RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE will be **NEXT 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.](#)

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. This mission is located in Wilkes-Barre. 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.). This ministry is located at 571 West 8th Street, West Wyoming, PA. 18644. We have a container for your donations on our Mission Table in the Prayer Room.