

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

November 5th, 2023

“23rd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST”

Dallas United Methodist Church

Liturgical Color – Green



TODAY'S CENTERING MEDITATION

***“All who exalt themselves will be humbled,
and all who humble themselves will be exalted.”***

(Matthew 23:12 ...NRSVUE)

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

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

I Am Bound for the Kingdom

arr. by Anna Laura Page ... Handbell Choir

OPENING PRAYER

CALL TO WORSHIP

Give thanks to God, for God is good.

God's love endures forever!

God has come to God's people with blessings and hope.

Praise God for the many ways God touches our lives. Amen.

* *Take Time to Be Holy*

395 (verses 1, 3)

CHILDREN'S CHAT

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Patient God,

Sometimes we just don't understand, we don't get it.

We want instant gratification for all our needs.

We don't want to have to follow directions or instructions.

We are impatient. We want you to come down from heaven and solve our problems right now.

We don't want to have to think about the problems and we are hesitant to create solutions.

When we try to wiggle out of difficult situations we get even further bound up in our own problems. You ask us to trust you. You invite us to lean on your strong arms of comfort and

support.

You set us on our feet and give us gifts and talents to use for healing and hope.

All these wonderful things you do for us, and still we whine and complain.

Please forgive us, Lord. We are a stubborn people.

As Jesus reminded the disciples to trust in God's commandments and guidance,

so we are called to place our trust and confidence in your Presence.

Heal our wounds. Calm our spirits and souls.

Challenge and encourage our service to humankind.

And when at last we enter the land of promise,

help us to truly give thanks and rejoice and praise you. Amen.

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*

70

SPECIAL MUSIC

Choir

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:

Matthew 23:1-12

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

TODAY'S MESSAGE:

"A HEART THAT IS SELF-SERVING OR A SERVANT'S HEART"

Fill My Cup

641 (twice)

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

15 - # 16

BREAKING THE BREAD

SHARING THE LOAF AND CUP

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

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

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

* *My Hope Is Built On*

368

* BENEDICTION

* *God Will Take Care of You*

130 (verses 1, 2)

PRAY FOR SHALOM

Today through Thanksgiving Day, November 23rd,

You are invited, encouraged, and challenged to pray for God's Shalom for our world.

Shalom is a Hebrew word meaning wholeness, completeness, wellness, peace, and harmony.

Peace in other words, is not simply the absence of war and fighting.

Shalom wants / desires God's very best for everyone.

"With man, this is impossible, but with God, all things are possible"

- Matthew 19:26

THIS WEEK'S DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Monday ... Luke 12:35-39

Tuesday ... Hebrews 11:32 – 12:2

Wednesday ... 1 Peter 1:3-9

Thursday ... Acts 17:16-34

Friday ... John 11:1-44

Saturday ... 1 Corinthians 15:51-58

Sunday ... Amos 5:18-24 ... Psalm 50:7-15 ...
... 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 ... Matthew 25:1-13

THANK YOU!

Orange UMC thanks you for your financial and hands-on support of their recent RISE AGAINST HUNGER event on October 7th.

11,731 meals (about 2,000 bags) were prepared by volunteers that day.

Additionally, a financial gift was given to build gardens in Africa and to train / teach people better methods to grow their own food.

Your love for others is truly going to make a difference in people's lives.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS!

We still have several tags / names available for gifts for children from Children & Youth Services.

Please see Rachel Bird if you would like a tag / name.

Gifts are due by Sunday, December 10th.

We are collecting pajamas for young children and teenagers from Children & Youth Services.

A container is on the floor next to the table in the Mission Area of the Prayer Room

to place your contributions. Gifts are due by Sunday, December 10th.

We still have a few tags/ names available to be a "Secret Santa" to someone at the United Methodist Home in Tunkhannock, PA.

Please see Sharron Lewis if you would like a tag / name.

Gifts are due by Sunday, December 10th.

We will soon have our "HUGS" tree up for your gifts

of Hats, Underwear, Gloves, and Scarves

for children and teenagers from Children & Youth Services.

Gifts are due by Sunday, December 10th.

INFORMATION FOR YOU

FRUIT & NUT ROLL SALE ... The Handbell Choir is now taking orders for their annual Fruit & Nut roll sale. Delivery will be Sunday November 19th. Flavors include Nut, Poppyseed, Cheese, Apricot, Prune, and Raspberry for \$12 each. Also available are the Pumpkin Cream Cheese roll for \$18 each. Orders will be taken in the Prayer Room on Sundays through November 12th. Orders may also be placed by calling Dawn Blom at 570-675-2347 weekdays 9:00 AM until 5:00 PM.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS ... this year's cost is \$8.00 ... the red poinsettias will be here December 17th ... the white poinsettias will be here December 24th. Orders are due Sunday, November 26th. To place your order, please contact Jennie Valick-Kopacz.

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

HANDBELL CHOIR PRACTICE ... Sundays at 8:45 AM

VOCAL CHOIR PRACTICE ... Sundays at 9:30 AM

QI-GONG CLASS ... Rosalie Allan will be leading a 6-week QiGong (pronounced Chee Gong) class in the education wing upstairs middle room beginning Wednesday, November 8th from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM. QiGong is an ancient mind/body practice that creates a calm mental state. Positive effects include improving balance, lowering blood sugar and can contribute to a longer healthier life. QiGong cultivates inner strength, calm mind, and an overall feeling of relaxation. The cost is \$60 for the 6 weeks. Registration on the 1st night of class. For more information, please contact Rosalie Allan (570-885-7412)