WELCOME TO WORSHIP

"4th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST"

June 25th, 2023

Dallas United Methodist Church

Liturgical Color – Green



TODAY'S CENTERING MEDITATION

When we are lowered into the water, it is like the burial of Jesus; when we are raised up out of the water, it is like the resurrection of Jesus.

If we get included in Christ's sin-conquering death,
we also get included in his life-saving resurrection.
We know that when Jesus was raised from the dead
it was a signal of the end of death-as-the-end.
Never again will death have the last word.

- Romans 6:4, 8, 9 (The Message)

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

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

OPENING PRAYER

CALL TO WORSHIP

Welcome! This is a time to celebrate and worship God who loves us! We are grateful and thankful for all God's blessings in our lives.

We gather to remember that Christ gave his life for us.

We humbly praise God for such a gift!

Come, friends! Come and worship the God of love and hope.

Praise be to God at all times and in all places! Amen.

^{*} This Is the Spirit's Entry Now

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of Justice and Mercy,

we know that we have fallen silent when we should have spoken up. We have ignored the cries of the innocent and joined the crowds in calls of judgment.

We have mistaken justice for revenge and have sought punishment to ease our pain.

Forgive us, God, for not seeing our own faults, our own sins, and for not holding ourselves responsible for our inaction and injustice.

Restore us, God, to the ways Jesus taught us,

to drop our stones and instead seek forgiveness and restoration.

Call us into the paths of love and reconciliation, knowing Your mercy extends to all of us,

Your grace is a gift, and there is nothing we can do to deserve or earn it.

Guide us into living into Your forgiveness, peace and reconciliation, in the name of the Prince of Peace. Amen.

* WORDS OF ASSURANCE AND PARDON

CHILDREN'S CHAT

* Baptized in Water # 2248

CELEBRATION OF THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

(on insert)

Hudson Patrick Anderson & Grayson John Anderson

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.

GOD'S WORD FOR US:

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

TODAY'S MESSAGE:

"ALIVE IN CHRIST"

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. Amen.

* We Know That Christ Is Raised

610 (tune # 711 – For All the Saints)

* BENEDICTION

* Standing on the Promises

374 (verses 1, 4)

Romans 6:1-11

"Though we cannot think alike, may we not love alike?

May we not be of one heart, though we are not of one opinion?

Without all doubt, we may.

Herein all the children of God may unite,
notwithstanding these smaller differences."

- John Wesley

INFORMATION FOR YOU

<u>CHURCH MEMBERSHIP</u> ... 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.

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED ... Tuesday, June 27th.

PRAYER WITH OUR DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT ... Join our DS, Rev. Judy

Walker, and other laity and clergy from across our Scranton Wilkes-Barre District for 30 minutes of intentional prayer on Wednesday mornings starting at 7:45 AM. Join Zoom Meeting https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89722373231?pwd=YUIBRm1ya1U0OWZ2dllVNFJsdXM4UT09

HERB WOODESHICK'S CELEBRATION OF LIFE SERVICE ... Wednesday ...

12:00 PM ... here at Dallas UMC.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY ... Joyce Jobson (Saturday, July 1st)

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.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL ... @ Shavertown United Methodist Church ... Our VBS "Food Truck Party: On a Roll with God" will be held from Monday, July 17th through Thursday, July 20th.

Dinner is 5:15 PM and the program is from 6:00 PM until 8:00 PM. All children currently in preschool through 5th grade can register at shavertownumc.com. Our VBS includes cool music, unique science experiments, creative crafts, fun games, and exciting Bible stories!

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 or someone you know (adult or teenager) would be interested in this ministry opportunity, please ask them to contact Pastor Dave. Interested persons need not be members of this church.

BACK MOUNTAIN FOOD PANTRY ... COMMUNITY CARE CABINET ...

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!!!

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!!!

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).