

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

“6th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST”

July 9th, 2023

Dallas United Methodist Church

Liturgical Color – Green



TODAY'S CENTERING MEDITATION

*“Come to me, all you who are struggling hard and carrying heavy loads,
and I will give you rest.*

Put on my yoke, and learn from me.

I'm gentle and humble.

And you will find rest for yourselves.

My yoke is easy to bear, and my burden is light.”

- Matthew 11:28-30 (Common English Bible)

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

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

OPENING PRAYER

* CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather this day to worship!

But we bring with us heavy burdens which weigh us down.

We gather this day to praise God!

But our hearts ache inside us and we feel we can go no further.

Come all who are burdened and who feel weighed down.

Come to Jesus. Come on in and find some rest!

We need that rest, for we are weary!

Come on in and discover peace!

We need peace, for our spirits are weighed down by troubles.

You have come to the right place! Our Lord is here, waiting for you.

Thanks be to God, who brings us rest and peace. Amen.

* *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful and loving God,

we are so grateful for your redeeming love for each one of us.

We confess that there have been times of doubt in our spirits.

We confess that when the times of difficulties are upon us,

we don't always believe that you will take our burdens.

We feel we have to always be in control, trying to demand the desired outcome.

Help us to place our trust in you.

Remind us that you surround us continually with your care,

you never just let us go to drift aimlessly about.

**Open our hearts and spirits again to your healing powers.
For we pray these things in the name of Jesus,
the one who will take our burdens and give us peace. 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.**

* *Glory Be to the Father*

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CHILDREN'S CHAT

* *When We Are Called to Sing Your Praise*

2216

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:

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

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

TODAY'S MESSAGE:

"THE ONE TO LEAN ON"

* OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO THE LORD ...

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow ... # 95

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

As you have received each one of us, O Lord,

receive also these gifts that we offer to you

that your love may be made known through ministries of peace, hope, and justice. Amen.

* *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms*

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* 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 ... Isaiah 1:10-17
Tuesday ... Matthew 10:1-10
Wednesday ... Romans 15:1-13
Thursday ... 1 Corinthians 9:15-23
Friday ... John 17:20-26
Saturday ... Romans 14:1-23
Sunday ... Exodus 2:11-22 ... Psalm 69:6-15
... Romans 8:9-17 ... Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

THANK YOU

Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for your prayers and cards for Herb and I during his illness.

Your support will always be remembered.

Love, Susan

WESLEY'S THREE SIMPLE RULES

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

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 Supervisory Area for 30 minutes of intentional prayer on Wednesday mornings starting at 7:45 AM. Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89722373231?pwd=YUIBRm1ya1U0OWZ2dIlVNFJsdXM4UT09>

HAPPY BIRTHDAY ... Rachel Bird (Tuesday ... July 11th)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY ... Rosie Barnes (Thursday ... July 13th)

LEADERSHIP COUNCIL REPORTS ... are due by next Thursday, July 20th.

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

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 ... There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the entranceway for you to do so.

MINISTRY & MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

*“Do all the good you can,
By all the means you can,
In all the ways you can,
In all the places you can,
At all the times you can,
To all the people you can,
As long as ever you can.”*

- John Wesley

BACK-MOUNTAIN FOOD BANK ... We have a shopping cart in the Mission Area of the Prayer Room to place your non-perishable food item contributions. This ministry is hosted / located at Trucksville UMC.

COMMUNITY CARE CABINET ... Works in cooperation with the BACK-MOUNTAIN FOOD PANTRY. Personal Care items are needed for this ministry. This ministry is hosted / located at Shavertown UMC. We have a container on the table in the Mission Area of the Prayer Room to place your contributions for this ministry.

RUTH’S PLACE ... Ruth’s Place needs the following items (all sizes) for women ... pajamas ... sweatpants ... T-shirts ... flip flops ... feminine hygiene products. We have a container for your donations on our Mission Table in the Prayer Room.

SHOEMAKER HUB ... collects household items (dishes, glasses, small appliances, etc.). We have a container for your donations on our Mission Table in the Prayer Room. **Please note that the HUB currently has a need for dresser-type furniture and kitchen tables.**

MINISTRY & MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

*“I cannot do everything,
but I can do something.
And I will not let what I cannot do
interfere with what I can do.”*

- Edward Everett Hale

DALLAS UMC STREAMING TEAM MEMBERS NEEDED ... We hope 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.

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 next Wednesday, July 19th, 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).

BLOOD DRIVE ... Our next RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE will be **Friday, September 22nd, from 12:30 PM until 5:30 PM.** If you are able, please donate here. You can schedule your appointment online at www.redcross.org/give-blood . [If you can volunteer to help welcome donors or help with the canteen, please contact our church office.](#)