

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

“15th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST”

September 10th, 2023

Dallas United Methodist Church

Liturgical Color – Green



TODAY'S CENTERING MEDITATION

*“Love doesn't do anything wrong to a neighbor;
therefore, love is what fulfills the Law.
... dress yourself with the Lord Jesus Christ,
and don't plan to indulge your selfish desires.”*

(Romans 13:10 ... CEB)

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

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

by Charles C. Converse arr. by Bill Wolaver

OPENING PRAYER

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pilgrims on the way, when we feel lost and ask for a sign to show us the way out of our confusion,

We remember that when we gather to worship, we find God in our midst.

When we face obstacles and barriers that keep us from the life God has called us to,

We remember that God is always at work among us, protecting and tending our well-being.

When we cannot find our way out of conflict and discord,

We remember that God calls and equips us for the work of reconciliation.

When we struggle to pay attention to how God is at work all around us,

We remember God's call to sit, eat, and tell one another the stories of God's faithfulness.

Pilgrims on the way, when we watch for signs of God among us,

Let us remember that we too are signs of God's presence for others!

* *Awake, O Sleeper*

551 (tune # 57)

CHILDREN'S CHAT

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, we ask for your help, your power, your Spirit,
so that we can amend our lives and grow more each day into the image of Christ.

We confess that we fear what is different.

**We confess that it's easier to lock the doors of our community than to receive
those who don't look like we look, love like we love, or vote the way we vote.**

We confess that we have not lived out your call

to share in abundant life and unconditional love.

We believe that you have the power to turn us around to a more inclusive way of living,
so we ask you to do that.

We ask you to give us the courage to change.

We ask that you give us the energy, intelligence, imagination, and love
to be your people in all we say and do.

In Jesus' Name, we pray. Amen.

--- silent prayer for personal confession ---

WORDS OF ASSURANCE AND PARDON

* 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,

and the life everlasting. Amen.

* *Glory Be to the Father*

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* *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

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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:

Romans 13:8-14

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

TODAY'S MESSAGE:

"WHAT ARE YOU WEARING?"

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

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

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

These offerings we present to you, O Lord.

May they be used for ministries of love and reconciliation

through this community of faith here at Dallas United Methodist Church. Amen.

* *The Gift of Love*

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* BENEDICTION

* *Shalom to You*

666 (twice)

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Thursday ... 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM

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PIANIST / ORGANIST ... Peter Uritz

TODAY'S GREETERS ... Peggy Exter, Joyce Jobson, Barbara Lemmond

TODAY'S ACOLYTE ... Jude Petrosky

TODAY'S LITURGIST ... Ned Podehl

TODAY'S FLOWERS ... Are Given in Loving Memory of Paul Jobson Jr. for His Birthday
by Joyce Jobson and Family

TODAY'S BULLETIN ... Is Sponsored in Loving Memory of Paul Jobson Jr. for His Birthday
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FAITHFULNESS IN STEWARDSHIP ...

September 3rd ... In-Person Attendance – 39 ... On-Line Viewers – N/A

September 3rd ... Offering – \$2,424.00

August 27th ... In-Person Attendance – 43 ... On-Line Viewers – 24

August 20th ... Offering – \$942

OFFERING COUNTERS ... Monday ... September 11th ... Barbara Barnes, Judy Donlin

WELCOME!

We are very glad you are here this morning!

We pray that in our time together, you will sense God's Holy Spirit

in the silence, the spoken word, or the music,

and understand this truth ... **JESUS LOVES YOU!**

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“WHAT DOES THE LORD REQUIRE OF YOU?

TO DO JUSTICE, LOVE MERCY AND WALK HUMBLY WITH YOUR GOD.”

- Micah 6:8

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“YOU MUST LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD

WITH ALL YOUR HEART, ALL YOUR SOUL, ALL YOUR MIND, AND ALL YOUR STRENGTH.’

... AND ... ‘LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF.’

NO OTHER COMMANDMENT IS GREATER THAN THESE.”

- Mark 12:30-31

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THE MISSION OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Our mission is to make disciples of Jesus Christ

for the transformation of the world.

Local churches and extension ministries of the Church

provide the most significant arenas through which disciple-making occurs.

(¶ 120 BOD)

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Dallas UMC is a United Methodist Congregation
of the Luzerne West Cluster of the Scranton Wilkes-Barre District
of the Susquehanna Conference of the Northeast Jurisdiction
of the United Methodist Church of Christ's Church Universal

Ministers: All who LOVE and SERVE Jesus

Bishops: Cynthia Moore-Koikoi and Sandra Steiner Ball

Conference Superintendent of the Scranton Wilkes-Barre Supervisory Area: Rev. Judy Walker

Pastor: Dave Walker

THIS WEEK'S DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Monday ... John 5:1-15
Tuesday ... John 8:1-11
Wednesday ... Psalm 25:1-22
Thursday ... Ephesians 2:1-22
Friday ... Romans 6:1-14
Saturday ... Romans 3:21-31
Sunday ... Exodus 20:1-20 ... Psalm 19:7-14 ...
... Romans 14:5-12 ... Matthew 18:21:35

*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

"In essentials unity.

In non-essentials liberty.

In all things charity."

- Phillip Melancthon ... often attributed to John Wesley

WESLEY'S 3-SIMPLE RULES

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

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... PLEASE PRAY FOR ...

DALLAS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Our Local & Global Mission & Outreach ... Our Congregation ... Our Leadership Council ...

OUR SISTER UMC CHURCHES OF THE LUZERNE WEST CLUSTER

Alderson ... Courtdale UMC ... Centermoreland UMC ... Huntsville UMC ...
... Kunkle UMC ... Larksville UMC ... Lehman-Idetown UMC ...
... Loyalville UMC ... Maple Grove UMC ... Mt. Zion UMC ...
... Noxen UMC ... Orange UMC ... Shavertown UMC ... Trucksville UMC ...

THESE WHO HAVE BEEN NAMED:

Adam; Allen L; Ned & Betsy P; Leo & Linda C; (1)

Ruth R; Brandon C; Lanna M; Richard M;

Bobby; Shannon; Bryan; Justin; (2)

Jeff S; Mary G; Carol M; Sue Woodeshick; Violet P; (4)

THE FAMILIES & LOVED ONES OF THOSE WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY

Pastor Richard Spering; (3) ... Patrick (4)

THOSE IN PERSONAL CARE / REHAB FACILITIES, OR SHUT-IN AT HOME ...

Elizabeth Covert; Pastor Marty Everhart; Ruby Fulkersin; June Houser;

Larna Hoyt; Jane Kaminski; Patricia Lawley; Eula Lewis;

Ann Lynch; Sharon Miers; Evelyn Weaver; Tom & Pearl Walker

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... PLEASE PRAY FOR ...

THOSE STRUGGLING / DEALING WITH THESE ISSUES & CHALLENGES...

Education ... Finances ... Employment ... Relationships ... Addictions ...

Being in Prison ... Being Released from Prison ...

Physical Health Issues ... Mental Health Issues

THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN AFFECTED BY AND WHO HAVE DIED DUE TO ...

Lack of Food & Clean Water ... Lack of Livable Shelter ...

Preventable Diseases ... Other Horrible Diseases Natural Disasters ...

Wars, Terrorism, & Other Acts of Violence – specifically those being targeted because of their ethnicity, or their gender, or their skin color, or their faith.

FAMILY AND FRIENDS SERVING IN OUR NATION'S MILITARY

THE LEADERS (AT ALL LEVELS) OF OUR NATION

AND ALL THE NATIONS OF THE WORLD

OUR FRIENDS AND OUR ENEMIES

*Devote yourselves to prayer
with an alert mind and a thankful heart.*

- Colossians 4:2

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 by using ... Meeting ID – 897 2237 3231 ... Passcode 711244

UPPER ROOM DEVOTIONALS ... the September / October issue is now available on the Information Table in the Prayer Room

HANDBELL CHOIR PRACTICE ... starting Sunday, September 24th, at 8:45 AM.

LEADERSHIP COUNCIL REPORTS ... are due by NEXT Thursday, September 21st.

Please be sure that yours is turned in to the church office by then. Thank you!

NEEDED – ALTAR FLOWER & WORSHIP BULLETIN SPONSORS ... The cost to sponsor the weekly ALTAR FLOWERS in “HONOR” of or in “MEMORY” of someone is \$50.00 ... The cost to sponsor the weekly WORSHIP BULLETIN in “HONOR” of or in “MEMORY” of someone is \$10.00. There are sign-up sheets on the bulletin board in the entranceway for you to do so.

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

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

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

- Jon Walker

DRIVERS NEEDED FOR MEALS-ON-WHEELS OF WYOMING VALLEY ...

Regular and Fill-In Volunteers are needed to drive meals to our clients on an as needed basis. **The need is especially great for drivers in the Back Mountain area.** For more information, please contact Amy Morris (Director) at 570-288-1023 Monday through Friday from 8:00 AM – 12:30 PM.

QUILTING GROUP # 1 ... meets every 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 Wednesday, September 20th, 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.](#)

RISE AGAINST HUNGER EVENT ... Saturday, October 7th at Orange UMC.