

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

“5th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST”

July 2nd, 2023

Dallas United Methodist Church

Liturgical Color – Green



TODAY'S CENTERING MEDITATION

*But I trust in your unfailing love;
my heart rejoices in your salvation.
I will sing to the LORD,
for he has been good to me.*

- Psalm 13:5-6 (New International Version)

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

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

His Eye Is on the Sparrow

by Charles Gabriel; arr. by Jack Schrader

OPENING PRAYER

CALL TO WORSHIP

adapted from 'Hold Fast to What Is Good' by Beth Merrill Neel

Welcome Friends!

Welcome to this place of love and grace,

Welcome to this place of hope and perseverance.

God invites all of us to be a part of the beloved community,

God invites all of us to share in the good news:

We are welcome, just as we are.

We are loved, just as we are.

God expects us to change, to grow in our faith, to become more like Jesus.

In gratitude for all of this, let us sing and worship the Lord.

* *Surely the Presence of the Lord*

328 (twice)

* *There's Something About That Name*

171

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Patient Lord,

**we want to extend the hand of welcome and friendship to all whom we meet,
but you know that sometimes we shy away from reaching out.**

**We make judgments about others based on their appearance and other surface factors,
and we neglect your mandate to be a welcoming presence.**

**That lack of welcome extends further
when we see needs that must be addressed and choose to turn our backs.
We turn away from the pain and suffering, protecting our own lives.**

**Yet you remind us that as we welcome others, so we are also welcoming you.
Heal us and give us strength and courage to always be welcoming others in your name. Amen.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE AND PARDON

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *(A Statement of Faith of the Korean Methodist Church)*

**We believe in the one God,
creator and sustainer of all things, Father of all nations,
the source of all goodness and beauty, all truth and love.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ, God manifest in the flesh,
our teacher, example and Redeemer, the Savior of the world.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
God present with us for guidance, for comfort, and for strength.**

**We believe in the forgiveness of sins,
in the life of love and prayer,
and in grace equal to every need.**

**We believe in the Word of God contained in the Old and New Testaments
as the sufficient rule both of faith and of practice.**

**We believe in the church,
those who are united in the living Lord for the purpose of worship and service.**

**We believe in the reign of God
as the divine will realized in human society, and in the family of God,
where we are all brothers and sisters.**

**We believe in the final triumph of righteousness
and in the life everlasting. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S CHAT

* *Alleluia* # 186

* *Spirit Song* # 347

TIME OF PRAYER / THE LORD'S PRAYER / THREE-FOLD AMEN : *(Ecumenical Text)*

**Our Father in Heaven ... hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come ... your will be done on Earth as it is in Heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins ... as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial ... and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom ... the power ... and the glory are yours ... now and forever. Amen.

GOD'S WORD FOR US: *Psalm 13:1-6*

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

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING # 15 - # 16

BREAKING THE BREAD

GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

* *Victory in Jesus* # 370

* BENEDICTION

* *Victory in Jesus* # 370 (refrain – twice)

***"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

THIS WEEK'S DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Monday ... Romans 1:1-17
Tuesday ... Colossians 1:9-23
Wednesday ... Ephesians 1:1-14
Thursday ... 2 Corinthians 12:1-10
Friday ... 1 Peter 1:1-9
Saturday ... 1 Corinthians 1:18-31
Sunday ... Exodus 1:6-14 ... Psalm 124:1-8
... Romans 7:14-25a ... Matthew 11:25-30

INFORMATION FOR YOU

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.

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=YUIBRm1ya1U0OWZ2dlIiVNFJsdXM4UT09>

BULLETIN BOARD ... PLEASE be sure to check out our bulletin boards in the entranceway. There you will find information about events and activities in our sister churches in our Luzerne West Cluster, our Scranton Wilkes-Barre (SWB) District, and our Susquehanna Conference, as well as our local area.

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.

BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY CALENDAR ... We have a calendar on the bulletin board in the entranceway for you to mark down birthdays and anniversaries.

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!

CUSTODIAN NEEDED ... The Trucksville United Methodist Church (TUMC) AND the Trucksville Early Childhood Education Center (TECEC) are looking for an individual willing to be a part of our combined ministry in the position of part-time custodian. For more information, please contact Pastor Jay Jones via email (jjones@susumc.org) or call the church office at (570) 696-3897.

WESLEY'S THREE SIMPLE RULES

- 1) Do no harm***
- 2) Do good***
- 3) Stay in love with God***