

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

“3rd SUNDAY OF EASTER”

“NATIVE AMERICAN MINISTRIES SUNDAY”

April 23rd, 2023

Dallas United Methodist Church

Liturgical Color – White



TODAY'S CENTERING MEDITATION

*That same day two of them were walking to the village Emmaus,
about seven miles out of Jerusalem.*

*In the middle of their talk and questions,
Jesus came up and walked along with them.*

- Luke 24:13, 15 (MSG)

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

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

O Worship the King

attr. to Johann M Haydn; arr. by Joel Raney

OPENING PRAYER

CALL TO WORSHIP

Sometimes good things are right in front of us, and we don't see them.

Our fears and our prejudices blind us.

Open your eyes this day to see the goodness of the Lord.

Open our hearts, gracious God, to receive your blessings.

Hallelujah!

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* *Christ Is Alive*

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* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The World Methodist Social Affirmation

We believe in God, creator of the world and of ALL people;
And in Jesus Christ, incarnate among us, who died and rose again;

And in the Holy Spirit, present with us to guide, strengthen, and comfort.

We believe; God, help our unbelief.

We rejoice in every sign of God's kingdom:

In the upholding of human dignity and community;

In every expression of love, justice, and reconciliation;

In each act of self-giving on behalf of others;

In the abundance of God's gifts entrusted to us that all may have enough;

In all responsible use of the earth's resources.

Glory be to God on high; and on earth, peace.

We confess our sin, individual and collective, by silence or action:

Through the violation of human dignity based on race, class, age, sex, nation, or faith;

Through the exploitation of people because of greed and indifference;

Through the misuse of power in personal, communal, national, and international life;

Through the search for security by those military and economic forces
that threaten human existence;

Through the abuse of technology which endangers the earth and all life upon it.

Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

We commit ourselves individually and as a community to the way of Christ:

To take up the cross;

To seek abundant life for all humanity;

To struggle for peace with justice and freedom;

To risk ourselves in faith, hope, and love, praying that God's kingdom may come.

Thy kingdom come on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.

CHILDREN'S CHAT

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.

SPECIAL SELECTION

Choir

GOD'S WORD FOR US:

Luke 24:13-35

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

Just a Closer Walk with Thee

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TODAY'S MESSAGE:

"LET'S GO FOR A WALK"

Pastor Lucy Obrzut

* *We Walk by Faith*

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* BENEDICTION

* *He Lives*

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THIS WEEK'S DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Monday ... Jeremiah 23:1-40

Tuesday ... 1 Peter 5:1-11

Wednesday ... Ezekiel 34:11-16

Thursday ... Isaiah 40:9-11

Friday ... 1 Timothy 3:1-13

Saturday ... 2 Corinthians 4:1-18

Sunday ... Acts 2:42-47 ... Psalm 23:1-6 ... 1 Peter 2:19-25 ... John 10:22-30

INFORMATION FOR YOU

THANK YOU ... THANK YOU TO PASTOR LUCY OBRZUT FROM LUZERNE UMC FOR SHARING THE GOOD NEWS OF JESUS CHRIST WITH US THIS MORNING!

THANK YOU ... THANK YOU TO PATTI DELGAUDIO, OUR LAY LEADER, FOR LEADING WORSHIP THIS MORNING, WHILE PASTOR DAVE IS SHARING THE GOOD NEWS OF JESUS CHRIST AT MAPLE GROVE UMC.

REFRESHMENTS AND FELLOWSHIP ... Please stay following Worship for some refreshments and a time of fellowship.

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.

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).

HAPPY BIRTHDAY ... to Bill Ward (Thursday, April 27th).

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

RECOGNITION OF THE WOMEN IN OUR LIVES ... You can “remember” or “honor” the women in your life on Mother’s Day, May 14th, by filling out the form in today’s bulletin and placing it the “Mother’s Day Box” on the table in the Prayer Room or by returning it to the church office **by May 7th**.

MINISTRY & MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

BLOOD DRIVE ... Our next RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE will be **THIS 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.

COVERED DISH AND AUCTION ... Our SISTER CIRCLE is hosting a *Covered Dish and Auction* on Tuesday, May 16th, at 5:00 PM. Please plan to join us for good food and good fellowship to raise funds for different mission projects the SISTER CIRCLE cares for throughout the year. There will be a sign-up sheet on the Information Table in the Prayer Room for you to let us know what covered dish you are providing and how many will be coming with you. We ask that you also, bring one or more items to be auctioned. We hope to see all of you there!

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.