

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

“5th SUNDAY OF EASTER”

May 7th, 2023

Dallas United Methodist Church

Liturgical Color – White



TODAY’S CENTERING MEDITATION

“I give you a new commandment:

Love each other.

Just as I have loved you,

so you also must love each other.

- John 13:34 (CEB)

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

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Nocturne On A Silesian Folk Tune

arr. by David Angerman

OPENING PRAYER

* *Holy Ground*

2272 (twice)

* *Jesus, Name above All Names*

2071 (twice)

PRAYER OF CORPORATE CONFESSION AND SILENCE FOR PERSONAL CONFESSION

We confess that we have not loved you as you command us to love.

**We have not relied on you as our refuge,
choosing instead to seek comfort
in busyness and distractions.**

**We have not trusted that only when we put ourselves in your hands
can we find peace the peace we crave.**

We confess that we have not loved our neighbors as you command us to love.

We buy into the myth that it’s every person for themselves.

We ignore the pain of those around us.

We refuse your call to care for the poor and the marginalized.

We confess that we do not answer your call to steward creation.

We look upon the earth as something to consume instead of caring for.

We point fingers at others instead of doing what is ours to do.

We choose comfort over responsibility.

Forgive us, O Lord, for not forgiving others as we, ourselves, have been forgiven.

This we plead in the Name of Jesus. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE AND PARDON

* 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:

Acts 7:55-60

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

TODAY’S MESSAGE:

“HOW FAR AM I WILLING TO GO FOR JESUS?”

* *One Bread, One Body*

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GREAT THANKSGIVING

BREAKING THE BREAD

GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

* *Now I belong to Jesus*

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* BENEDICTION

* *Blessed Assurance*

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THIS WEEK’S DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Monday ... Isaiah 63:7-9

Tuesday ... Isaiah 45:1-8

Wednesday ... Genesis 9:8-17

Thursday ... Romans 5:1-11

Friday ... Joel 2:18-27

Saturday ... 1 Peter 2:1-10

Sunday ... Acts 17:22-31 ... Psalm 66:8-20 ... 1 Peter 3:13-22 ... John 14:15-21

INFORMATION FOR YOU

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 **TODAY**.

CHURCH LEADERSHIP COUNCIL ... will meet Thursday, May 25th, at 7:00 PM in the Memorial Lounge. **Reports are due to the church office by Thursday, May 18th**, in order to be printed and ready for distribution on Sunday, May 21st.

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).

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

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED ... Our Church Office will be closed on Wednesday, May 17th.