

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

“8th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST”

July 23rd, 2023

Dallas United Methodist Church

Liturgical Color – Green



TODAY'S CENTERING MEDITATION

***“Surely the LORD is in this place,
and I wasn't even aware of it!”***

(Genesis 28:16 ... New Living Translation)

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

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

I Am Thine, O Lord

Music by William H. Doane; arr. by Joel Raney

OPENING PRAYER

CALL TO WORSHIP

The Lord knows each and every one of us and loves each one dearly.
Sometimes it feels as though God has drifted away from us.
Be strong! Look for the ways in which God is present to you.
Given all the troubles of the day, we often look more closely at them.
Come, open your hearts and spirits to God's love and presence
Lord, help us to see your presence in all of life's circumstances. Amen.

** I Sing the Almighty Power of God*

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Patient Lord,
it is so easy for us to focus on all the things that are wrong.
We spend much time and energy in anger and sorrow,
leaving behind the possibilities of hope and service to you.
Ease our hearts, O Lord.
Forgive our willingness to get caught up in the negative.
Direct our steps toward positive actions that will produce growth and peace.
We offer this prayer in the name of Jesus Christ. 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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* *We Are Climbing Jacob's Ladder*

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CHILDREN'S CHAT

Holy, Holy, Holy

2007 (twice)

Surely the Presence of the Lord

328 (twice)

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:

Genesis 28:10-19a

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

TODAY'S MESSAGE: "DON'T MISS WHAT GOD MIGHT BE SHOWING YOU "

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

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow ... # 94

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**God of grace and mercy: we offer our gifts to you this day,
knowing that is your love and presence that have sustained us through all our difficult days.**

**We know there have been days when fear and anxiety have gotten the better of us,
and we have needed the reminder Paul gave in the Epistle to the Romans,**

"If God is for us, who is against us?"

Help us to live as Christ calls us,

to share what we have and show love and compassion, as Christ taught us.

We boldly pray, in the name of Jesus our Savior and Redeemer. Amen.

* *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

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* BENEDICTION

* *Hymn of Promise*

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THIS WEEK'S DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Monday ... Psalm 44:1-8
Tuesday ... Isaiah 41:1-10
Wednesday ... Hebrews 10:19-25
Thursday ... Revelation 21:1-8
Friday ... 1 Corinthians 1:9
Saturday ... Hebrews 6:13-20
Sunday ... Exodus 3:13:20 ... Psalm 105:1-11
... Romans 8:26-30 ... Matthew 13:44-52

THANK YOU

Dear Scholarship Committee,

*Thank you for selecting me to receive the Linda Akers Memorial Scholarship.
I am blessed to have such strong support from our church communities.
Your generous gift will help with my expenses at West Chester University,*

Sincerely, Elle Young

THANK YOU

*Thank you to all of those who supported the Williams family after their house fire.
Your generous donations and prayers were very much appreciated by the family.
I also want to thank you personally,
as students become a part of our lives as teachers and we think of them as our own.*

- Allie Barnes

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=YUIBRm1ya1U0OWZ2dlIIVNFJsdXM4UT09>

LEADERSHIP COUNCIL ... meets this Thursday at 6:30 PM. **Please not the change in time.**

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.

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 on Wednesday, August 2nd, 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.](#)