

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

“4th SUNDAY OF EASTER”

April 30th, 2023

Dallas United Methodist Church

Liturgical Color – White



TODAY’S CENTERING MEDITATION

***“Jesus is the great Shepherd of the sheep
by an everlasting covenant,
signed with his blood.
To him be glory forever and ever. Amen”.***

- Hebrews 13:20b-21a (NLT)

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

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

There Is a Fountain

American Melody; arr. by Joel Raney

OPENING PRAYER

CALL TO WORSHIP

Can you hear the voice of God?

We hear God calling us by name.

Are you troubled or distressed?

We come here to find a place to rest for a while.

Come and find a guide who knows these lands.

We come to praise our Shepherding God,

whose pathways and doors lead to life.

* *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*

381 (verses 1, 2, 3)

PRAYER OF CORPORATE CONFESSION AND SILENCE FOR PERSONAL CONFESSION

Patient God, you know how easy it is for us to stray.

We wander off so easily. Forgive us, we pray. Heal our brokenness and our fears.

Remind us again that you lead us in gentle paths and by quiet waters –

when the paths are stony and the waves tumultuous,

help us to remember your protection and your care.

Help us to extend that same love and care to others,

for we ask this in Jesus’ Name. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE AND PARDON

* *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms*

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* AN EASTER AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

by Brian Miller

**We believe in God the Father, who created the world,
was faithful when we were not, and who continuously seeks to redeem the world.**

**We believe in God the Son, Jesus Christ,
who humbled himself by becoming human and moving into our neighborhood;
was sent by the Father to give us life; embodied and taught the righteous love of God;
and who, though he knew no sin, became sin and was put to death on a cross.**

**We believe that three days later, Jesus Christ was raised from the dead by the power of God;
was seen in bodily form by his disciples.**

**We believe that the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus
gives us victory over any form of sin and brokenness
and allows us to know the full love of God for the world.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who actively works in our lives, giving us grace to be like Jesus,
and sends us to show God's love for the world.**

* *Glory Be to the Father*

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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:

Psalm 23:1-6 ... John 10:1-10

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

* *The King of Love of Love My Shepherd Is*

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TODAY'S MESSAGE:

"WHEN ALL IS SAID AND DONE"

* *Bring Them In*

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* BENEDICTION

* *He Lives*

310 (verses 1, 3)

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THIS WEEK'S DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Monday ... Galatians 5:13-24

Tuesday ... Romans 5:1-11

Wednesday ... Ephesians 5:1-20

Thursday ... Hebrews 13:1-6

Friday ... Deuteronomy 7:6-16

Saturday ... 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

Sunday ... Acts 7:55-60 ... Psalm 31:1-8 ... 1 Peter 2:2-10 ... John 14:1-14

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.

BIRTHDAY / ANNIVERSARY CALENDAR ... We have a calendar on the above-mentioned bulletin board for you to mark your birthday and anniversary dates.

UPPER ROOM DEVOTIONALS ... the May-June editions are available on the table in the Prayer Room and the bench in the church entranceway.

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.

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.

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!