

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

“10th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST”

August 6th, 2023

Dallas United Methodist Church

Liturgical Color – Green



TODAY'S CENTERING MEDITATION

*When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd,
and he had compassion for them and cured their sick.*

*Jesus said to them, "They need not go away;
you give them something to eat."*

...

*If it would help my Tribal Family members to find the truth
that would set them free and make them whole,
I would be willing to be cursed, cut off from the Chosen One!*

(Matthew 14:14, 16 (CEB) ... Romans 9:3 (FNV))

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

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

OPENING PRAYER

**Patient and persistent God,
thank you for calling us here today.
Keep our hearts and minds open
for your words of transforming love. Amen.**

CALL TO WORSHIP

Welcome to worship this day.
Thank you. We're glad to be here.
Some have come seeking; some have come struggling
Lord, be with each one of us today.
Feed our hearts and souls with your transforming love.
Surely the Presence of the Lord is in this place.
Guiding us, lifting us, feeding us, and restoring our souls.
Praise be to God who continually abides with us. Amen.

* *Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life*

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Lord of mercy and hope, we come before you with fear.
We know that we have fallen short of being the kind of disciples
that you have called us to be.
We have turned our backs on people in need;
we have closed our ears to the cries of the voiceless.
And so we hesitate to come before you
because we believe that you are disappointed in us.**

Remind us again that you are merciful,
and your love transforms and changes our lives.
When we falter and slide off the path of hope you place before us,
you “pick us up and dust us off” and put us again on the trail,
confident of your faithful presence with us.
Forgive us our weakness.
Strengthen us and give us courage;
help us to be bearers of your good news of peace.
We pray this in Christ’s name. Amen.

the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

* *Glory Be to the Father*

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* *Wonderful Words of Life*

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CHILDREN’S CHAT

WORDS OF ASSURANCE AND PARDON

I Love to Tell the Story

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* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:

The Apostles’ Creed, Ecumenical Version

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,

TIME OF PRAYER / THE LORD’S PRAYER / THREE-FOLD AMEN

(from the ritual of the former Methodist Church)

Blessed Lord God,
you who provide for our every need,
as the crowds followed Jesus, eager to be filled with hope,
we come this day to this place, seeking nourishments for our souls.
We hunger and thirst for the word of hope and truth,
but our lives are battered by anger and hostility.
Our hearts are filled with concerns for family and friends, for our country and our world.
We don’t see how we can be of help to others.
Sit us down, as Jesus seated the multitude.
Calm us down, as Jesus reassured the disciples that all would receive care.
Lift us up, as Jesus encouraged others to reach out in compassion.
Give us hearts of confident faith in your presence, O Lord.
Place your hands of healing on the many situations
which we name at this time with our voices and in our hearts.
Lord, we ask your merciful goodness for these situations and these loved ones.
All this we pray in the holy and life-giving name of Jesus who taught us to pray ...

**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: Matthew 14:13-21
(The Liturgist says: "This is the Word of God for ALL people" ... AND ... the People respond: "Thanks BE to God")

TODAY'S MESSAGE: **"GOD PROVIDES USING US"**

* OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO THE LORD ...
Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow ... # 94

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**In gratitude for all that we have received from you, O Lord,
it is with great joy, that we present these tithes and gifts
for the mission and ministry of Dallas United Methodist Church.
Be with each of us as we, too,
commit ourselves to lives of joyful, thankful service.
In Jesus' name, who gave everything for us. Amen.**

* *Break Thou the Bread of Life* # 599

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING # 15 - # 16

BREAKING THE BREAD

GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

* *God Be with You till We Meet Again* # 672

* BENEDICTION

* *Freely, Freely*

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***"Christ has no body now but yours.
No hands, no feet on earth but yours.
Yours are the eyes through which he looks compassion on this world.
Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good.
Yours are the hands through which he blesses all the world.
Yours are the hands, yours are the feet,
yours are the eyes, you are his body."***

- St. Teresa of Avila

***"We prove our faith in Christ,
not by the rules we keep,
but by the love we give."***

- Jon Walker

***"Faith that is never challenged
makes for a pretty weak faith."***

- John Fisher

THIS WEEK'S DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Monday ... 2 Samuel 7:18-29
Tuesday ... Romans 4:1-25
Wednesday ... James 1:1-12
Thursday ... 2 Peter 1:1-11
Friday ... Acts 12:1-11
Saturday ... John 17:1-19
Sunday ... Exodus 14:19-31 ... Psalm 106:4-12
... Romans 9:1-5 ... Matthew 14:22-33

*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

WESLEY'S 3-SIMPLE RULES

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

INFORMATION FOR YOU

BULLETIN BOARD ... PLEASE be sure to check out our bulletin boards in the church entranceway. There you will find information about ministries, 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.

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.

HAPPY 61st ANNIVERSARY! ... Don & Kate Dickson (Wednesday, August 9th)