

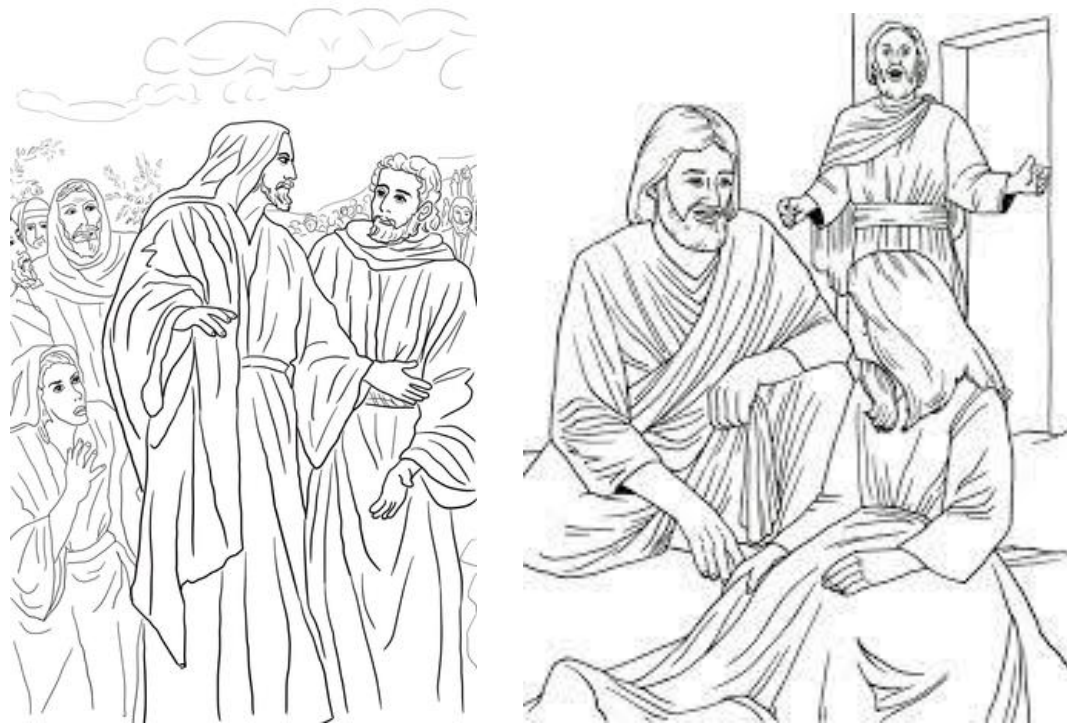
WELCOME TO WORSHIP

“2nd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST”

June 11th, 2023

Dallas United Methodist Church

Liturgical Color – Green



TODAY'S CENTERING MEDITATION

Go and learn what this means:

I want mercy and not sacrifice.

- Matthew 9:13a (Common English Bible)

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

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

OPENING PRAYER

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Return to the One Holy God who calls you to steadfast love.

The Lord desires love, not sacrifice.

Return to the One who heals and binds, revives, and raises up.

The Lord desires knowledge, not burnt offerings.

Rejoice in the name of the One who favors all creation with light and life.

Let us rejoice, and worship the Lord our God.

* *Jesus' Hands Were Kind Hands*

273 (verses 1, 2, 1)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God who loves us and calls us,

We confess that we are not always open to receiving your call on our lives. We make excuses.

We choose not to listen. We believe that others would do it better than we can.

Forgive us for all the times we say no--or nothing at all—to your call.

**We confess that we value the false certainty of our own path
over the uncertainty of journeying with you and one another on the path of discipleship.**

**Forgive us for all the ways we choose what we think we know
over joining you in the holy unknown.**

**We confess that we value the calls of some over others,
putting the paths of some up on pedestals**

while not recognizing the many who answer your call as quiet, behind-the-scenes disciples.

Forgive us for neglecting the beautiful and varied calls you place on each of our lives.

Forgive us, God, and free us to joyfully bear the weight of your call on our lives

as members together of the Body of Christ, redeemed and united by your love. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE AND PARDON

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:

A Statement of Faith of the United Church of Canada

**We are not alone,
we live in God's world.**

**We believe in God:
who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others by the Spirit.**

We trust in God.

**We are called to be the church:
to celebrate God's presence,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.**

**In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.
We are not alone.**

* *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 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.

* *Wounded World that Cries for Healing* # 2177 (tune # 384 – Love Divine, All Loves Excelling)

GOD'S WORD FOR US:

Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

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

TODAY'S MESSAGE:

"IN THE INTERRUPTIONS"

THE PRAYER OF SAINT FRANCIS

**Lord, make me an instrument of your peace;
where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light; and where there is sadness, joy.**

**O, Divine Master,
grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;
to be understood, as to understand;
to be loved, as to love;
for it is in giving that we receive,
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.**

* *O Love, How Deep*

267 (tune # 408 – The Gift of Love)

* BENECTION

* *Standing on the Promises*

374 (verses 2, 3)

THIS WEEK'S DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Monday ... Luke 18:18-30 --- Tuesday ... Galatians 5:16-24
Wednesday ... Philippians 2:12-18 --- Thursday ... 1 Timothy 4:6-16
Friday ... 2 Timothy 2:1-13 --- Saturday ... 1 John 4:1-21
Sunday ... Genesis 25:19-34 ... Psalm 46:1-11 ...
Romans 5:6-11 ... Matthew 9:35 – 10:8

MINISTRY & MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

DALLAS UMC STREAMING TEAM MEMBERS NEEDED ... We are hoping to expand our Streaming Team in order to give team members a break. No experience is necessary. We will train you. If you would like to be part of the team who care for live-streaming our Worship services, please contact Pastor Dave. If you know someone (adult or teenager) who would be interested in this ministry opportunity, please ask them to contact Pastor Dave. Interested persons need not be members of this church.

REFRESHMENTS NEEDED ... Our Sister Circle has been providing the refreshments for our "Time of Fellowship and Refreshments" following Worship each month (usually on the 4th Sunday of each month). They are taking a break over the summer.

We're looking for others to provide the refreshments for this month (June 25th), July 23rd, and August 27th.

If this ministry is something you are interested in helping with for one or all of these dates, please contact the church office. Thank you!

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!!!**

INFORMATION FOR YOU

FATHER'S DAY BOOKLET ... You can "remember" or "honor" fathers and 'father figures' in your life by filling out the form in today's bulletin and placing it the "Father's Day Box" on the table in the Prayer Room or by returning it to the church office. Today is the deadline for names.

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP ... if you would like to know more about what it means to be a "professing member" of Dallas United Methodist Church, please contact the church office or Pastor Dave. He would be glad to talk with you about this very important step in your faith journey.

FLOWER SALE ... Mt Zion UMC is having a Flower Sale today at Noon immediately following their Worship service

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 ... Marisa Stem ... (Thursday ... June 15th)

ALTAR FLOWER SPONSORS NEEDED ... The cost to sponsor the weekly ALTAR FLOWERS in "HONOR" of or in "MEMORY" of someone is \$50.00 ... There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the entranceway for you to do so.

WORSHIP BULLETIN SPONSORS NEEDED ... The cost to sponsor the weekly WORSHIP BULLETIN in "HONOR" of or in "MEMORY" of someone is \$10.00 ... Please contact the church office if you are interested in doing so.